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**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2025**

The January 8, 2025, Organizational Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Stacy B. Husted, Clerk, acting as Temporary Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Blowers and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Reed who was excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Acting Chair then opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Legislature for the year 2025. **MOTION** by Legislator Barnes to nominate Legislator Blowers as Chair, **SECOND** by Legislator Rondinaro.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

RE: CLOSE NOMINATIONS - 2025 CHAIR OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the nominations for the 2025 Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be closed.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: APPOINTMENT - CHAIR, SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE – 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that Carl. H. Blowers be Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature for the year 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: "CONTINUITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT" FOR 2025"

BE IT RESOLVED, that the duly authorized vice-chairman successors for "Continuity of Local Government", as prescribed by Schuyler County Local Law No. 1-1972, be adopted for the year 2025, as follows:

Chair	Carl. H. Blowers
#1 Vice-Chair	Philip C. Barnes
#2 Vice-Chair	Michael L. Lausell
#3 Vice-Chair	James W.D. Howell, Jr.
#4 Vice-Chair	Mark F. Rondinaro
#5 Vice-Chair	David M. Reed
#6 Vice-Chair	Gary L. Gray
#7 Vice-Chair	Laurence W. Jaynes

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: CONFORM TO "RULES OF PROCEDURE" FOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Rules of Procedure", as adopted on January 13, 1992 to be effective January 13, 1992, as amended on October 12, 1999, as amended on May 10, 2004, as amended on June 12, 2006, as amended on January 1, 2007, and as amended on May 12, 2014, and as amended be conformed to.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPOINTMENT – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – 2025-2028

BE IT RESOLVED, that M. Shawn Rosno be appointed County Administrator for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Barnes said he has received some concerns the way things are being operated and he feels the Legislature needs to have some long-term goals as he is concerned with our infrastructure failing, and we as Legislators need to do a better job. Legislator Rondinaro said that he still wants to have merit-based promotions and salary adjustments and is disappointed that a proposal has never been brought forward. He also said that he would like to see the County Administrator hold more negotiations with outside entities such as

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Town Supervisors. Chairman Blowers said that there isn't enough support for the merit raises and he feels this should be pushed back on the Department Heads to perform evaluations. Legislators Howell, Jaynes and Gray all feel that any issues can be resolved going forward and are in full support of the appointment.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: DEMOCRATIC ELECTION COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Election shall be appointed by the County Legislature, pursuant to NY Election Law § 3-204(4), and

WHEREAS, the chairman or secretary of the appropriate party county committee did file a certificate of party recommendation with the Clerk of the County Legislature recommending the appointment of Brian Eslinger as Commissioner of Election for the Democratic party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Brian Eslinger as Commissioner of Election for the Democratic party for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, at a salary of \$24,775.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: REPUBLICAN ELECTION COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Election shall be appointed by the County Legislature, pursuant to NY Election Law § 3-204(4), and

WHEREAS, the chairman or secretary of the appropriate party county committee did file a certificate of party recommendation with the Clerk of the County Legislature recommending the appointment of Josphe Fazzary, as Commissioner of Election for the Republican party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Josphe Fazzary, as Commissioner of Election for the Republican party for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, at a salary of \$24,775.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENT AND SET SALARY FOR STOP-DWI COORDINATOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature acknowledges the appointment by the Chair of the Legislature, of Craig R. Bianco as STOP-DWI Coordinator effective January 1, 2025 through the remainder of the term of the STOP DWI Plan through December 31, 2025, at an annual salary \$10,000.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 Motion by Lausell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPOINTMENT – COUNTY HISTORIAN FOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gary M. Emerson be appointed as County Historian for the year 2025, with a salary of \$4,000.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 Motion by Barnes, Second by Lausell.

RE: DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY FUNDS FOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Depositories for Schuyler County funds be the following banks and for the following amounts:

CHEMUNG CANAL TRUST COMPANY

Montour Falls or Watkins Glen Office

303 W. Main Street

Montour Falls, NY 14865

\$30,000,000.00

CHASE

1 South Clinton Ave., Suite 700

Rochester, NY 14604

\$20,000,000.00

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COMMUNITY BANK, N.A.

Watkins Glen Office

401 N. Franklin Street

\$10,000,000.00

Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 Motion by Barnes, Second by Lausell.

RE: A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLER, NEW YORK, THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE, ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000.00 OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES AND/OR REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID COUNTY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED, OR TO BE LEVIED, IN FISCAL YEAR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the affirmative vote of the County Legislature of the County of Schuyler, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The power to authorize, on an as needed basis during fiscal year 2025, the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,500,000.00 of tax anticipation notes and/or revenue anticipation notes of the County of Schuyler, New York, including renewals thereof, and any associated necessary costs, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied, or to be levied, for such fiscal year of said County, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by said County Treasurer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 Motion by Barnes, Second by Lausell.

RE: DELEGATE TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND PAYMENT OF TAX REFUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500.00 FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the State of New York has, pursuant to Sections 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), authorized correction of errors and payment of tax refunds without prior audit for corrections for refunds not exceeding \$2,500.00, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County desires to delegate to the Real Property Tax Services Director (Director) the authority as stated under said law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby delegated to the Director the power to authorize the Schuyler County Treasurer to make payment of any refund or credit of taxes not exceeding the sum of \$2,500.00 without prior audit, as provided in Sections 554(9) and 556(8) of the RPTL for the calendar year of 2025, with the following provisions:

1. That the Director shall comply with all provisions under RPTL Sections 554 and 556 relative to corrections of errors and the refund or credit of taxes.
2. That on or before the 15th day of each month the Director shall submit to the Legislature a report of the corrections, refunds and credits processed by such official during the month, embodying in that report the information as required under aforesaid statute.
3. That in no case shall the total amount of such refund or credit exceed the amount appropriated by the County Legislature.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 Motion by Barnes, Second by Lausell.

RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER FOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that *The Review & Express* weekly newspaper within Schuyler County, be designated as the official newspaper for the publication of all local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published, pursuant to County Law § 214.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 Motion by Barnes, Second by Lausell.

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RE: ADOPT SCHEDULE OF SALARIES FOR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schedule of Salaries for 2025, as attached hereto, be adopted, effective January 1, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Resources Department and the County Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the County employees according to the 2025 Salary Schedule.

Vote 7-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The County Administrator introduced Jerri Sarrge as the new Real Property Tax Director who was present and started Monday, January 6, 2025. All Legislators introduced themselves to her.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025**

The January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Barnes and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Reed who was excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC HEARTING ON LOCAL LAW D OF THE YEAR 2024 AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO.*OF THE YEAR 2025 (F/K/A LOCAL LAW NO. B [INTRO] OF THE YEAR 2024), SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025: None.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #3: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 Motion by Barnes, Second by Howell.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 30, 2024 YEAR END MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting and the minutes from the December 30, 2024 Year End Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH OCV, LLC TO PROVIDE A CUSTOM MOBILE APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT– SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, OVC, LLC will provide a custom mobile application for the Sheriff’s Department that will allow for push notifications, tip lines, Sex Offender Registry/Map and other law enforcement resources and links for the Sheriff’s Department at a cost of \$29,970.00 to the County over three years with the first, and second-year funding coming from grant funds, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends that the County enter into a contract for this service as a way to connect with crime victims, county residents and others and improve public safety and government efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a three-year contract with OVC, LLC to provide a custom Mobile Application for the Sheriff’s Department for push notification as set forth above, effective upon execution, at a cost of \$17,980.00 for year one, and \$5,995.00 for year two and three, funding available for the first two years from grant account no. 001.3110.0401.3201, for the term effective upon execution for three years subject to automatic renewal and cancellation requirements, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

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RE: AUTHORIZE TWO-YEAR INTERMUNICIPAL CONTRACT WITH YATES COUNTY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has certain powers and duties regarding the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (hereinafter referred to as the “Uniform Code”) and the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (hereinafter referred to as the “Energy Code”), and

WHEREAS, Yates County has provided a qualified and certified Code Enforcement Officer to Schuyler County in the past, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County desires to enter into a two-year Intermunicipal contract with Yates County for Yates County to provide the services of the Code Enforcement Officer, with respect to Schuyler County owned buildings, premises and equipment, and

WHEREAS, Yates County will charge \$3,000.00 annually for said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a two-year intermunicipal contract with Yates County for Code Enforcement Officer services, as set forth above, at a cost of \$3,000.00, funding available in account no. 001.3689.0458, with a term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACCEPT SEALED BID FROM KIMBLE, INC. FOR PLUMBING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 248-24 authorized advertising for sealed bids for Electric and Plumbing Maintenance and Repairs for the Schuyler County Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and opened on October 23, 2024 for only Plumbing Maintenance and Repairs, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department under leadership of the Highway Superintendent is recommending that Kimble, Inc. be awarded the bid at a cost of \$103.00/hour for 2025, \$104.00/hour for 2026 and \$105.00/hour for 2027 for Plumbing Maintenance and Repairs, and \$40.00/hour for a Truck Driver, and

WHEREAS, said bid also includes replacement parts for work performed outside the contract is cost plus 12%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the sealed bid from Kimble, Inc. for Plumbing Maintenance and Repairs, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, funding available in account no. 001.1620.0490, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a three-year contract with Kimble, Inc. as stated above, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HARBOR PARK RESTAURANT/BAR – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT - **RESCINED BY RESOLUTION NUMBER 300-25**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law, all purchase contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$20,000.00 and all contracts for public works involving an expenditure of more than \$35,000.00 shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising for sealed bids in the manner provided by this section, and

WHEREAS, the roof is in need of replacement at the Seneca Harbor Park Restaurant/Bar building, which building is a county-owned property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be authorized to advertise for sealed bids to replace the roof at the Seneca Harbor Park Restaurant/Bar, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler, reserves the right to accept or reject any

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and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 20 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR MATERIAL BIDS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2025 - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law, all purchase contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$20,000.00 and all contracts for public works involving an expenditure of more than \$35,000.00 shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after advertising for sealed bids in the manner provided by this section.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be authorized to advertise for sealed bids for materials and supplies for 2025 and/or participate with other Counties and the State of New York in its bids, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as in the past, the Towns and Villages of Schuyler County so authorized by County Resolution be allowed to participate in said bids.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE UPDATING ALL COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION PERSONNEL – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to update the compensation for all Election Personnel as follows below:

ELECTIONS INSPECTORS WITH CHANGES

From \$12.50/hr to \$15.50/hr:

Election Inspectors | Full Day | Primary and General Election | 17 Hours Per Inspector | \$263.50 Stipend

Election Inspector | Half Day | Primary and General Election | 8.5 Hours Per Inspectors | \$131.75 Stipend

Election Inspectors Certification Training | 3.5 Hours Per Inspector | \$54.25 Stipend

Election Inspector Chairperson Training | 2 Hours Per Inspector | \$31.00 Stipend

Election Inspectors Clear Ballot Machine Training | 2 Hours Per Inspector | \$31.00 Stipend

~~Election Inspectors Sexual Harassment Training | 1 Hour Per Inspector | \$25.00~~

ELECTION SERVICES PART-TIME WITH CHANGE

Machine Technicians / *\$20.00 per hour to \$22.50 per hour*, per technician

ELECTIONS INSPECTORS WITH NO CHANGE

Election Inspector Chairperson | Primary and General Election | \$50.00 Stipend Per Chairperson

Early Voting Election Inspectors | Primary and General Election | \$20.00 Per Hour

ELECTION SERVICES PART-TIME WITH NO CHANGE

Chief Technician | Annual Stipend \$100.00

ELECTION PARTY INSPECTORS WITH NO CHANGE

Party Inspectors \$20.00 per hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislatures hereby authorizes the updated compensation as listed above, effective January 1, 2025, funding available in the 2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution supersedes any and all prior Resolutions as it pertains to compensation for Election Personnel.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH DAY AUTOMATION SYSTEMS, INC., FOR SECURITY SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Buildings and Grounds has been contracting with Day Automation

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Systems, Inc. for security service and maintenance on a yearly basis, and

WHEREAS, Day Automation Systems, Inc., per the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Contract PT68783 has agreed to continue this service with a one-year contract through the Information Technology Department with a term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a total cost of \$11,558.26, and

WHEREAS, any additional service work will be at the rate per the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Contract PT68783.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Day Automation Systems, Inc. for the Information Technology Department for security service and maintenance for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a cost of \$11,558.26, funding available in account no. 001.1680.0401, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney. Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPT/REJECT 2024 TAX AUCTION BIDS – TREASURER

WHEREAS, The Schuyler County Treasurer is now holding tax deeds on certain tax delinquent properties, pursuant to judgement(s) of foreclosure in accordance with Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law, and

WHEREAS, The Schuyler County Legislature contracted for the auction sale of these properties and such sale was conducted from December 2, 2024 through December 13, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the following bids, to wit:

BIDDER'S NAME: Antonio Martins Neto

BIDDER'S ADDRESS: 1140NW 7th CT, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

AMOUNT OF BID: \$16,100.00

FORMER OWNER: Mark P. Hughson

TAX MAP #: 109.00-2-14 and 109.00-2-15, to be sold as a single parcel.

LOCATION: 5960 State Route 13, Town of Cayuta, County of Schuyler, State of New York

BIDDER'S NAME: Scottie Hatch

BIDDER'S ADDRESS: 471 Hammond St., Corning, NY 14830

AMOUNT OF BID: \$20,200.00

FORMER OWNER: Unknown

TAX MAP #: 106.00-1-16

LOCATION: Roloson/Johnson Hollow Rd, Town of Dix, County of Schuyler, State of New York

BIDDER'S NAME: Antonio Martins Neto

BIDDER'S ADDRESS: 1140NW 7th CT, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

AMOUNT OF BID: \$51,000.00

FORMER OWNER: Esther Thomas and Francis Mettler

TAX MAP #: 36.08-1-13

LOCATION: 4627 Steve St, Town of Hector, County of Schuyler, State of New York

BIDDER'S NAME: Timothy S. Gulick and Marlene A. Gulick

BIDDER'S ADDRESS: 7740 Bear Swamp Rd, Williamson, NY 14589

AMOUNT OF BID: \$391,600.00

FORMER OWNER: Lawrence Woodams and Sharon Kaye Hinson

TAX MAP #: 5.00-1-21.112

LOCATION: 6212 County Road 1, Town of Hector, County of Schuyler, State of New York, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event one or more successful high bidders fail to proceed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the auction, then the Chair of the Legislature is authorized to accept a lower qualified bid without further resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate deeds and transfer documents shall be prepared pertinent to each such conveyance, within thirty (30) days of such authorization, documents subject to the direction and approval of the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is authorized to execute such deeds and attendant documents and the Schuyler County Treasurer is authorized to deliver and/or record such deeds and attendant documents upon full payment of the bid purchase price balance to the County of Schuyler, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within forty-five (45) days after any such sale of tax foreclosed property, the treasurer shall determine and report to the court whether a surplus is attributable to any such sale and, if so, the amount thereof (RPTL 1196).

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ADOPT LOCAL LAW INTRO. D OF THE YEAR 2024/LOCAL LAW NO. * OF THE YEAR 2025 AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. * OF THE YEAR 2025 (f/k/a LOCAL LAW NO. B [INTRO] OF THE YEAR 2024), SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. D of the Year 2024 “A Local Law Amending Local Law No. * of the Year 2025 (f/k/a Local Law No. B [Intro]) of the Year 2024) Setting Salaries for Certain Public Officers for the Year 2025” was heretofore introduced and appropriate notice established in the official newspaper regarding a public hearing to be held January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held, at which time all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard, and this Legislature has duly considered the adoption and passage of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. D of the Year 2024, in the form hereto annexed be, and hereby is, passed, adopted and enacted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature duly cause the publication of the passage, enactment and adoption of Local Law No. * of the Year 2025, together with the required text thereof in the official county newspaper, together with filing with the New York State Department of State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final number of said local law shall be made by the Clerk of the Legislature in her records, based on the date of final readiness for filing with the Secretary of State.

LOCAL LAW NO. * OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law Amending Local Law No. * of the Year 2025 (f/k/a Local Law No. B [Intro]) of the Year 2024) Setting Salaries for Certain Public Officers for the Year 2025.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Schuyler that Local Law No. * of the Year 2025 (f/k/a Local Law No. B [Intro] of the Year 2024), is hereby amended as follows:

1. Effective 45 days following adoption, the following adjustments of salary for the public officer listed below shall be in the amounts herein stated, salaries effective January 1, 2025.

2. The following public officer is subject to the provisions hereof:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Personnel Officer	\$105,381.00

3. This Local Law shall not take effect until at least 45 days after its adoption in accordance with County Law § 201 and Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHUYLER COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Information Technology has provided support services to the Schuyler

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County Public Health with a three-year interdepartmental agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Departments would like to enter into a five-year agreement, and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement will be effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, at a cost of \$10,000.00 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year interdepartmental agreement with Schuyler County Information Technology for the Schuyler County Public Health Department for Information Technology support services, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, funding available in the Public Health budget account no. 001.4010.0532, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH UP DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, LLC TO CONDUCT A COUNTYWIDE HOUSING STUDY – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 237-24 authorized advertising for Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a comprehensive housing study and needs assessment, and

WHEREAS, proposals were opened September 13, 2024 and the Planning Director is recommending the Legislature accept the proposal from UP Development Planning, LLC in the amount of \$50,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with UP Development Planning, LLC for professional services to conduct a Countywide Housing Study at the cost of \$50,000.00, with a term of January 2, 2025 through September 30, 2025, funding available in the amount of \$25,000.00 from an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant and the remaining \$25,000.00 in account no. 001.8020.0401 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund per Resolution No. 236-24, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SCIDA)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby approves the appointment of Mark Taylor to the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to wit:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature

Laurence W. Jaynes, Public Safety Committee Member

FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

James W. D. Howell, Jr., Legislator, Alternate

INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK

James W.D. Howell, Jr., Legislator

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature

OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator

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QUEEN CATHARINE STEERING COMMITTEE

James W.D. Howell, Jr., Legislator

SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SCIDA)

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislator

SCHUYLER COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SCOPED)

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

James W.D. Howell, Jr, Legislator

Gary L. Gray, Legislator

SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator

WATKINS GLEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to wit:

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Judy Phillips, Community

FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Gary L. Gray, Legislator

Anthony Simpson, Beaver Dams Fire Department

Alan Burke, Burdett Fire Department

Matt Ward, Mecklenburg Fire Department

Andrew Vogel, Monterey Fire Department

Joel Husted, Montour Falls Fire Department

Adam Mahnke, Odessa Fire Department

James Kennedy, Tyrone Fire Department

Mike Hicks, Valois, Logan Hector Fire Department

Brian Hudson, Watkins Glen Fire Department

PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Judy Phillips, Community

PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nima Hazrati, MD, Medical Director

Audra Foote, Mental Health Clinic

Amanda Wylie, Schuyler Head Start

Clara Labarr, Schuyler Hospital

Wendy Drake, Office for the Aging

Judy Perry, Community

Marian Saks, Community

Ashley Kerrick, Catholic Charities

Cynthia Terry, MD, Community

Shawn Tubridy, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Vote7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE TWO-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below board, committee, agency, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, to wit:

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Barlow Rhodes, Landowner
HUMAN SERVICES (STC)
Mark Rondinaro, Legislator

DISCUSSION: The Clerk explained that a substitute is on the Legislators desks adding Mr. Barlow Rhodes to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 31 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE TWO-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, to wit:

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

JoAnn Fratarcangelo, Social Services/Youth Board
SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Abby Wilkens, Industrial Representative
Justin Boyette, Agricultural Representative
Nikki Fitch, Medical Representative
Alyssa Wixson, Business Representative
Jaimie Evans, Village of Burdett
Evie Brahmstedt, Village of Montour Falls
Gary Hanson, Village of Odessa
Kirk Sorensen, Village of Watkins Glen
Roxanne Leyes, Town of Catharine
Mike Bergen, Town of Hector

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 32 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE THREE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of the following individuals to the below board, committee, agency, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, to wit:

YOUTH BOARD

Melissa Schroder, Member at Large
Alex Flint, Probation Department

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 33 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, to wit:

AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

Daniel Teed, Farm Bureau Representative
Katherine Carestio, Farmer
Alec Moore, Cornell Cooperative Extension
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Mary Hayes, Town of Dix

Vote 7-0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 34 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, to wit:

ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Chris Rosno, Probation Department
Gretchen Silliman, Community/CAAFL
Jessica McCall, Community/FLACRA
Dorothy White, Community/FLACRA

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Nicole Brown, Community/ARC
Jessica McCall, Community/FLACRA
Tim VanDamme, Community/Council
Chris Rosno, Probation Department

MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

Joanne Brockway, Community/Recipient
Rachel Zimmer, Community/Family Member
Tanya Dunham, Consumer

PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Nancy St Julien, Family Member
Nicole Brown, Community/ARC
Rachel Zimmer, Community

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 35 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES WITH NO TERM

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, with no term.

AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

Jeri Sarrge, Ex-Officio

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Jessica Verrigni, Ex-Officio

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gary L. Gray, Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee Chairman
Shawn M. Rosno, County Administrator
Kirk N. Smith, Director of Emergency Services
Matthew Maloney, Schuyler County Fire Service

Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Howell reported that at the last Village of Odessa Board Meeting they had a few members in attendance express interest in the upcoming vacant board seats including the Mayor position.

Legislator Jaynes reported on the Village of Burdett and the Town of Hector Wastewater project.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

The County Administrator reported that the sales tax report for 2024 has been received, and we hit our target, and the last deposit was last Tuesday. He then reported on the property tax issue and provided the timeline, he explained when bills had been sent and when we received a phone call from the wife of a veteran regarding the exemption not being correct. He also explained that he called the State Real Property Tax office to confirm that what had been calculated was indeed incorrect. He told them of the press release and the team

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effort with stuffing about two thousand letters. He explained that it affected the four towns that had been reassessed with regard to Veterans and any of the agricultural exemptions. The equalization rates changed but the exemption rate did not. The correction can occur by a refund or having the following years tax bill adjusted according.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Alice Conklin who lives in the Town of Reading was present and was the wife of a veteran that called this to the County's attention on January 2, 2025. She said she also has concerns what tax roll had been used, because her deceased mother-in-law received a letter, and she passed two years ago. She feels it would have been better to include the form for a correction in with the mailing. She was also concerned of the limited ability for some of the veterans to come in and do the paperwork. She then commended Cheryl Richtmyer in the Real Property Tax Office along with our Veterans Director, Crystal Kowski for their hard work to correct the matter. Both were very kind and helpful. The County Administrator said that he would speak with our Veterans Director about some outreach to the Veterans. Ms. Theresa Butler was also present and said that her husband works in the Veterans office and questioned how many years that this could have affected. The County Administrator told her it was just this years' tax bills.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Lausell and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Reed who was excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 36 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND THE JANUARY 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the January 8, 2025 Organizational Meeting and the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 37 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SEIZED ASSETS RESERVE ACCOUNT TO SEND TWO SCHUYLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS TO A TRAINING ON OVERDOSE DEATHS – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County District Attorney's Office frequently receives funds known as forfeiture funds which are seized from defendants to recover property which constitutes the proceeds of a crime, the substituted proceeds of a crime, an instrumentality of a crime or the real property instrumentality of a crime, and

WHEREAS, the use of said forfeited funds is regulated by the New York State Criminal and Civil Procedure laws and may only be used for specified purposes. Said purposes include, but are not limited to, trainings to assist and enhance prosecution and law enforcement, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County District Attorney's Office finds the need to utilize these funds to assist the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office to send two investigators to a training on "Investigating Overdose Deaths" in January 2025, and

WHEREAS, these expenses are a proper use of forfeited funds under the NYS and Federal Asset Forfeiture guidelines; and said funds are available in the District Attorney's Seized Assets Reserve Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to

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transfer funds as follows from the referenced accounts for the purpose of assisting the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office to send two investigators to a training on "Investigating Overdose Deaths", in the amount of \$1,280.00; such transfer complies with the requirement of General Municipal Law § 6-v(5), effective October 9, 2019, that every claim for the payment of money in such account shall specify the purpose of the requested payment and must be accompanied by a written certification that the expenditure is in compliance with all applicable laws:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$1,280.00	001.1165.0409	Conference Expense
-\$1,280.00	001.1165.2626.1165	Seized Assets Reserve Account

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH PATHWAYS, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO OPERATION OF THE JUSTICE CENTER OF THE SOUTHERN TIER - DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County, through its District Attorney's Office, had a contract with Pathways, Inc. to provide professional services related to the operation of the Justice Center of the Southern Tier for the calendar year of 2024, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office requests renewing this contract for nine months, and

WHEREAS, the County shall pay Pathways, Inc. the sum of \$131,401.00 for said services, which sums represent funds anticipated to be received from the State of New York under the Victim and Witness Assistance Grant, and

WHEREAS, said funding is contingent on adequate appropriations made by the State of New York, New York State Office of Victim Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract renewal with Pathways, Inc. for the District Attorney's Department to provide Professional Services as it relates to operation of the Justice Center of the Southern Tier, for the term effective January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, at a cost of \$131,401.00, funding available in the Victim and of Crime Act and Witness Assistance Grant account no. 001.1165.0401.1188, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 39 Motion by Jaynes. Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2024 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Emergency Management Department has been awarded a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), project number EM24-1032-D00, in the amount of \$22,602.00, with 50% matching funds, and

WHEREAS, this grant provides funds for current budgeted expenses for certain personnel and administrative functions associated with our local emergency management programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the EMPG grant contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$22,602.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant accordingly, and in cooperation with the Emergency Management Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 40 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF

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HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FLOOD MITIGATION EQUIPMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) has appropriated funds in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to purchase flood mitigation equipment to support counties in emergency flood events, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities, and

WHEREAS, NYSDHSES will transfer possession, not ownership, of flood mitigation equipment to Schuyler County, while retaining oversight to ensure compliance and operational readiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Emergency Management Department for the allocation of Flood Mitigation Equipment, effective immediately, memorandum approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 41 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE HOURS OF THE DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FROM PART-TIME TO LESS THAN FULL-TIME AND ADJUST SALARY ACCORDINGLY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator is a part time, 17 hr per week position, and

WHEREAS, due to the vacancy created by the recent resignation of the full-time Deputy Director of Emergency Services position, the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator will temporarily need to work additional hours to help meet the needs of the department, and

WHEREAS, with the increase in hours worked the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator will need to receive additional compensation, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is in agreement with the temporary increase in hours and salary for the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, and funds are available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorize the temporary change in the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator from part-time to less than full-time, 30 hours a week, effective February 10, 2025, at an annual salary of \$35,000.00, until such time a new Deputy Director is hired, or other arrangements are made, not to exceed six months.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 42 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE JURISDICTION FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.344 ACRES OF STATE ROUTE 13 IN THE TOWN OF CAYUTA AND AUTHORIZE CONVEYING THE PROPERTY TO THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) wishes to abandon its maintenance jurisdiction to the County of Schuyler for approximately 0.344 acres of State Route 13 located adjacent to 6004 State Route 13, in the Town of Cayuta (“the subject property”), and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler wishes to accept maintenance jurisdiction from the NYSDOT for the subject property, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler is in receipt of a signed purchase offer from Arin L. Walter for the subject property upon transfer of maintenance jurisdiction, in the sum of One Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$1,000.00), and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the Official Order for the transfer of maintenance jurisdiction from the NYSDOT, the County of Schuyler is desirous of conveying the parcel to the adjacent landowner, Arin L. Walter, 6004 State Route 13, Cayuta, New York 14824, including any and all rights the County may have to the land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature does hereby approve of accepting the maintenance jurisdiction from the NYSDOT for said parcel of land, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Schuyler County Legislature does hereby approve of conveying this parcel to Arin L. Walter upon receiving the Official Order for the transfer of maintenance

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jurisdiction from the NYSDOT, should there be nothing in said order restraining the County from such a transfer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be mailed to the NYSDOT Region 6 Property Manager, 107 Broadway, Hornell, New York 14843, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary conveyance documents, subject to County Attorney approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conveyance shall be recorded in the Schuyler County Clerk's Office.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 43 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPT SEALED BID FROM ECONOMY PAVING CO., INC. FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD 16 TRIBUTARY OVER MEADS CREEK (BIN 3332620) REPLACEMENT AND COUNTY ROAD 16 OVER PINE CREEK BRIDGE (BIN 3332610) REPLACEMENT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 374-22 authorized advertising for sealed bids for the construction of bridge replacement (BIN 3332610) County Road over Pine Creek, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 68-24 authorized advertising for sealed bids for the construction of bridge replacement (BIN 3332620) County Road 16 over Tributary Meads Creek, and

WHEREAS, four bids were received and opened on November 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has determined that Economy Paving Co., Inc. should be awarded the bid at a cost of \$3,436,004.37 for both projects, as lowest responsible bidder(s), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute the contract with Economy Paving Co., Inc. for construction of bridge replacement on both BIN 3332610 for County Road 16 over Pine Creek and BIN 3332620 for County Road 16 over Tributary Meads Creek, at a cost of \$3,436,004.37, funding available in County Road budget account no. 02.5120.0547 and account no. 002.5120.0558, for the term of December 17, 2024 through November 30, 2025, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 AMENDING THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, D.P.C. FOR 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 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT AND CHANGE THE TERM - 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 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, Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, D.P.C. has submitted a Supplement Agreement No. 3 amending the existing agreement for an additional cost of \$145,000.00 with a new term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 3 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 \$145,000.00, funding available in account no. 002.5020.0401, for a new term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 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.

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Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 AMENDING THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, D.P.C. FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 3332620) COUNTY ROAD 16 OVER TRIBUTARY TO MEADS CREEK, TOWN OF ORANGE, SCHUYLER COUNTY, P.I.N. 6755.57 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT AND CHANGE THE TERM - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 339-22 authorized an engineering consultant agreement with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, D.P.C. for the design and construction inspection of bridge replacement BIN 3332620 County Road 16 over Tributary to Meads Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County, P.I.N. 6755.57 as a Federal aid-eligible project with a term ending March 1, 2024 at the cost of \$219,800.00, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 223-24 authorized a Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to extend the term through June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects, D.P.C. has submitted a Supplement Agreement No. 2 amending the existing agreement for an additional cost of \$145,000.00 with a new term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 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 \$145,000.00, funding available in account no. 002.5020.0401, for a new term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for engineering services for bridge replacement BIN 3332620 County Road 16 over Tributary Meads Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County, P.I.N. 6755.57, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: APPROVE AND ADOPT UPDATED PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2025 – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Purchasing Policies and Procedures have been updated to reflect procedural changes and recent additions to General Municipal Law (GML) Section 103, Section 104-b, and/or other applicable authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves and adopts the revised Purchasing Policies and Procedures for 2025, on file in the Legislative Office and the Purchasing Department, effective January 1, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE ITEMS JUNK FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS various departments have items to be declared junk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to County Law Section 215, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby declares the following assets junk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following items are to be placed in storage to be disposed of.

JUNK

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN #</u>	<u>Department</u>
4120	2000 FORD CAB CHASSIS T2	2FWPEXYB5YAB53104	Machinery
6124	LAPTOP DELL D620	HT9BGC1	Information Technology
6491	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0001-0018	Board of Elections
6492	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0002-0018	Board of Elections
6493	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0003-0018	Board of Elections

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6494	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0004-0018	Board of Elections
6495	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0005-0018	Board of Elections
6496	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0006-0018	Board of Elections
6497	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0007-0018	Board of Elections
6498	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0008-0018	Board of Elections
6499	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0009-0018	Board of Elections
6500	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0010-0018	Board of Elections
6501	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0011-0018	Board of Elections
6502	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0012-0018	Board of Elections
6503	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0013-0018	Board of Elections
6504	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0014-0018	Board of Elections
6505	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0015-0018	Board of Elections
6506	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0016-0018	Board of Elections
6507	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0017-0018	Board of Elections
6508	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-279712-0018-0018	Board of Elections
6814	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-293052-0001-0003	Board of Elections
6815	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-293052-0002-0003	Board of Elections
6816	DOMINION ICP VOTING MACHINE	48-293052-0003-0003	Board of Elections
6721	PX5.3 LC X-RAY SYSTEM	N/A	Sheriff
7263	HIGHWAY: STEEL DUMP TRAILER	82615-12788	Highway Machinery
7324	DELL OPTIPLEX 9020	8Z4B182	Community Services
7721	LAPTOP, DELL LATITUDE 5490 XCT	41PY6S2	Human Resources
7722	LAPTOP, DELL LATITUDE 5490 XCTO	4V7Z6S2	Office for the Aging
8239	SOFTWARE - CASE MANAGEMENT-VICTIM SRVS	N/A	District Attorney

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS FOR KITCHEN AND CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES FOR JUNE 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026 – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Schuyler County paper, plastic and custodial supply bid expires on May 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for kitchen and custodial supplies for the County, for the term of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE TEMPORARY PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING POSITION/AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO SAID POSITION – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Director of Purchasing is retiring in April 2025, and

WHEREAS, the new Director of Purchasing will require additional training from the outgoing Director, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer, with approval from the County Administrator, is recommending the creation of one temporary part-time Director of Purchasing position for training up to three months after the incoming Purchasing Director’s start date, and

WHEREAS, funding for the position is included in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the creation and filling of one part-time temporary Director of Purchasing position, at a Grade 6 level, for 17 hours per week, at an annual salary of \$42,902.00 effective April 16, 2025 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Legislature hereby appoints Elizabeth Guild to the temporary part-time

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Director of Purchasing position, at an annual salary of \$42,902.00, effective April 16, 2025, and said position will be abolished upon completion of the new Purchasing Director’s training, not to exceed three months.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATE OF CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN(S), AND CANCELLATION OF NOTICE(S) OF PENDENCY FOR CERTAIN TAX PARCELS NO. 92.17-1.18 AND NO. 52.00-3-25 – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 1138 sets forth various grounds for withdrawal of parcels from foreclosure and cancellation of delinquent tax liens, including upon a determination that that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of the delinquent tax lien and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the tax would not be effective, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Treasurer, acting as Enforcing Officer (RPTL § 1102) has determined if the County were to acquire the following parcel(s), there is a significant risk that the County might be exposed to a liability substantially in excess of the amount that could be recovered by enforcing the tax lien and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the tax would not be effective: Parcel No. 92.17-1-18, Town of Orange, titled to Louis Kubisky, which parcel(s) was/were included on a List of Delinquent Taxes which was filed in the Office of the Schuyler County Clerk on the 1st day of November, 2024, pursuant to Section 1122 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Treasurer, acting as Enforcing Officer has determined that there is reason to believe that there may be a legal impediment to the enforcement of the tax lien affecting the following parcel(s); and that a supplementary proceeding to enforce collection of the tax would not be effective: Parcel No. 52.00-3-25, Town of Reading, titled to Fitzsimmons Reynolds LLP, which parcel(s) was/were included on a List of Delinquent Taxes which was filed in the Office of the Schuyler County Clerk on the 1st day of November, 2024, pursuant to Section 1122 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby adopts the determination(s) of the Enforcing Officer, set forth above, and directs the following delinquent tax liens be cancelled unless and until restored to the taxable portion of the assessment roll:

<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>PARCEL NO.</u>	<u>ASSESSED OWNER</u>	<u>YEARS DELINQUENT</u>
Orange	92.17-1-18	Kubisky, Louis	2017 through 2024
Reading	52.00-3-25	Fitzsimmons Reynolds LLP	2022 through 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to RPTL § 1138 that a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Enforcing Officer; the Enforcing Officer shall issue a certificate of cancellation and file a copy of the same with the County Clerk within ten business days from the issuance of the certificate; the County Clerk shall note the word “cancelled” and the date of the filing of the certificate of cancellation opposite the description of such parcel on the list; the Enforcing Officer shall further file a copy of the certificate with the assessor of the assessing unit in which the parcel is located and with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid parcel(s) shall remain exempt unless and until the legislature determines that any such parcel(s) should be restored to the taxable portion of the assessment roll, and the Enforcing Officer files a certificate of restoration, setting forth the relevant facts, with the relevant assessor(s) and with County Director of Real Property Tax Services.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 51 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR-BENEFITS MANAGER POSITION – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Human Resources Administrator-Benefits Manager will be retiring on or about April 2025, and

WHEREAS, due to the complexities of the job duties, it is imperative that the current Human Resources Administrator-Benefits Manager has a training period with the individual who will be hired to replace her, with such training not to exceed three months, and

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WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Human Resources Department is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Human Resources Administrator-Benefits Manager position, effective immediately at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Human Resources Administrator-Benefits Manager vacated by the retiring employee will be abolished upon such retirement.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 52 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: ADOPT REVISED SCHUYLER COUNTY ALTERNATE WORK ARRANGEMENT POLICY – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 195-20 authorized adopting an Alternate Work Arrangement Policy, and

WHEREAS, although Schuyler County continues to support alternative work arrangements, there is a need to strengthen the guidelines of the established policy, and

WHEREAS, an Alternate Work Arrangement Policy review group along with the County Administrator are recommending revisions to said policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby adopts the aforesaid Policy as revised, to be on file in the Human Resources Department, effective March 1, 2025, said document to be made available to all employees.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Barnes felt employees should be back 100% with no remote work.

Vote 6-1. No: Barnes.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO RENEW THE ADDITIONAL 1% SALES TAX FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 40 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW

WHEREAS, Schuyler County was authorized, by State legislation, to increase sales tax by 1% effective March 1, 2000, and

WHEREAS, this authorization needs to be renewed, and the current authorization will expire at the end of 2025, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature could authorize the Schuyler County Legislature to continue to impose an additional 1% sales tax for another two-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby requests that Senator Thomas F. O'Mara and Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano introduce and to adopt special legislation to amend such laws, including the New York State Tax Law, to authorize the Schuyler County Legislature to continue to impose an additional 1% sales tax for the period December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2027, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to New York State Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, New York State Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano and to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, it is recommended to amend the Rules of Procedure of the Schuyler County Legislature to amend numerous Rules to clean up clerical changes and specify definitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that notice of the following amendments to the County Legislature's Rules of Procedure be hereby given pursuant to Rule 29 of said Rules of Procedure with changes or additional wording in bold, italicized and language to be removed stricken through:

RULE 1 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

The Organizational Meeting of the Legislature shall be held on or before January 8 in each year for election or appointment of officers. The date, time and place thereof shall be fixed by the Legislature by Resolution adopted during the prior month of December. Upon the call of the meeting to order by the Clerk of the Legislature, the first order of business shall be the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year. The Legislature under the *Chair* shall then proceed with the appointment of the Clerk of the Legislature, whose term of office shall be for four years. ~~*Public Defender whose term of office shall be for four years, and Budget Officer whose terms of office shall be for the current year.*~~

The Legislature shall appoint a County Attorney *and a Public Defender* on an even numbered year, whose term(s) of office shall be for four years.

RULE 5 PRESENCE OF LEGISLATORS:

Legislators shall be present at all scheduled Legislature meetings. Earliest practical notice of necessary absence shall be given to the Clerk or the Chairman. Absences will be noted as excused or unexcused. *Excused absence. An absence for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in the legislator's family, family or home emergency, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, vacations or travel of less than two (2) weeks, military obligations or any legally protected absence pursuant to federal, local, or state law. Members shall, except in emergencies, notify the chair or clerk in advance of any excused absence.*

RULE 6 PRESENCE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY:

The County Attorney shall be present during all Regular, ~~*and*~~ Special Meetings, *and the Legislative Resolutions Review Committee Meeting* for the purpose of advising the Legislature on legal questions. Earliest practical notice of necessary absence shall be given to the Clerk or the Chairman.

RULE 9 ORDER OF BUSINESS:

During Public Participation each individual will be allowed up to five minutes each to speak.

The order of business at each session shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Roll Call
5. Announcement of Emergency Resolutions
6. Presentations and Scheduled Reports
7. Public Participation (up to 30 minutes) *Per Resolution No. 39-1983*
8. Correcting and Approving Minutes
9. Resolutions and Motions
10. New Business
11. Unfinished Business
12. Reports of Committees
13. County Administrator's Report
- 14.** Public Participation (up to 15 minutes) *Per Resolution No. 39-1983*
15. Adjournment

RULE 12 RESOLUTIONS AND LOCAL LAWS:

All Standing Committee resolutions and local laws, with the exception of Legislative Resolution Review Committee (*LRRC*) shall be reduced to writing, approved by the Committee Chairman or next ranking member of the Committee offering the same and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to Committee week. Every resolution and local law shall contain a short title generally setting forth the purpose and nature of the proposed action.

Any and all resolutions and local laws not filed with the Clerk as of **4:30 P.M.** on the Wednesday prior to Committee week shall not be presented, considered, discussed or voted upon at the following legislative session except resolutions that are presented to the Legislative Resolution Review Committee, Legislative Committee or Emergency Resolutions. *The exception would be if a Resolution is requested by the*

Department Head it is to be reviewed by the Clerk of the Legislature and approved by the County Administrator and County Attorney. At that time a Department Head will be required to seek permission from their jurisdictional Committee Chair to sponsor said Resolution individually to be placed on the LRRC Agenda, Legislative Committee Agenda or as an Emergency Resolution. An Emergency Resolution is one which concerns any matter where delay in the consideration thereof would adversely affect the interests of the County, the Legislature, or any department, official or agency of the County or the public.

RULE 13 AGENDA:

The Clerk shall prepare or cause to be prepared an agenda and provide copies of all such filed resolutions and local laws for each Legislator's desk and the County Attorney no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Friday immediately preceding any regular legislative session and make the agenda available in electronic format on the website to the extent practicable. *For purposes of this subdivision, an agenda shall be deemed to be upon the desks or tables of the Legislators if: it is set forth in a legible electronic format by electronic means, and it is available for review in such format at the desks of the legislators. For purposes of this subdivision "electronic means" means any method of transmission of information between computers or other machines designed for the purpose of sending and receiving such transmissions and which: allows the recipient to reproduce the information transmitted in a tangible medium of expression; and does not permit additions, deletions or other changes to be made without leaving an adequate record thereof.*

RULE 15 PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAWS:

No local law shall be passed except by at least the majority affirmative vote of the total voting power of the County Legislature. ~~*On the final passage of a local law the question shall be taken by Roll Call vote. On the final passage of a local law the question shall be taken by ayes and noes, and the names of the members present, and their votes shall be entered in the record, journal or minutes of proceedings.*~~

RULE 23 BOARD COMMITTEES (STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES):

Standing and Special Committees may be authorized at any legal meeting of the Legislature. Members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature. In the absence of the Chairman, the Acting Chairman shall have that authority. Committee members shall be constituted from the members of the Legislative Board. Standing Committees shall be created by resolution. A Special Committee may, at the Chairman's discretion, be created by resolution. In creating a committee, its power, duties and number of members shall be specified. ~~*Standing Committee member terms shall be for two (2) years.*~~ Each Committee shall contain members of the majority and minority party insofar as possible in proportion to respective party representation on the Legislature.

RULE 25 STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Representation, oversight, and as appropriate, recommendations to the County Legislature regarding the following Boards, Commissions, agencies or organizations:

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board
Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce
Environmental Management Council
Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Representation, oversight, and recommendations to the County Legislature as appropriate, on matters pertaining to the following Boards, Commissions, or agencies:

Child Care Aware of Steuben and Schuyler
Office for the Aging Advisory Council
~~*RSVP Advisory Council*~~
STCRP & D Human Services Committee
Youth Board
Public Health Professional Advisory Committee
Community Services Board
Mental Health Subcommittee

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People with Developmental Disabilities
Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Subcommittee
Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 55 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND AGREEMENT WITH NIXON PEABODY, LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO A CIVIL LEGAL MATTER/AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY — COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, within the limits of the appropriation, the County Attorney may employ counsel to assist in any civil action or proceeding pursuant to County Law § 501, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has identified and recommended Nixon Peabody LLP to provide specialized professional services to assist with a particular civil legal matter, related to one or more contract(s), and

WHEREAS, Nixon Peabody, LLP has quoted the following discounted municipality rate(s) which will be fixed for the duration of its representation under this agreement: (a) \$650.00/hr. for partner(s); (b) \$383.00 to \$585.00/hr. for associates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute such agreement, for a term to commence upon execution and ending upon termination of services, at the rates identified above, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer an initial sum of \$19,500.00 for the term of the contract from Contingency Account no. 001.1190.0500 into the County Attorney’s budget account no. 001.1420.0401-Contractual Expenses, as requested by the Schuyler County Attorney upon the proper presentation of a qualified invoice and amount.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 56 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO USE FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY AND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE TO PAY SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler has agreed to settle a pending civil claim in the amount of \$60,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the County has established a Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-e, and

WHEREAS, the moneys in the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund may be expended pursuant to an appropriation for a purpose authorized by law, including the payment of claims against the county (General Municipal Law § 6-e), and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the County Legislature, as Chief Executive Officer, has recommended the appropriation of \$60,000.00 from the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund to pay the civil claim, and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of funds from the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund requires the adoption of a resolution by at least two-thirds of the voting strength of the governing board (General Municipal Law § 6-e).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the County of Schuyler, as follows:

1. The sum of \$60,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund to pay the civil claim against the County of Schuyler.
2. The County Treasurer, as Chief Fiscal Officer, is hereby directed to make the necessary accounting entries to reflect this appropriation and expenditure.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 57 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: RESOLUTION RATIFYING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM — TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, there is now pending in Supreme Court, State of New York, County of Schuyler, that certain claim against the County of Schuyler made by Suzanne Shea (claimant), and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney of the County of Schuyler, upon consultation with the Schuyler County Treasurer, has recommended authorization to settle said claim, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to settle the claim, with no findings or admissions of liability, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the use of a Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-e to pay for said claim, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Legislature does hereby ratify the settlement of the above-entitled claim in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$60,000.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Attorney is authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary settlement documents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make payment in accordance with the above upon receipt and filing of the fully executed settlement documents.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 58 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY PLAYERS, INC. FOR SUPERVISION OF YOUTH IN A THEATRICAL PRODUCTION – YOUTH BUREAU DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Youth Bureau has funds available through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to fund youth programs in Schuyler County, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Youth Bureau recommends to contract with The Lake County Players, Inc. for directing and supervising youth ages 7-18 years of age in a theatrical production while promoting youth involvement in all aspects of theatrical production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a one-year contract with The Lake Country Players, Inc. for the Schuyler County Youth Bureau Department for the direction and supervision of youth in a theatrical production, for a term of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$4,280.00, funding available in account no. 001.7310.0495 – Youth Programs, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 Motion Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE THREE-YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY YOUTH BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of Anita Lewis as a Member at Large to Schuyler County Youth Board effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 60 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH PARK OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR MONTHLY ADVERTISING FOR THE NEW YORK CONNECTS PROGRAM - OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 300-24 authorized a contract with Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. for monthly advertising for the Schuyler County Office for the Aging New York Connects program, and

WHEREAS, the contractor has requested a change in the term affecting the start date of September 1, 2024 to now November 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the contract will also reduce the total contract amount from \$ 36,481.65 to \$32,281.65.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc., for the Office for the Aging Department for monthly advertising for the New York Connects program, for a reduced total contract cost of \$

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\$32,281.65, and a new contract term effective November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 61 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENTS WITH THE PARTNERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE NEW YORK CONNECTS NO WRONG DOOR SYSTEM – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department has had an existing agreement with Western New York Independent Living, Inc., and Corning Council for Assistance and Information for the Disabled, Inc. T/A AIM Independent Living Center for the operation of the New York (NY) Connects No Wrong Door System per the guidelines established by New York State Office for the Aging 45 C.F.R.§160.103., and

WHEREAS, Program Instruction from the New York State Office for the Aging directs each Area Agency on Aging (Schuyler County Office for the Aging) to have a signed HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA), and must be signed by each entity that administers the NY Connects Program, and

WHEREAS, these Business Associate Agreements are specific to the contracted entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign the Business Associate Agreements with the below partners for the existing ongoing agreement, approved as to form by the County Attorney.

PARTNERS

Corning Council for Assistance and Information for the Disabled, Inc.

T/A AIM Independent Living Center

Western New York Independent Living, Inc.

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RESOLUTION NO. 62 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER CHAPTER, NYSARC, INC. DBA THE ARC OF CHEMUNG SCHUYLER FOR TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT TRAINING - OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging (SCOFA) provides a transportation service which is required as a priority service under the Older Americans Act, and

WHEREAS, SCOFA has been contracting for said services through Chemung-Schuyler Chapter NYSARC, Inc. d/b/a The ARC of Chemung-Schuyler, and

WHEREAS, SCOFA recommends renewing the contract and add Reserving GoGo Grandparent Driver where appropriate, including coordinating and documenting GoGo Grandparent/OFA/Rider communications confirming reserved trips or identifying unmet needs, and

WHEREAS, SCOFA recommends the addition of purchased bus tickets through the contractor to be paid for by the County through the Unmet Need Grant, for a term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Chemung-Schuyler Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. d.b.a The ARC Chemung Schuyler for the Office for the Aging Department for transportation coordination and mobility management training, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at the cost of \$7,000.00, funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 available in Office for the Aging budget account no. 001.6772.0490, and \$1,000.00 under the Unmet Need grant, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 63 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH D.B.A. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WATKINS GLEN FOR A CONGREGATE PROGRAM SITE – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Office provides congregate sites for health and

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wellness programs and events for our aging population at various locations throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, the First Presbyterian Church d.b.a. First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen has agreed to a one - year contract to provide the necessary amenities for a congregate meal site, health and wellness programs and events at no cost to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with the First Presbyterian Church d.b.a. First Presbyterian Church of Watkins Glen for the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department for a weekly congregate program, at no cost to the County, for a term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0. Abstained; Howell.

RESOLUTION NO. 64 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA) FUNDING— OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging provides funding each year for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Program, and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$22,348.00 is provided to the local Area Agency on Aging to support efforts to educate and assist eligible Medicare beneficiaries with enrollment into the Medicare Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Program and the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), to provide counseling and assistance on accessing the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Part D, especially for beneficiaries who are low income, underserved and/or residing in rural areas, and to promote the availability of preventive and wellness services, and

WHEREAS, the term of this grant is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with no local share.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign the grant application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Office for the Aging be authorized to submit the grant application for funding for the MIPPA program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish said grant with cooperation with the Schuyler County Office for the Aging.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE FOUR-YEAR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CATHARINE FOR THE CAYUTA LAKE PROTECTION REHABILITATION DISTRICT WITH THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AGENCY - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine has enacted Local Law 1 of the Year 2016, the establishment Wastewater Management for the Cayuta Lake Protection and Rehabilitation, and supplemental to the Schuyler County Watershed Protection Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine's Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2016 designates as the Regulatory Officer or Authorized Representative of the Town Health Officer the Representative of the Schuyler County Watershed Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department through its Watershed Protection Agency has been providing the services for the last five years, and recommends renewal of the intermunicipal agreement for a four-year term, and

WHEREAS, the cost to the Town of Catharine residents in the Cayuta Lake Protection Rehabilitation District will remain the same at \$50.00 per site visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a four-year intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Catharine for the Schuyler County Public Health Department and its Watershed Protection Agency to act as the Authorized Representative for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, at the rate of \$50.00 per onsite inspection completed in the designated Cayuta Lake Watershed Protection Zone, to be paid by the property owner, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. 66 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS FOR LABORATORY TESTING SERVICES FOR THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AGENCY - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Watershed Protection Agency provides a menu of water laboratory testing services to the community, and

WHEREAS, the current contract to provide laboratory testing services is due to expire June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for Laboratory Testing Services for the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 67 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SCHUYLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT THE MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department proposes to partner with the Sheriff's Department to provide one armed police/peace officer to be stationed at the Mental Health Clinic, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has agreed to provide said armed police/peace officer to be stationed at the Mental Health Clinic during clinic hours, and

WHEREAS, in the event there is insufficient staffing to cover the entire 48 hours, the armed police/peace officer will be present as available during clinic hours, and

WHEREAS, the annual cost will be not to exceed \$75,000.000 to be billed quarterly, and

WHEREAS, funding will be made available from the Federal Salary Sharing Deferred Revenue Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an Interdepartmental Cooperative Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department for the Community Services Department for the security services for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00, funding available in account no. 001.4310.0458 - Professional Fees, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 68 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR FEDERAL SALARY SHARING FUNDS – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department has placed Federal Salary Sharing funds in a Deferred Revenue Account for future use for the Mental Health Clinic, and

WHEREAS, said funds are to be used for Mental Health needs only, and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Clinic is in need of security services through an Interdepartmental Cooperative Agreement with the Sheriff's Department and has proposed to use funds from the Deferred Revenue Account No. 001.0001.0691.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Community Services Budget as follows to move these funds:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$75,000.00	001.4310.0458	Professional Services
+\$75,000.00	001.4310.4490	Federal Salary Sharing / Aid

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RESOLUTION NO. 69 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

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RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SUNY CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC PATHWAYS TO RECEIVE PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING FOR CUSTOMIZED TRAINING – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, SUNY Corning Community College Office of Workforce Education and Academic Pathways offers job training reimbursement for a portion of the total cost of same, and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department will offer specialized training for Workplace Interpersonal and Customer-Focused Competencies to the supervisory and non-supervisory staff, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the training program is \$5,381.00 and SUNY CCC will provide partial funding in the amount of \$4,843.00, through the agreement for services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the agreement for services with SUNY CCC for the Community Services Department to receive \$4,843.00 in training reimbursement, with a term of February 12, 2025 through February 13, 2025, the remaining funding available in account no. 001.4310.0458 – Professional Fees and Services, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 70 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 33-2025 TITLED “AUTHORIZE FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENTS”/AUTHORIZE THREE YEAR APPOINTMENT – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 33-2025 authorized the appointment of Mary Hayes as the Town of Dix representative for a four-year term on the Environmental Management Council, and

WHEREAS, this appointment should have been for a three-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the amending Resolution No. 33-2025 to remove the Environmental Management Council and Mary Hayes’ appointment and authorizes Mary Hayes as the Town of Dix representative on the Environmental Management Council for a three-year term, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 71 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIGITAL ORTHOIMAGERY PROGRAM – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office of Information Technology Services (“ITS”) and its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Programs Office (GPO) collects up-to-date aerial imagery to support a wide range of uses, and

WHEREAS, the ITS New York Statewide Digital Orthoimagery Program (NYS DOP) collects aerial imagery for portions of the state on a rotating basis with the last fly-over of Schuyler County taking place in the Spring of 2022, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOP plans to acquire new imagery of Schuyler County in the Spring of 2025, and

WHEREAS, this aerial imagery service enhances the operations of several Schuyler County departments including Planning, Real Property, Highway, and Emergency Management, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOP will provide to Schuyler County one-foot resolution imagery at no cost to the county, and

WHEREAS, the NYSDOP gives counties the option, for an additional cost not to exceed to actual cost of the additional service, to obtain .5-foot resolution imagery, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this more detailed resolution imagery is listed to be \$49,400.00 for Schuyler County and is not payable until February 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, County operations will greatly benefit having .5-foot resolution imagery over the standard imagery, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County may have an opportunity to join with other counties to obtain a discounted rate below the \$49,400.00 initial cost.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Legislature supports the purchase of the .5-foot resolution imagery upgrade offered by the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office of Information Technology Services, authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign a commitment letter to that effect, directs the County Administrator as Budget Officer to include funds in the Fiscal Year 2026 Planning budget for the Legislature to appropriate for this service.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 72 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY HOUSING STUDY - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 24-236 authorized a contract (NY-21784) with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for a housing study for the term July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, due to a lengthy public letting and selection process the contract was not approved by the Legislature until January 13, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the ARC has agreed to extend the contract under the same terms and conditions for a contract period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract extension for the Schuyler County Planning Department, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to extend said grant term in cooperation with the Planning Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 73 Motion by Rondinaro. Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Schuyler County has amended their Constitution and now require a second Legislator be appointed to their Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of Laurence W. Jaynes to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association, for a term effective February 10, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 74 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SOLAR LIGHTS, STOP SIGNS AND BUS GARAGE LIFT – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 80-2019 authorized as six-year contract with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract # C004140, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has provided additional funding in the amount of \$6,812.00 for solar lights, stop signs, and a bus garage lift.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract # C004140 for additional funding in the amount of \$6,812.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 75 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BUS ENGINE REPAIR – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 214-2024 authorized a six-year contract with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract # C006036, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has provided additional funding in the amount of \$15,068.00 for bus engine repair.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract # C006036 for additional funding in the amount of \$15,068.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AND GAS ALLIANCE (MEGA)

WHEREAS, Mark Taylor has been the Schuyler County representative of the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA), and

WHEREAS, his term expires on March 1, 2025 and he desires to continue to serve on this board for another four-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of Mark Taylor to MEGA, for a four-year term, effective March 2, 2025 through March 1, 2028.

Vote 7-0.

RE: AUTHORIZE TWO-YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (STCRP&D)

WHEREAS, Judy McKinney-Cherry has been serving as an at large member on the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board, and

WHEREAS, her term expired on December 31, 2024, and she desires to continue to serve on this board for another two-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of Judy McKinney-Cherry to STCRP&D, for a two-year term, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Howell reported on the issues the Village of Odessa has with their bridge project on Cotton-Hanlon Road that they can no longer afford. He spoke to our Highway Superintendent and according to him the Village would have to refund all funds back to the State that is or was associated with the project.

Legislator Jaynes reported that there will be a meeting regarding the Village of Burdett wastewater project on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Burdett Firehouse.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Rosno reported that the sales tax figures for January have started out strong and he reminded the Legislators that this is very early in the season. He said that they planned for a plateau.

Legislator Jaynes said that they have discovered eighteen vacation rentals in the Village of Burdett that are not paying the room tax. Administrator Rosno talked about the new short term rental law that the State of New York is in the process in putting in place. He explained some of the process as he understood it and the initial plan is to have this in effect in 2026.

Chairman Blowers told the Legislators that there are a couple of good articles out related to sales tax. He said one article is from New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and the other is from the Rockefeller Institute. He suggested they read them.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Paul Bartow was present and reported that this year the Erie Canal will be celebrating their 200th year anniversary. He said that the city of Buffalo is doing a huge celebration in honor of this, and it would be nice if there was some representation from Schuyler County there. Chairman Blowers explained that he is a member of their commission and will be there along with Judy Cherry from SCOPED.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2025**

The March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Howell and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Barnes and Legislator Lausell who were excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 78 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 79 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR SUPPLIES – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Department has received revenue from the sale of a 2014 Ford Expedition at public auction, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 budget needs to be amended in order spend these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$3,400.00	001.3689.0463	Supplies
+\$3,400.00	001.3689.2665	Sales of Equipment Revenue

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 80 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTING THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC OPTIONS PROGRAM AWARD FOR DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED (STOP DWI) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Impaired (STOP DWI) Program has been awarded additional funding in the amount of \$24,500.00 from the High Visibility Engagement Campaign, and

WHEREAS, said additional revenue is expected to be used to increase visibility and engaging the public with educational materials, as well as increased enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said award accordingly and in cooperation with the STOP DWI Coordinator.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 81 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s Office criminal caseload has increased significantly, negatively impacting our caseload standards, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender was awarded additional funding from the Office of Indigent Legal Services in the amount of \$180,000.00 for the purpose of hiring an additional criminal law attorney, and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved by the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is currently available to the Public Defender’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves of the creation of one full-time Assistant Public Defender position for the purpose of criminal case representation, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Defender is hereby authorized to advertise, and fill said full-time Assistant Public Defender position, effective immediately, at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23, in Grade 8 of the Management/Confidential Handbook, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services funding used to pay for this position is terminated or reduced so that the position is no longer funded in full, this position shall automatically terminate.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 82 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE THREE -YEAR CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FOR INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES - PUBLIC DEFENDER'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 61-24 authorized a three-year contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) for a Grant, Contract No. C140043, Distribution #14 to provide grant funding for Investigative Services in the Public Defender's Office, and

WHEREAS, said grant was for the total amount of \$111,552.00 for the three years, with no local share, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, OILS has submitted an amendment for additional funding in the amount of \$55,776.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said grant contract amendment for the additional funding amount of \$55,776.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant, Contract No. C140043 accordingly in cooperation with the Public Defender's Department.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 83 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: SUPPORT OF SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS FOR NEW YORK STATE CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers throughout New York State and the nation serve our communities performing difficult work, at times, in dangerous conditions, and

WHEREAS, due to numerous legislative and regulatory actions of New York State in recent years, the work conditions within state correctional facilities have deteriorated, and

WHEREAS, records indicate that assaults on staff in correctional facilities have reached all-time highs, with over 1,700 assaults reported in 2023, more than double the amount from a decade prior, and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon New York State government to enact the necessary reforms to ensure the safety of these facilities, both for the dedicated staff and for those incarcerated, and

WHEREAS, these calls for necessary reform have largely been ignored by leaders of the Executive and Legislative chamber branches, and

WHEREAS, these factors have led to historic strikes from corrections officers witnessed across the state, highlighting the need for decisive action on the part of state leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature stands by and supports our New York State corrections officers, and their right to have a workplace with proper and necessary safe working conditions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature calls upon the Governor, State Legislature, and the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS) to immediately implement reforms that provide safe working conditions for the brave men and women who work in correctional facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, such reforms should include reexamination and repeal of the so-called "Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act" (HALT Act), reasonable shift and overtime policies, appropriate staffing levels, and competitive pay and benefits, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be sent by the Clerk to Governor Kathy Hochul; the County's representatives in the New York State Legislature; the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 84 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT P.I.N. 6755.48, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement (BIN 3332610) CR 16 over Tributary to Meads Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County P.I.N. 6755.48 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the Bridge Replacement (BIN 3332610) CR 16 over Tributary to Meads Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature, duly convened does hereby approves the above-subject project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Schuyler to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Design and Right of Way Incidentals/Acquisitions, and Construction/Construction Inspection phase work for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,119,337.00 is hereby appropriated from 2025 budget account no. 002.5020.0401 and account no. 002.5120.0558 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the County of Schuyler shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements on behalf of the County of Schuyler with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, for a term of September 17, 2020 through December 31, 2027, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to sign the certification and reimbursements requests, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote 6-0

RESOLUTION NO. 85 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT P.I.N. 6755.57, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge Replacement (BIN 3332620) CR 16 over Tributary to Meads Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County P.I.N. 6755.57 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of

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80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of the Bridge Replacement (BIN 3332620) CR 16 over Tributary to Meads Creek, Town of Orange, Schuyler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature, duly convened does hereby approves the above-subject project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Schuyler to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of Design, Right of Way Incidentals/Acquisition and Construction/Construction Inspection phase work for the Project or portions thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,025,939.00 is hereby appropriated from 2025 budget account no 002.5020.0401 and account no. 002.5120.0558 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the County of Schuyler shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements on behalf of the County of Schuyler with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, for a term of August 15, 2022 through December 31, 2027, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to sign the certification and reimbursements requests, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 86 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM BARTON AND LOGUIDICE, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department provided a request for proposals for professional engineering services, and

WHEREAS, five proposals were received and opened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the recommendation of the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent to accept the following proposal received from Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for the professional engineering services as needed, for the term of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2029, per rates in Exhibit 1 of the submitted proposal, funding is available in the 2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C., at the rates submitted, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 87 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM LABELLA ASSOCIATES, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department provided a request for proposals for professional engineering services, and

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WHEREAS, five proposals were received and opened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the recommendation of the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent to accept the following proposal received from Labella Associates, D.P.C. for the professional engineering services as needed, for the term of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2029, per rates in Exhibit 1 of the submitted proposal, funding is available in the 2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Labella Associates, D.P.C., at the rates submitted, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF THE 2025 TOWN OF HECTOR TAX ROLL/AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CONTINGENCY AND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, an application for correction of the 2025 tax roll has been made in accordance with Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) for parcel 15.00-5-41.1, owned by Philip Switzer, in the Town of Hector, and

WHEREAS, the Ag exemption was omitted on the 2025 bill, and

WHEREAS, the relevy of the previously paid tax constitutes a clerical error as defined by RPTL Section 550(2) (c), and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Real Property Tax Director and the Management and Finance Committee that the application be approved, and

WHEREAS, the County has established a Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-e, and

WHEREAS, the moneys in the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund may be expended pursuant to an appropriation for a purpose authorized by law, including the payment of claims against the county (General Municipal Law § 6-e), and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the County Legislature, as Chief Executive Officer, has recommended the appropriation of \$3,975.25 from the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund to pay the claim, and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of funds from the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund requires the adoption of a resolution by at least two-thirds of the voting strength of the governing board (General Municipal Law § 6-e).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a refund in the amount of \$3,975.25 be issued to the property owner, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to use funds from the Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund for said refund in the amount of \$3,975.25, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to chargeback \$1,810.35 to the Town of Hector.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 54-25 gave notice of modification of the County Legislature's Rules of Procedure was given in accordance with Rule 29.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Legislature's Rules of Procedure, as set forth below be modified effective immediately.

RULE 1 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

The Organizational Meeting of the Legislature shall be held on or before January 8 in each year for election or appointment of officers. The date, time and place thereof shall be fixed by the Legislature by

Resolution adopted during the prior month of December. Upon the call of the meeting to order by the Clerk of the Legislature, the first order of business shall be the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year. The Legislature under the *Chair* shall then proceed with the appointment of the Clerk of the Legislature, whose term of office shall be for four years. ~~*Public Defender whose term of office shall be for four years, and Budget Officer whose terms of office shall be for the current year.*~~

The Legislature shall appoint a County Attorney *and a Public Defender* on an even numbered year, whose term(s) of office shall be for four years.

RULE 5 PRESENCE OF LEGISLATORS:

Legislators shall be present at all scheduled Legislature meetings. Earliest practical notice of necessary absence shall be given to the Clerk or the Chairman. Absences will be noted as excused or unexcused. *Excused absence. An absence for illness or certain other issues such as: an illness or death in the legislator's family, family or home emergency, impassable roads or weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, vacations or travel of less than two (2) weeks, military obligations or any legally protected absence pursuant to federal, local, or state law. Members shall, except in emergencies, notify the chair or clerk in advance of any excused absence.*

RULE 6 PRESENCE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY:

The County Attorney shall be present during all Regular, *and* Special Meetings, *and the Legislative Resolutions Review Committee Meeting* for the purpose of advising the Legislature on legal questions. Earliest practical notice of necessary absence shall be given to the Clerk or the Chairman.

RULE 9 ORDER OF BUSINESS:

During Public Participation each individual will be allowed up to five minutes each to speak.

The order of business at each session shall be as follows:

16. Call to Order
17. Pledge of Allegiance
18. Moment of Silence
19. Roll Call
20. Announcement of Emergency Resolutions
21. Presentations and Scheduled Reports
22. Public Participation (up to 30 minutes) *Per Resolution No. 39-1983*
23. Correcting and Approving Minutes
24. Resolutions and Motions
25. New Business
26. Unfinished Business
27. Reports of Committees
28. County Administrator's Report
29. Public Participation (up to 15 minutes) *Per Resolution No. 39-1983*
30. Adjournment

RULE 12 RESOLUTIONS AND LOCAL LAWS:

All Standing Committee resolutions and local laws, with the exception of Legislative Resolution Review Committee (*LRRC*) shall be reduced to writing, approved by the Committee Chairman or next ranking member of the Committee offering the same and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Wednesday prior to Committee week. Every resolution and local law shall contain a short title generally setting forth the purpose and nature of the proposed action.

Any and all resolutions and local laws not filed with the Clerk as of *4:30 P.M.* on the Wednesday prior to Committee week shall not be presented, considered, discussed or voted upon at the following legislative session except resolutions that are presented to the Legislative Resolution Review Committee, Legislative Committee or Emergency Resolutions. *The exception would be if a Resolution is requested by the Department Head, it is to be reviewed by the Clerk of the Legislature and approved by the County Administrator and County Attorney. At that time a Department Head will be required to seek permission from their jurisdictional Committee Chair to sponsor said Resolution individually to be placed on the LRRC*

Agenda, Legislative Committee Agenda or as an Emergency Resolution. An Emergency Resolution is one which concerns any matter where delay in the consideration thereof would adversely affect the interests of the County, the Legislature, or any department, official or agency of the County or the public.

RULE 13 AGENDA:

The Clerk shall prepare or cause to be prepared an agenda and provide copies of all such filed resolutions and local laws for each Legislator's desk and the County Attorney no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Friday immediately preceding any regular legislative session and make the agenda available in electronic format on the website to the extent practicable. *For purposes of this subdivision, an agenda shall be deemed to be upon the desks or tables of the Legislators if: it is set forth in a legible electronic format by electronic means, and it is available for review in such format at the desks of the legislators. For purposes of this subdivision "electronic means" means any method of transmission of information between computers or other machines designed for the purpose of sending and receiving such transmissions and which: allows the recipient to reproduce the information transmitted in a tangible medium of expression; and does not permit additions, deletions or other changes to be made without leaving an adequate record thereof.*

RULE 15 PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAWS:

No local law shall be passed except by at least the majority affirmative vote of the total voting power of the County Legislature. ~~*On the final passage of a local law the question shall be taken by Roll Call vote. On the final*~~

RULE 23 BOARD COMMITTEES (STANDING COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES):

Standing and Special Committees may be authorized at any legal meeting of the Legislature. Members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature. In the absence of the Chairman, the Acting Chairman shall have that authority. Committee members shall be constituted from the members of the Legislative Board. Standing Committees shall be created by resolution. A Special Committee may, at the Chairman's discretion, be created by resolution. In creating a committee, its power, duties and number of members shall be specified. ~~*Standing Committee member terms shall be for two (2) years.*~~ Each Committee shall contain members of the majority and minority party insofar as possible in proportion to respective party representation on the Legislature.

RULE 25 STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Representation, oversight, and as appropriate, recommendations to the County Legislature regarding the following Boards, Commissions, agencies or organizations:

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce

Environmental Management Council

Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Representation, oversight, and recommendations to the County Legislature as appropriate, on matters pertaining to the following Boards, Commissions, or agencies:

Child Care Aware of Steuben and Schuyler

Office for the Aging Advisory Council

~~*RSVP Advisory Council*~~

STCRP & D Human Services Committee

Youth Board

Public Health Professional Advisory Committee

Community Services Board

Mental Health Subcommittee

People with Developmental Disabilities

Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Subcommittee

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION 90 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

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RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS SENATE BILL S.3496 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.4067 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN ADDITIONAL 1% SALES TAX FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 40 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuylers County Legislature hereby requests the New York State Legislature pass Senate Bill S.3496 and Assembly Bill A.4067 to adopt special legislation, an act to amend the tax law, in relation to the tax law on sales and the compensating use tax to be imposed in the County of Schuylers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to New York State Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, New York State Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano, and to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Assembly and Senate.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 91 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE THREE-YEAR APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY YOUTH BOARD – YOUTH BUREAU DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuylers County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the Youth Board, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 to wit:

Nicole Crout, Member at Large
Deborah Dalmat, Member at Large

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 92 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH STAFKINGS HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR NON-MEDICAL IN-HOME SERVICES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging Department currently has a contract with Stafkings Healthcare Systems, Inc., to provide non-medical in-home services and support, and

WHEREAS, the existing contract provides for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the contract requires an increase due to client needs, to increase the amount to \$26,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term requiring an amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Stafkings Healthcare Systems, Inc., for additional non-medical in-home services and support, to increase the not to exceed amount from \$20,000.00 to \$26,000.00, for the remainder of the contract term through March 31, 2025, amendment approved as to form by the Schuylers County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 93 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING TRAINEE POSITION – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for the Aging will be retiring on or about September 2025, and

WHEREAS, due to the complexities of the job duties, it is imperative that the Director of Office for the Aging has a training period with the individual who will be hired to replace the current Director, with such training not to exceed three months, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Office for the Aging is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office for the Aging Department is hereby authorized to create and fill a full-time Director of Office for the Aging Trainee position, effective March 10, 2025 at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23, in Grade 5 of the Management/Confidential Handbook, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Director of Office for the Aging Trainee will be abolished upon the promotion of the Trainee to Director.

Vote 6-0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 94 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: RECOGNIZE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH– OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, since 1972, the National Senior Nutrition Program, as funded by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) under the Older Americans Act, has funded local agencies and organizations to serve home-delivered and congregate meals that help ensure older adults have opportunities to stay healthy, independent, and connected, and

WHEREAS, the Schuylers County Office for the Aging provides home delivered meals to over 100 individuals daily and operates four congregate meal sites throughout the county, serving well over 100 individuals in the congregate settings, and

WHEREAS, local senior nutrition programs help older adults access healthy foods, nutrition screening, nutrition education, 1:1 nutrition counseling, social opportunities, and other supports that encourage well-being, and

WHEREAS, the Schuylers County Office for the Aging nutrition program is an integral part of the greater mission to provide sustenance and so much more to our older community members, especially those most vulnerable to chronic health conditions, falls, social and physical isolation, loneliness and lack of access, and

WHEREAS, the Schuylers County Office for the Aging nutrition program is having a positive impact on our community's older adults as demonstrated by noted improvement in individual health, safety, access to other needed services, transportation to medical appointments, caregiver support and more, and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "A Place at the Table," promotes the importance of the local nutrition program and the meals being served in the Schuylers County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuylers County Legislature does hereby recognize the Schuylers County Office for the Aging nutrition program and the value of the service to our aging population as well as the month of March as National Nutrition Month by providing "A Place at the Table."

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 95 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND EARLY INTERVENTION FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuylers County must provide transportation to Preschool Children with Disabilities and Early Intervention Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Transportation of Preschool Children with Disabilities and Early Intervention Programs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuylers, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 96 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Reed.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BUS GARAGE LIFT – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 80-2019 authorized a six-year contract with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract # C004140, and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has provided additional funding in the amount of \$16,389.00 for a bus garage lift.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with the New York State Department of Transportation for the Mass Transportation Capital Project Contract # C004140 for additional funding in the amount of \$16,389.00.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Reed.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING DEPARTMENT - **FAILED**

WHEREAS, the Town of Montour has a vacancy due to term limits on the Schuyler County Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Town has appointed Kate Bartholomew to represent the Town through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of Kate Bartholomew to fill the seat, effective March 10, 2025 through December 31, 2026, as the Town of Montour representative on the Schuyler County Planning Commission.

Vote 2-4. Noes; Howell, Gray, Jaynes, Reed.

RESOLUTION NO. 98 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Reed.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING DEPARTMENT - **FAILED**

WHEREAS, the Town of Orange has a vacancy on the Schuyler County Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Town has appointed Joe Sevier to serve as the Town’s representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointment of Joe Sevier as the Town of Orange representative on the Schuyler County Planning Commission, effective March 10, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Vote 2-4. Noes; Howell, Gray, Jaynes, Reed.

RESOLUTION NO. 99 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Reed.

RE: RESOLUTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQR IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ACTION, MODIFICATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #3 – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the proposed action involves consideration of the approval of review and possible modification of Schuyler County Agricultural District(s) #3, pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, and

WHEREAS, where an agricultural district is modified, consolidated or terminated upon its review, the modification, consolidation or termination it is an Unlisted Action under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler, in performing the lead agency function for its independent and uncoordinated environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of SEQR, thoroughly reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form as recommended by NYS Department of Agriculture and Market (the “short EAF”), and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, thoroughly analyzed the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR § 617.7, and caused to be completed the Short EAF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature has reviewed the potential impacts of the proposed modification of Schuyler County Agriculture District #3 and found that there will be no significant negative environmental impacts associated with this action hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQR, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chair of the County Legislature of the County of Schuyler is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed Short EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution.

Vote 6-0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 100 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Reed.

RE: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MODIFICATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #3 - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law § 303-a, Article 25-AA, the Schuyler County Legislature has designated a thirty-day period within which a landowner may submit a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified Agricultural District or request to be removed from an Agricultural District prior to the county established review period, and

WHEREAS, the following landowner(s) have submitted a request for inclusion of land identified below into Agricultural District #3 during the designated thirty-day period, and

Landowner(s)	Tax Map No.	Town	Acreage
Christina Hoyt	98.13-1-18.22	Catharine	.27
Michael Burns	68.00-1-26	Catharine	38.68
Steven Bannister	88.10-1-8.1	Catharine	.8
Steven Bannister	98.00-1-48.121	Catharine	15.18
Bergen Farms	98.00-1-1.12	Catharine	1.3
Carl Brown	112.00-1-19.2	Cayuta	44.8
Carl Brown	115.00-1-2.132	Cayuta	11
Keah Properties	87.00-3-35	Montour	89.4
Glenda Stermer-Simpson & Robert Simpson	107.00-1-26.8	Montour	5.2

WHEREAS, the following landowner(s) have submitted a request for land identified below to be removed from Agricultural District #3 during the designated thirty-day period, and

Landowner	Tax Map No.	Town	Acreage
Clayton & Barbara Snow	97.00-1-54	Montour	1.96

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has further reviewed the above requests and reported its recommendations to the Schuyler County Legislature, recommending that such district be modified as set forth above, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on January 13, 2025 to consider the request and the recommendations of the Schuyler County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper having general circulation within the county and was given in writing to the municipalities whose territory encompasses the lands proposed to be included in the agricultural district, in accordance with the requirements of Agriculture and Markets Law § 303-a, and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the potential impacts of the proposed modification described herein and made a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby modifies said district, in that it adopts the inclusion of the land identified into Agricultural District #3 and further adopts remove of the land identified from said District #3, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Schuyler County Legislature, with assistance as necessary from the county planning department, shall submit this resolution, together with the report of the Schuyler County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the tax map identification numbers and tax maps for each parcel of land to be included in and/or removed from Agricultural District #3 to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for certification, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon certification by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets said Agricultural District #3 identified shall be modified immediately as set forth above upon such certification.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 101 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Reed.

RE: AUTHORIZE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND AWARD TO TOWN OF READING - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS the Schuyler County Legislature has established an Economic Development Fund to provide resources for targeted community development and growth to Schuyler County towns, villages, and quasi-governmental organizations for economic and community development projects, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-21 created a process to appropriate these funds, and

WHEREAS, the following entity has made application for Economic Development Funds: Town of Reading for the following project; Public Water System Extension Feasibility Study, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Community Development and Natural Resources Committee (CDNR) recommends funding the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-described application for Economic Development Funds is hereby accepted and approved by the County of Schuyler, in the amount of \$13,200.00 and that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to approve the application in accordance with the above, application approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney prior to adoption, funds to be paid in the following time and manner: within the calendar year of 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$13,200.00 from the Economic Development Fund Balance account A890 into the Economic Development account no. 001.6989.0477.

Vote 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Jaynes reported on the Village of Burdett water project and said that Labella, the engineering firm has completed their portion and now they see where it goes.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Rosno explained that there is nothing final yet with the new, short term rental regulation that the Governor has put in place. He explained that there will be changes specifically with the Air BnB and similar rentals. He said that each County is an automatic opt in, and we would be required to opt out if we don't wish to be included. He also is not recommending opting out and he explained why and how the new reporting would help us. He explained some of the issues will be with code enforcement as this is a Town and Village regulation. There are also companies out there that provide the data related to rentals and will be looking into the costs. The State has a basic data base now and are looking at a September 1st date. The plan is to include these payments with the Sales Tax payments, and he doesn't expect this to happen until January 2026. The Treasurer is working on a basic fact sheet to be posted on our webpage with FAQ's. He stated that short term rentals are part of what's causing the housing issues we have in the County. Once this new law has been put in place, the County would have to adopt our own Local Law to add any additional regulations. He then reported that the sales tax they received for February is ahead of the projections. Last year, for the first four months, we ran behind projections however he cautioned the Legislators and said that with the economy in the state that it is in currently he is not expecting these positive returns with each deposit.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 24, 2025

The March 24, 2025 Special Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 10:39 a.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Rondinaro and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Gray who was excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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RESOLUTION NO. 102 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

RE: RATIFICATION OF SPECIAL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Special Meeting, pursuant to the call of the Clerk of the Legislature upon the direction of the Chair, be and hereby is, ratified and approved for discussion and action upon the following item of business:

1. AUTHORIZING LITIGATION REGARDING EXECUTIVE ORDER(S) 47.3 AND ANY EXTENSIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF, OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK CONCERNING COUNTY HIRING OF FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION — SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2. AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH INSERTO AND CO. CPAS, LLP FOR 2024 AUDITING SERVICES/AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY – TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 103A Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION NO. 103 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 103 is tabled until the next Regular Meeting of the Legislature scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 103 Motion by Barnes, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZING LITIGATION REGARDING EXECUTIVE ORDER(S) 47.3 AND ANY EXTENSIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF, OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK CONCERNING COUNTY HIRING OF FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION — SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - **TABLED**

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Correctional Facility provides for the care and custody of persons awaiting trial, incarcerated individuals, and others, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County 911 Dispatch Center is the public answering point for all Schuyler County emergency services; the dispatch center is staffed by twelve full-time and four part-time dispatchers; the center is located at the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office and is staffed 24/7, with two dispatchers on at all times, and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers employed within the Schuyler County Correctional Facility and/or the Schuyler County 911 Dispatch Center perform a variety of duties: The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the enforcement of rules and regulations governing the custody, security, conduct, discipline, safety and general wellbeing of inmates in a county facility; The duties involve considerable inmate contact and supervision in a work, recreation or learning environment; Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise judgment when problems occur; The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level correctional supervisor with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations in the facility; If assigned to the Control Room, Corrections Officers will also perform duties of Emergency Services Dispatcher; Such performance of dispatcher duties involves responsibility for answering, screening, and processing emergency and non-emergency calls for police, fire, and emergency medical, corrections and civil services and relaying information to appropriate personnel under the general supervision of the Schuyler County Sheriff and direct supervision of the Corrections Lieutenant and Corrections Communication Supervisor with the parameters of established operating procedures and guidelines; Each job involves an unusual working environment, which includes high stress, dealing with life and death situations and the need to remain calm in emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler has in recent years has experienced significant staffing shortages which strain the facility's remaining workforce, who nonetheless diligently and commendably endeavor to

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maintain the safe and secure operation of the Correctional Facility and 911 Dispatch Center and thereby protect and serve the public, and

WHEREAS, said staffing shortages further require the County to incur significant overtime costs, to the detriment of county taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2025, corrections officers employed by the State of New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) engaged in labor strikes, contending that conditions in New York State prisons were unsafe for such employees, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York has fired thousands of New York State corrections officers and other employees, contending that the labor strikes are unlawful, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler has received applications for employment at the Schuyler County Correctional Facility from current and/or former New York State corrections officers who, among other reasons for applying, seek to continue to serve and protect the community in an environment appreciative of their sacrifice and commitment to public safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the hiring by the County of Schuyler of trained current or former New York State Corrections Officers creates financial savings to the county and its taxpayers in that training costs are minimal or even unnecessary, and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2025, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order 47, which declared a State Disaster Emergency in the State of New York and subsequent thereto issued Executive Orders 47.1 and 47.2 and on March 10, 2025, the Governor of the State of New York issued an Executive Order, No. 47.3 (“Executive Order 47.3”), which seeks to punish striking New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision employees—and to chill such labor strikes—by imposing strict, punitive, and arbitrary barriers on their ability to obtain future employment, without affording such employees due process of law and in violation of the New York State Constitution and statutes, such barriers including, in relevant part: (a) asserting ipse dixit that employees who have separated from service under the foregoing circumstances have been removed “for cause,” and requiring such “for cause” status to be reported to the New York State Central Registry of Police and Peace Officers, hindering their ability to be hired in the future in law enforcement, corrections, and related fields; (b) suspending and modifying County Law Articles 5 (General Powers of Boards of County Supervisors), 17 (County Sheriffs), and Section 450 (Powers of the Chairmen of the Boards of Supervisors) to prohibit the appointment, transfer, and promotion in County positions of persons separated from State employment under the above-described circumstances; (c) suspending and modifying the Municipal Home Rule Law to bar the appointment, transfer and promotion by local governments of persons separated from State employment under the above-described circumstances; and (d) suspending and modifying other statutes in order to prohibit and bar future employment of persons separated from State employment under the above-described circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 47.3 and any extension thereof (“the Order[s]”) constitute(s) an abuse of authority and discretion, and unlawfully intrude(s) upon the County’s powers of home rule—secured by Article IX of the New York State Constitution—and upon the Sheriff’s power to select his own deputies and corrections officers and is wholly violative of the New York State and United States Constitutions and laws, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Sheriff, the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature and the Schuyler County Administrator each requests authorization for the Schuyler County Attorney, Steven J. Getman, to commence and/or participate in legal action against the Governor of the State of New York State, the State of New York, and/or such other defendants/respondents as he deems required, on behalf of the County, including any other plaintiff(s) or petitioner(s) he deems appropriate, in order to protect Schuyler County’s home rule powers, to provide redress for a direct, immediate, personal, and pecuniary injury to the county and vindicate the rights secured by the New York State and United States Constitutions and laws in any such matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes and requests the office of Schuyler County Attorney Steven J. Getman to commence and/or participate, prosecute and present legal action against New York State and its Governor on behalf of the County of Schuyler, the Schuyler County Legislature and Schuyler County Sheriff, including any other plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s) and/or defendant(s)/respondent(s) as deemed appropriate, for a final order and judgment pursuant to CPLR Articles 30

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and 78: (a) vacating and annulling the Order(s); (b) in the event the Court does not annul or vacate the Order, declaring that the Order does not apply to the County to the extent it purports to forbid the County from hiring individuals to work in its jail who were separated from their employment with DOCCS due to involvement in the Strike; (c) granting the County costs; and (d) such other and further relief as may be just and proper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature, the County Administrator, the Sheriff and/or any other officer whose compensation is paid from county funds are hereby authorized and requested to execute any and all pleadings and/or other necessary documents required to prosecute and/or defend the above action.

RESOLUTION NO. 104 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH INSERTO AND CO. CPAS, LLP FOR 2024 AUDITING SERVICES/AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Treasurer’s Office has contracted with Insero & Co., CPAs for auditing services and said contract expired December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Management and Finance Committee directed the Treasurer to solicit a one-year contract for 2024 Auditing Services and to solicit Request for Proposals for future audits, and

WHEREAS, Insero & Co., CPAs has proposed a one-year contract for 2024 auditing services, at a total cost of \$77,300.00 itemized as follows:

Schuyler County, a municipal corporation of the State of New York (Treasurer)	\$ 49,500.00
Schuyler County Human Services Development Corporation	\$ 7,500.00
Schuyler County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation	\$ 6,000.00
Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 6,000.00
Schuyler County CFR (Community Services)	\$ 6,300.00
Schuyler County Ambulatory Healthcare Facility (AHCF) Report (Public Health)	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 77,300.00, and

WHEREAS, there is a shortfall of \$2,400.00 in the Soil and Water Conservation District budget to pay for said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is authorized to execute a contract with Insero & Co., CPAs, for the Treasurer’s Department for auditing services to audit the 2024, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in the amounts listed above, funding available for the County’s audits in the Treasurer’s Department Budget account no. 001.1325.0458, the Public Health Department budget account no. 001.4010.0458, the Community Services Department budget account no. 001.4310.0458, and \$3,600.00 available in the Soil and Water Conservation budget account no. 001.8710.0401, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer the amount of \$2,400.00 from the Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 into the Soil and Water Conservation District budget account no. 001.8710.0401.

Vote 7-0.

MOTION by Legislator Rondinaro to go into executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, **SECOND** by Legislator Lausell. Motion carried seven ayes to zero noes.

MOTION by Legislator Rondinaro to come out of executive session, **SECOND** by Legislator Lausell. Motion carried seven ayes to zero noes.

MOTION by Legislator Lausell to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), **SECOND** by Legislator Barnes. Motion carried seven ayes to zero noes.

MOTION by Legislator Barnes to come out of executive session, **SECOND** by Legislator Lausell. Motion carried seven ayes to zero noes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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The Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.
Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2025**

The April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Reed and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Gray who was unexcused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 105 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MARCH 24, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting and the March 24, 2025 Special Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 106 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGES TO NEW YORK'S DISCOVERY LAWS PROPOSED IN GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 EXECUTIVE BUDGET – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in criminal cases discovery is the process by which the prosecution provides evidence to the defense. Defense attorneys review evidence prior to trial to prepare for a defense or to negotiate a plea deal, and

WHEREAS, early and thorough discovery of evidence that could prove or undermine the government's case is not only fair to defendants, but also facilitates meaningful plea discussions and efficient resolution of cases, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York reformed its discovery laws creating Criminal Procedure Law Article 245, and

WHEREAS, prosecutors are now obligated to collect all material that "relates to" a case within New York's uniquely short timeframes, and then to certify that they have turned over the entirety of evidence by filing a Certificate of Compliance (COC), and

WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of discoverable material under New York's new discovery statute is unparalleled nationwide, and includes any material that merely "relates to" an incident regardless of its utility, relevance, or admissibility, and

WHEREAS, New York is the only state in the nation that ties its discovery laws to its speedy trial laws, and the only state in the nation that requires cases to be dismissed due to minor discovery violations, and

WHEREAS, judges are dismissing cases solely because prosecutors cannot provide every last piece of discoverable material--no matter how meaningless or irrelevant--in the time frames required by the law, and

WHEREAS, as a result, prosecutors are expending their limited resources making repetitive, and often futile, efforts to chase down records – the vast majority with no evidentiary value – in tens of thousands of cases, and

WHEREAS, the current laws create unreasonable drain on resources and forces DA offices to make difficult decision on which cases they can prosecute, and

WHEREAS, according to OCA data, speedy trial dismissals in the State of New York jumped from 12,398 cases in 2019 to 42,212 cases in 2023. The number of speedy trial dismissal would likely be higher if data from Town and Village Courts were included, and

WHEREAS, each of these cases dismissed represents a victim of a crime who does not see justice in their case, and

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WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has included language in her Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget to amend New York's discovery statute, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal would clearly define the subset of discoverable materials that must be turned over before the prosecution can certify their compliance with their discovery obligations to avoid the dismissal of a case, and

WHEREAS, under this standard, prosecutors would be able to certify their compliance once they have turned over all materials relevant to the subject matter of the charges against the defendant in the instant case in the prosecutor's actual possession after exercising good faith and due diligence to collect materials, and

WHEREAS, the proposal would ensure that other remedies are used in circumstances when violations are minor, such as instances when the defendant does not suffer any prejudice, while still allowing for mandatory dismissal of any case in which the prosecution fails to provide the most important material that the statute requires, and

WHEREAS, even with these needed amendments, New York State would still have the most open and transparent discovery regime of any state in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuylar County Legislature calls on the New York State Legislature to pass the discovery amendments that were included in the 2026-2027 Executive Budget in order to ensure justice for victims, while maintaining the rights of those accused of crimes.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 107 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE EQUIPMENT LEASE WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department was awarded two 2024 Bombardier personal watercrafts from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (PARKS), at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, said equipment will be used for the Navigation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an equipment lease with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, for the term of December 17, 2024 until terminated however the license can be revoked by PARKS with thirty days' notice at which time the License and its terms shall terminate, expire and come to an end at the date fixed in such notice, lease approved as to form by the Schuylar County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 108 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: RECOGNIZE MAY 11-17, 2025 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND MAY 15, 2025 AS PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed Proclamation 3537 which designated May 15 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day and the calendar week during which May 15 occurs as Police Week in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, protect us through enforcement of our laws, and

WHEREAS, congress, to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for all those who currently serve on the front lines of the battle against crime by a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962 (76 Stat.676), has authorized and designated May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day," and the week in which it falls as "National Police Week" and by Public Law 103-322 (36 U.S.C. 175) has requested that the flag be flown at half-staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace", and extend into many facets of public service, including maintaining the County jail, providing security in our facilities, dispatching emergency services, and serving and executing civil process for our courts, and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions and the significant role that Officers play in our modern criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office will host a memorial service for all local law enforcement in honor of Peace Officer’s Memorial Day and National Police Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby recognizes, honors, and supports all past and present local law enforcement on Peace Officer's Memorial Day on May 15, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 109 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF TWO (2) FULL-TIME CORRECTION OFFICER POSITIONS – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has filled all of the currently allocated positions in the title of full-time Correction Officer, and

WHEREAS, these positions are utilized in a multitude of functions, including, but not limited to the Correctional Facility (Jail), and the Communications 911 Center, and

WHEREAS, these functions are essential to the operations of the Sheriff’s Office, and

WHEREAS, additional positions are needed to carry out the day-to-day operations of these separate functions within the Sheriff’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has a responsibility to minimize overtime costs to the degree possible, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office is requesting to create these positions, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is included in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff’s Department is hereby authorized to create and fill two (2) Full-Time Correction Officer positions at an hourly rate of \$23.49, as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County and Sheriff of Schuyler and the Schuyler County Correction Officer’s Benevolent Association, effective immediately.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 110 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE 2025 SEASONAL RATES FOR THE VILLAGE MARINA, LLC – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

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 Schuyler County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby approves the following as The Village Marina's 2025 Seasonal Rate Schedule for its 145 available slips:

<u>2025 SUMMER RATES</u>		
<u>SLIP WIDTH</u>	<u>SLIP FEE</u>	<u>WATER & ELECTRIC</u>
8’	\$2,063.00	\$100.00
10’	\$2,224.00	\$100.00
12’	\$2,355.00	\$100.00
14’	\$2,461.00	\$100.00
16’	\$2,472.00	\$100.00

SEASONAL RATES: The Village Marina, LLC Seasonal Rates for Summer 2025 apply to the period beginning April 15, 2025 (weather permitting) and continue through October 30, 2025.

Any seasonal tenants who do not plan to haul out or store with us and are still in the water after these dates will

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be assessed a service charge of **\$15.00 per day**, for each day until the boat is removed.

2025 TRANSIENT DOCK June 1st – Sept 15th

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 31st through March 1st)

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 \$45.00 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. 20th.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 111 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH KIMBLE, INC. AND AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION WITH JOHN MILLS ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE OF THE STANDBY GENERATOR AT THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 198-24 authorize contracts with Kimble, Inc. and John Mills Electric, Inc. for the replacement and upgrade of the standby generator at the Courthouse Complex, District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, said contracts expired December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the project went longer than anticipated requiring a contract extension for both, and

WHEREAS, the contract with Kimble, Inc. in the amount of \$56,400.00 was completed recently and came in under budget by \$2,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the contract with John Mills Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$338,000.00 has not started and additional unforeseen work will be required by them at an additional cost of \$14,829.47.

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Buildings and Grounds Capital Funds account due to the credit and the additional amount is available in the Buildings and Grounds 2025 budget to cover this additional work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the contract extension with Kimble, Inc. for the plumbing work, and a contract amendment and extension with John Mills Electric, Inc. for the electrical work, at an additional cost of \$14,829.47, with a term now expiring for both on December 31, 2025, funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 available in Buildings and Grounds Capital Funds account no. 004.1620.0226, with the remaining amount of \$12,329.47 available in the Buildings and Grounds account no. 001.1620.0490, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. 112 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM FISHER ASSOCIATES, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department provided a request for proposals for professional engineering services, and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the recommendation of the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent to accept the following proposal received from Fisher Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C. for the professional engineering services as needed, for the term of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2029, per rates in Exhibit 1 of the submitted proposal, funding is available in the 2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Fisher Associates, P.E., L.S., L.A., D.P.C., at the rates submitted, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 113 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, D.P.C. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department provided a request for proposals for professional engineering services, and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the recommendation of the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent to accept the following proposal received from Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architect, D.P.C. for the professional engineering services as needed, for the term of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2029, per rates in Exhibit 1 of the submitted proposal, funding is available in the 2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architect., D.P.C., at the rates submitted, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 114 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SUIT-KOTE CORPORATION FOR PAVEMENT IN-PLACE RECYCLING – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department requires pavement in-place recycling services, and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GML) § 103(16) authorizes political subdivisions and districts therein to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of those items, through the use of contracts let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is utilizing the Chemung County-City of Elmira Purchasing Department RFB-2631 Bid to hire Suit-Kote to provide these services, and

WHEREAS, costs are set forth in Exhibit 2 of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Suit-Kote Corporation, for the Highway Department for pavement in-place recycling services, for the term June 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a cost per Exhibit 2 of the contract, funding available in the Highway budget account no. 002.5112.0330, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 115 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

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RE: ACCEPT MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES BIDS FOR 2025 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20-25 authorized advertising for furnishing Material and Supplies for the Schuyler County Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, said advertisement was made, bids were received and opened on March 6, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Superintendent and the Public Works Committee, the Schuyler County Legislature accepts the following bids based on Best Value Competitive Offer/Award (Per Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2014): Section 103 of the General Municipal Law (and as defined in State Finance Law Section 163) authorizes the use of a Best Value Award methodology for purchase contracts (including contracts for service work, but excluding any purchase contracts necessary for the completion of a public works contract pursuant to Article 8 of the labor law). 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:

CRUSHED LIMESTONE

Seneca Stone Corp.

Heidelberg Materials Northeast NY LLC

Dolomite Products Co., Inc.

Angelo's Sand & Gravel

ICE CONTROL SAND AND GRAVEL

It's Greener Now Sand Inc

Machuga Pit

Angelo's Sand & Gravel

Odessa Sand & Gravel

Dalrymple Gravel & Construction

Morgan Logging

GUIDERAIL

Chemung Supply Corp.

TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL

Jerry's Tree Service

Angry Lorax – accept Class D only

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.

Elmira Road Materials, LLC

PART B: Unspecified and Specified in-place projects

(1) Specified projects:

Projects #1 & #4 - #12: Seneca Stone Corp.

Project #2 : Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co. Inc.

Projects #3 & #13: Elmira Road Materials, LLC

(2) Unspecified projects:

Seneca Stone Corp.

Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co. Inc.

Elmira Road Materials, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds are available in the 2025 budgeted line items.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 116 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPT BID EXTENSION FOR ASPHALT EMULSIONS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent agreed to exercise the second and final of a two-year contract renewal option for Asphalt Emulsions, and

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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, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

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

ASPHALT EMULSIONS

Vestal Asphalt, Inc.

Suit-Kote Corp

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 117 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUANCE OF THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY TOWNS AND VILLAGES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, as of February 7, 2022, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has set new guidelines pertaining to obtaining a Class A or Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with regard to who can provide the required Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT), creating hiring and retention challenges for Schuyler County Towns and Villages, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 103-24 authorized a pilot program in 2024 that was utilized by multiple towns, and the Schuler County Highway Superintendent would like to continue the program assisting qualifying municipalities within Schuyler County through reimbursement of a portion of the necessary training, which will ultimately benefit the County through Intermunicipal Agreements with the municipalities when utilizing shared services, and

WHEREAS, the program shall define the requirements to obtain a CDL for new employee(s), increase recruitment possibilities and provide an avenue for new employees to obtain the required CDL Class A or B license to maintain employment with the qualifying municipalities, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to utilize contingency funds to fund and support this with a "not to exceed" amount of \$10,000.00 annually, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent shall administer this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the continuance of the program to reimburse Schuyler County Towns and Villages that have employees requiring a CDL License, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there shall be individual Intermunicipal Agreements (IMAs) with each qualifying municipality, incorporating the following terms and conditions to be met by the qualifying municipalities prior to any invoice being approved for reimbursement:

- (1) This is a reimbursable program whereas the Municipality will pay the upfront costs for the ELDT, and the County will reimburse the Municipality up to the amount of \$1,200.00 per employee.
- (2) Each Town and Village may apply for funding by signing an IMA with the County and providing proof of compliance with the IMA terms and conditions, including the affected employee(s)' completion of the ELDT and successful acquisition of their CDL license.
- (3) This program is intended for newly hired and current employees to either obtain a CDL A or B license or to upgrade a CDL B license to a CDL A, as applicable to the employee.
- (4) Submitted IMAs will be reviewed by the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent and County Attorney and presented to the Public Works Committee and Legislature for approval.
- (5) The County Legislature may require follow-up data and information from the municipalities in order to evaluate the County's investment return.
- (6) It is the responsibility of the Municipality to have a written agreement with each affected employee utilizing this program to maintain employment for a minimum of three (3) years after obtaining a license, in the event any employee leaves employment prior to three years it will be the responsibility of the municipality to reimburse the County the amount of the County reimbursement, which reimbursement shall be pro-rated as of the date of each affected employee's separation from service prior to the three-

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year commitment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer funds from the Contingency account no. 001.1910.0500 in the Machinery account no. 003.5130.0459-Training as requested by the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent upon the proper presentation of a qualified invoice from a municipality, up to \$10,000.00 annually, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 118 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE ONE ITEM JUNK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has one item to be declared junk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to County Law Section 215, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby declares the following asset junk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following item is to be placed in storage to be disposed of.

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN#</u>
7553	Toshiba Copier – Estudio 356	DP3590 NADC2A210708

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 119 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THOMAS R. BLOODGOOD FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler requires personal consulting services for the purpose of training the newly hired Real Property Tax Director, and

WHEREAS, Thomas R. Bloodgood, who previously retired as director is willing and available to provide said services at the rate of \$50.00 an hour, for no more than twenty hours a month, with a not to exceed amount of \$12,000.00 for the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Thomas R. Bloodgood for Consulting Services for the Real Property Tax Department, with a term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at the rate of \$50.00 an hour, for no more than twenty hours a month, with an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, funding available in account no. 001.1355.0401, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 120 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION WITH APPLIED BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. FOR TAX BILL PROCESSING, PRINTING AND MAILING SERVICES – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Applied Business Systems, Inc. has provided Tax Bill Processing, Printing and Mailing Services with a two-year contract that expired October 31, 2024, at rates set forth in Exhibit 1 and 2 of their original contract, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Department is recommending amending the expired contract and for a rate increase of the unit price going from \$0.263 to \$0.268 each to accommodate the rising costs of paper and printed materials and extending the term of the contract through May 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment and extension with Applied Business Systems, Inc. for the Real Property Tax Department for tax bill processing, printing and mailing, with a new expiration date of May 1, 2026, at the same costs spelled out in Exhibit 1 and 2 of their original contract along with the increase stated above, funding available in account no. 001.1355.0401, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 121 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHUYLER COUNTY CORRECTION OFFICER'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION REGARDING RATE OF PAY FOR

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STIPEND POSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING OFFICER – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County and the Association are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for the period of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the current agreement does not include the stipend position of Communications Training Officer, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations Title 21 – Miscellaneous, the County and Association agree that there is a need for three stipend positions of Communications Training Officer in the 911 Center, and

WHEREAS, a stipend amount for the Communications Training Officer needs to be established in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, and

WHEREAS, the stipend title of Communications Training Officer shall be added to the collective bargaining agreement with an addition to the designated employee’s hourly pay rate of \$1.85, and

WHEREAS, the County and Association now wish to document the terms of their agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Schuyler County Correction Officer’s Benevolent Association as set forth above, effective immediately, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that rates of pay outlined in Article A, in the collective bargaining agreement, shall be amended to include the bolded and italicized language as follows:

APPENDIX “A”

The Correction Sergeant/Correction Communications Supervisor differential shall be paid above his/her respective Step as follows: \$2.60/hr.

The Correction Lieutenant differential shall be paid above his/her respective Step as follows: \$3.35/hr.

The Communications Training Officer differential shall be paid above his/her respective Step as follows: \$1.85/hr.

The differential shall be paid times forty (40) hours each week and to be paid above his/her Step and included in the calculation of the payment of overtime.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 122 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING MAY 1, 2025 AS “LAW DAY” IN SCHUYLER COUNTY – COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed “Law Day” to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation’s heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law, and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2025 Law Day theme to be “The Constitution’s Promise: Out of Many, One,” and

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Constitution asserts that the Founders established the Constitution as representatives of “We the People, in Order to Form a More Perfect Union,” and the Constitution establishes a framework for government that unites us as one citizenry, through means such as our representative government and an engaged populace, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Law Day theme urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature recognizes and commemorates May 1, 2025, as Law Day in Schuyler County, New York, and encourages all Schuyler County residents to observe this day together as one “We,” whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through service to our county, state and nation, or by working together, every day, to fulfill the promise of “E pluribus unum,” or “Out of many, one.”

Vote 7-0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 123 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINT AND SET SALARY FOR PURCHASING DIRECTOR – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director position become vacant with a retirement effective April 12, 2025.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby appoints Haili OM Devine as the Purchasing Director, effective April 28, 2025 at an annual salary of \$74,324.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 124 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE SUPERSEDING CONTRACT WITH PATHWAYS, INC. FOR FOSTER CARE SERVICES – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Social Services Department has an existing contract with Pathways, Inc. for the provisions of foster care services for a term of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, to conform to changes in the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) model contract requirements per 24-OCFS-ADM-07 regulations, local Department of Social Services are required to enter into a new contract that will supersede the existing contract for the same services, for the remainder of the term of the existing contract, and

WHEREAS, Pathways. Inc. will provide the Foster Care services per the maximum State aid reimbursement rate, for the new term of March 13, 2024 through October 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a new contract with Pathways, Inc. for the Schuyler County Social Services Department for foster care services, for the term March 13, 2024 through October 31, 2026, at costs per OCFS maximum state aid reimbursement rates, funding available in the Social Services budget, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME SENIOR CASEWORKER POSITION – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services currently has given notice to Glove House, Inc. canceling the Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) Diversion Contract of \$237,793.00 providing a cost saving of at least \$161,715.00, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is the lead agency for the PINS Diversion Program, and

WHEREAS, this is a state mandated program, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services will be operating this program and has the need to create a Senior Caseworker Position for the overall supervision of this program, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is covered in the 2025 budget by the cancelling of the Glove House contract, and a cost savings of at least \$161,715.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Senior Caseworker position at an hourly rate of \$29.67, to be placed in Grade 10, as set forth in the CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Contract, effective January 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Barnes asked the County Administrator if this position was a reimbursed position. County Administrator Rosno said yes, it is partially reimbursed.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 126 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: DECLARE MAY NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, each May is designated at National Foster Care Month, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Department of Social Services (DSS) has a need for foster care homes and wants to encourage families to consider opening their homes to children in need of a home, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County DSS wants to recognize the families who have opened their homes to children.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature does hereby recognize the month of May as “National Foster Care Month” in Schuyler County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature further hopes that these dedicated Foster Parents continue to open their homes to children providing them with a safe place and through their example inspire others to open their homes. To each Foster Care Parent, we express our thanks and gratitude.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 127 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SCHUYLER HEAD START, INC. TO PROVIDE MEAL SERVICES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department has been contracting with Schuyler Head Start, Inc. to provide daily meals at a cost to Schuyler Head Start, Inc. and

WHEREAS, Schuyler Head Start, Inc. has agreed to a new contract with a price increase of 3% for each meal, with a meal package price of \$6.92, for a new term of September 1, 2025 through June 28, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Schuyler Head Start, Inc. to provide meal services to them at a cost of \$6.92 per meal package, for the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department, with a term of September 1, 2025 through June 28, 2026, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 128 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH STAFKINGS HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR NON-MEDICAL IN-HOME SERVICES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging Department has been contracting with Stafkings Healthcare Systems, Inc., to provide non-medical in-home services and support, and

WHEREAS, the new contract will have a term of April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, and has increased the hourly rate for the Personal Care Level I & Level II to \$37.50, with a contract total not to exceed \$45,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Stafkings Healthcare Systems, Inc., for non-medical in-home services and support, at an increased hourly rate of \$37.50 for the Personal Care Level I & Level II, contract total not to exceed \$45,500.00, with a term of April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490 – Subcontracts, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 129 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FOR THE HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION, COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HIICAP) VOLUNTEER STIPEND PROGRAM - OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) is driven by dedicated, knowledgeable, trained volunteers who are committed to assisting Medicare beneficiaries with basic Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medigap, Part D drug coverage and low-income assistance programs, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County HIICAP volunteers devoted 357.25 hours of service in 2024, and

WHEREAS, HIICAP volunteers are required to participate in ongoing training and annual certification which requires time, effort and commitment and devotion, and

WHEREAS, to incentivize volunteers to spend this time and effort, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has awarded a volunteer training and certification stipend to aid in local retention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the HIICAP Budget be amended to incorporate the amount of \$1,200.00 with \$400.00 payable to each of the following three (3) certified HIICAP volunteers: Alice Conklin, Diane Edwards and Nancy Dawson, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the 2025 budget and incorporate the HIICAP Volunteer Stipend Program funds into the already established HIICAP budget accordingly in cooperation with the Office for the Aging Department as follows:

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<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$1,200.00	001.6772.4772	Fed Aid-Programs for Aging
+\$1,200.00	001.6772.0401	Contractual Expense

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 130 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MELISSA BURNS FOR RELATED PRESCHOOL SERVICES – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Public Health Department per Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law and in compliance with Part 200 of the Regulation of the New York State Education Commissioner is required to provide related preschool services to preschool children with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Melissa Burns will provide the related preschool services at the rate of \$67.00 per half hour individual session and \$45.00 per group session per child for speech therapy through June 30, 2027, and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2027 through the remained of the term of the contract the rate will increase to \$69.00 per half hour individual session and the \$45.00 per group session per child will remain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Melissa Burns for the Schuyler County Public Health Department for the related preschool services at the above costs, for a term of March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029, funding available in account no. 001.2960.0401 - Contractual Expense, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 131 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CARE MANAGEMENT AGENCY PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH HHUNY, INC. FORMERLY NEW YORK CARE COORDINATION PROGRAM, INC. – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 199-13 authorized an ongoing contract with New York Care Coordination Program, Inc. for the Schuyler County Community Services Department, for a required Care Management Agency licensed health, mental health, substance abuse treatment facility or program that provides direct services to individuals, and has been designated by the New York State Department of Health as Lead Health Homes provider (HHUNY), Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Care Management Agency Provider Agreement has been amended to comply with the New York State Department of Health Privacy and Security Bureau requirements, and

WHEREAS, the new care management provider agreement is effective upon execution through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a Care Management Agency Provider Agreement with HHUNY, Inc. for the Community Services Department, effective upon execution through December 31, 2025, at no cost to the county, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Tyrone representative on the Schuyler County Planning Commission has been vacant since October 2023, and

WHEREAS, the town is recommending Molly Lane to represent the town through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Molly Lane to fill the seat, effective April 14, 2025 as the Town of Tyrone representative on the Schuyler County Planning Commission, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 239-c[2][b].

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

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RE: RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Art. 25-AA, Section 303-b, Schuyler County must review requests for enrollment into its Agricultural Districts from January 15th to February 15th of each year, and

WHEREAS, landowner requests resulted in proposed modifications to all three Agricultural Districts through the addition of 201.41 acres, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board did find on February 18, 2025 that all of the proposed changes meet the definition of viable agricultural land as defined by Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA, and

- 44.00-1-31.31 containing a total of 1.1 acres owned by Wallace Wasson in the Town of Hector – Ag District #1
- 44.16-1-10.1 containing a total of 5.4 acres owned by Wallace Wasson in the Town of Hector – Ag District #1
- 29.00-1-38 containing a total of 5 acres owned by Rory Miller in the Town of Tyrone, Agricultural District #2
- 39.00-1-8 containing a total of 1.08 acres owned by Rory Miller in the Town of Tyrone, Agricultural District #2
- 39.00-1-21 containing a total of 23.3 acres owned by Rory Miller in the Town of Tyrone, Agricultural District #2
- 50.00-3-4.1 containing a total of 19.62 acres owned by Rory Miller in the Town of Tyrone, Agricultural District #2
- 50.00-3-4.2 containing a total of 25.36 acres owned by Rory Miller in the Town of Tyrone, Agricultural District #2
- 78.00-5-8.2 containing a total of 73.4 acres owned by Dana & Gail Sgrecci in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3
- 78.00-5-9 containing a total of 19.47 acres owned by Dana & Gail Sgrecci in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3
- 78.00-5-24 containing a total of 18.8 acres owned by Wayne Maphis in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3
- 88.00-4-8.2 containing a total of 8.88 acres owned by Bergen Farms in the Town of Catharine – Ag District #3, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County has determined that the action to add 201.41 acres to Schuyler County’s Agricultural Districts is an Unlisted action and has completed the Short Environmental Action Form provided by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to assess any environmental impacts, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature shall hold a public hearing for consideration on the recommendations by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board on May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at its Regular Meeting of the Legislature and the Clerk is directed to provide proper publication and posting of such notice as provided for in Section 303-b (2) (b) of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 134 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

RE: ACCEPT BID FOR PROCELLACOR APPLICATION AND MONITORING EXPENSES FOR THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR WANETA AND LAMOKA LAKES

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 334-24 authorized advertisement for sealed bids for the ProcellacCOR application and monitoring expenses for Lamoka and Waneta Lakes, and

WHEREAS, bids were opened February 6, 2025 and reviewed, with the recommendation being made by the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes District Commission to accept the bid from SOLitude Lake Management, LLC, said contractor being the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with General Municipal Law § 103.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the bid from SOLitude Lake Management, LLC for the ProcellaCOR application and monitoring expenses on Lamoka Lake at the price of \$24,0022.21 and for treatment on Waneta Lake, and the price of \$34,613.19, with a unit monitoring cost of \$1,819.84 for two sample rounds, with possible additional monitoring sites added to three locations with at a cost of \$226.80 per sample, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the total estimated cost to treat both Waneta and Lamoka Lakes including two rounds of monitoring (3 samples each round) is \$60,455.24 and if additional monitoring is required, the cost will increase by \$226.80 per each additional sample, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the contract with SOLitude Lake Management, LLC, at the costs listed above, with a term effective on or after May 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, funding available in account no. 001.8740.0401 - Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District, said contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 103

RE: AUTHORIZING LITIGATION REGARDING EXECUTIVE ORDER(S) 47.3 AND ANY EXTENSIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF, OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK CONCERNING COUNTY HIRING OF FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION — SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - **TABLED**

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Correctional Facility provides for the care and custody of persons awaiting trial, incarcerated individuals, and others, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County 911 Dispatch Center is the public answering point for all Schuyler County emergency services; the dispatch center is staffed by twelve full-time and four part-time dispatchers; the center is located at the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office and is staffed 24/7, with two dispatchers on at all times, and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers employed within the Schuyler County Correctional Facility and/or the Schuyler County 911 Dispatch Center perform a variety of duties: The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the enforcement of rules and regulations governing the custody, security, conduct, discipline, safety and general well-being of inmates in a county facility; The duties involve considerable inmate contact and supervision in a work, recreation or learning environment; Work procedures are well defined but incumbents must be alert to possibilities of emergency situations arising and exercise judgment when problems occur; The work is performed under general supervision of a higher-level correctional supervisor with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in dealing with day-to-day situations in the facility; If assigned to the Control Room, Corrections Officers will also perform duties of Emergency Services Dispatcher; Such performance of dispatcher duties involves responsibility for answering, screening, and processing emergency and non-emergency calls for police, fire, and emergency medical, corrections and civil services and relaying information to appropriate personnel under the general supervision of the Schuyler County Sheriff and direct supervision of the Corrections Lieutenant and Corrections Communication Supervisor with the parameters of established operating procedures and guidelines; Each job involves an unusual working environment, which includes high stress, dealing with life and death situations and the need to remain calm in emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler has in recent years has experienced significant staffing shortages which strain the facility's remaining workforce, who nonetheless diligently and commendably endeavor to maintain the safe and secure operation of the Correctional Facility and 911 Dispatch Center and thereby protect and serve the public, and

WHEREAS, said staffing shortages further require the County to incur significant overtime costs, to the detriment of county taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2025, corrections officers employed by the State of New York Department

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of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) engaged in labor strikes, contending that conditions in New York State prisons were unsafe for such employees, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York has fired thousands of New York State corrections officers and other employees, contending that the labor strikes are unlawful, and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler has received applications for employment at the Schuyler County Correctional Facility from current and/or former New York State corrections officers who, among other reasons for applying, seek to continue to serve and protect the community in an environment appreciative of their sacrifice and commitment to public safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, the hiring by the County of Schuyler of trained current or former New York State Corrections Officers creates financial savings to the county and its taxpayers in that training costs are minimal or even unnecessary, and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2025, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order 47, which declared a State Disaster Emergency in the State of New York and subsequent thereto issued Executive Orders 47.1 and 47.2 and on March 10, 2025, the Governor of the State of New York issued an Executive Order, No. 47.3 (“Executive Order 47.3”), which seeks to punish striking New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision employees—and to chill such labor strikes—by imposing strict, punitive, and arbitrary barriers on their ability to obtain future employment, without affording such employees due process of law and in violation of the New York State Constitution and statutes, such barriers including, in relevant part: **(a)** asserting *ipse dixit* that employees who have separated from service under the foregoing circumstances have been removed “for cause,” and requiring such “for cause” status to be reported to the New York State Central Registry of Police and Peace Officers, hindering their ability to be hired in the future in law enforcement, corrections, and related fields; **(b)** suspending and modifying County Law Articles 5 (General Powers of Boards of County Supervisors), 17 (County Sheriffs), and Section 450 (Powers of the Chairmen of the Boards of Supervisors) to prohibit the appointment, transfer, and promotion in County positions of persons separated from State employment under the above-described circumstances; **(c)** suspending and modifying the Municipal Home Rule Law to bar the appointment, transfer and promotion by local governments of persons separated from State employment under the above-described circumstances; and **(d)** suspending and modifying other statutes in order to prohibit and bar future employment of persons separated from State employment under the above-described circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 47.3 and any extension thereof (“the Order[s]”) constitute(s) an abuse of authority and discretion, and unlawfully intrude(s) upon the County’s powers of home rule—secured by Article IX of the New York State Constitution—and upon the Sheriff’s power to select his own deputies and corrections officers and is wholly violative of the New York State and United States Constitutions and laws, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Sheriff, the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature and the Schuyler County Administrator each requests authorization for the Schuyler County Attorney, Steven J. Getman, to commence and/or participate in legal action against the Governor of the State of New York State, the State of New York, and/or such other defendants/respondents as he deems required, on behalf of the County, including any other plaintiff(s) or petitioner(s) he deems appropriate, in order to protect Schuyler County’s home rule powers, to provide redress for a direct, immediate, personal, and pecuniary injury to the county and vindicate the rights secured by the New York State and United States Constitutions and laws in any such matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes and requests the office of Schuyler County Attorney Steven J. Getman to commence and/or participate, prosecute and present legal action against New York State and its Governor on behalf of the County of Schuyler, the Schuyler County Legislature and Schuyler County Sheriff, including any other plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s) and/or defendant(s)/respondent(s) as deemed appropriate, for a final order and judgment pursuant to CPLR Articles 30 and 78: (a) vacating and annulling the Order(s); (b) in the event the Court does not annul or vacate the Order, declaring that the Order does not apply to the County to the extent it purports to forbid the County from hiring individuals to work in its jail who were separated from their employment with DOCCS due to involvement in the Strike; (c) granting the County costs; and (d) such other and further relief as may be just and proper, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Attorney, the Chair of the Legislature, the

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County Administrator, the Sheriff and/or any other officer whose compensation is paid from county funds are hereby authorized and requested to execute any and all pleadings and/or other necessary documents required to prosecute and/or defend the above action.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Blowers asked what the life expectancy was on this tabled Resolution. The Clerk explained that the motion made at the Special Meeting March 24, 2025 was to table it until this Regular Meeting. Without a motion to remove it from the table it will die on the table. Legislator Barnes asked if anything had changed with this. Attorney Getman explained that effectively we won and the new Executive Order that had been signed has changed and dropped the ban on hiring. He said that local Governments can now hire a fired prison guard now after April 10, 2025. He then went on to explain what could potentially occur. He said until one is hired at this point this is all speculation. He has reviewed this with the Sheriff and if the County were to hire, they may have to be trained within a year.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Rondinaro reported that he will be attending the Inter-County Association of Western New York Meeting in Wyoming County this next week.

Legislator Barnes said the word on the street is that we have applied for a two million dollar grant for a 911 center. He said that it would have been nice to hear about this here firsthand instead of hearing about this from a person on the street. County Administrator Rosno said that yes, we are looking at the details and have expressed our interest with a letter being sent. He said that no steps have been taken yet, as we are looking into a possible location. The funds in this amount come around so infrequent so we wanted to put our name in the hat. He explained that a building of this nature would cost about fifteen million dollars and would require bonding. Chairman Blowers said that he wrote the letter of support, and he had discussed this at the April 1, 2025 Special Legislative Committee Meeting. The Clerk corrected the Chairman and informed him that only the infrastructure grant for the Town of Dix was discussed that day, not the 911 center.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

County Administrator Rosno reported that per the email he had sent regarding the Sales Tax report, the first deposit for this year was negative even though we are still ahead of where we should be. The figure for March was almost on target for our projection. He explained that he felt this is going to be a month-to-month thing. He also explained that he is concerned with tourism dropping off and is the most concerned about the Canadians not visiting our area. Chairman Blowers said that the County Administrator and I have discussed this, and we could handle a ten percent drop, but anything higher more that like a twenty percent drop would be difficult and we would really have to look at our expenditures and curtail spending so not to have to dip into our fund balance. He said that a twenty percent drop would cause some pain.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 12, 2025

The May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Gray and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Howell who was excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Tina Winchell, Executive Director of Schuyler Head Start was present and she expressed her concerns with the federal budget cuts and explained how this would impact the families of Schuyler County including the Head Start program.

Mr. John Hayes from Legislative District VI read from an open letter to the Schuyler County Legislature

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in opposition to the federal cuts and concerns with the Medicaid cuts written by Marsha E. Smith from Hector. He presented the letter that was endorsed by a number of other people that support the contents. This letter is on file in the Legislature Office.

Mr. Erich Asperschlager from Legislative District II and Gail Walker from Legislative District III both spoke and expressed their concerns with the pending cuts to Medicaid and asked the Legislature to pass the Resolution in opposition of the federal cuts that is on our agenda along with two other Resolutions Intro No. 19 and Intro No. 21.

RESOLUTION NO. 135 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 136 Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE TWO-YEAR GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT GRANT PROGRAM – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office of Emergency Management was awarded a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2024 Public Safety Answering Point Grant contract C197592, Project #PS24-1018-E00, in the amount of \$183,578.00, with no local share cost, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be utilized to offset the salaries of Dispatchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the Fiscal Year 2024 Public Safety Answering Point Grant two-year contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$183,578.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant contract C197592 accordingly, and in cooperation with the Emergency Management Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 137 Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office of Emergency Management was awarded a New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Fiscal Year 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant contract C197452, Project #SI24-1014-E00, in the amount of \$407,932.00, with no local share cost, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used to enhance the coverage of the public safety communication system, to support statewide interoperable communications for first responders, and will help support the salary of the County Interoperability Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the Fiscal Year 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant three-year contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$407,932.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant contract C197452 accordingly, and in cooperation with the Emergency Management Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 138 Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE THREE -YEAR CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE

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OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FOR HURRELL-HARRING SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTATION - PUBLIC DEFENDER'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 166-24 authorized a three-year contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) for a Grant, Contract No. C3YRHH03, to provide grant funding for *Hurrell-Harring Settlement* Implementation in the Public Defender's Office, and

WHEREAS, said grant was for the total amount of \$2,305,440.00 for the three years, with no local share, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, OILS has submitted an amendment for additional funding in the amount of \$300,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said grant contract amendment for the additional funding amount of \$300,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuylar County Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant, Contract No. C3YRHH03 accordingly in cooperation with the Public Defender's Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF TWO (2) TEMPORARY PART-TIME PAID LAW INTERN POSITIONS - DISTRICT ATTORNEY 'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuylar County District Attorney's Office is in need of additional assistance due to caseloads and new mandatory New York State requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney is requesting to create these positions, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has funds in his 2025 budget to pay for these positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Attorney is hereby authorized to create and fill two temporary part-time (up to 20 hours per week), Law Intern positions for a period of twelve weeks, with potential to increase up to maximum of twenty-four weeks, at a bi-weekly rate of \$416.66, not to exceed a total of \$2,500.00 per internship, effective immediately.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 140 Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF TWO (2) TEMPORARY PART-TIME PAID LAW INTERN POSITIONS - PUBLIC DEFENDER'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuylar County Public Defender's Office is in need of additional assistance due to caseloads and new mandatory New York State requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender is requesting to create these positions, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has grant funds in her 2025 budget to pay for these positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Defender is hereby authorized to create and fill two temporary part-time (up to 20 hours per week), Law Intern positions for a period of twelve weeks, with potential to increase up to maximum of twenty-four weeks, at a bi-weekly rate of \$416.66, not to exceed a total of \$2,500.00 per internship, effective immediately.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: SET PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE: AUTHORIZE USE OF REPAIR RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MINI SPLITS FOR THE SENECA HARBOR PARK RESTAURANT AND BAR - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the HVAC System at the Seneca Harbor Park Bar and Restaurant, and

WHEREAS, the Schuylar County Highway Superintendent, who oversees the Buildings and Grounds Department, recommends purchasing the equipment from F.W. Webb Company based on a quote per the New York State Office of General Services (NYSOGS) Contract #PC70043, and

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WHEREAS, installation will be completed by Schuyler County Buildings and Grounds Staff, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent is hereby requesting the use of Repair Reserve Funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of equipment, which requires Legislature approval, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-d(2), prior to the adoption of any non-emergency, resolution, act, ordinance or local law by the governing board of the county, appropriating money for repairs from such fund, the governing board shall cause to be published in the official newspaper or newspapers, a notice stating in substance that it is proposed to appropriate a specified amount from the reserve fund for a particular purpose, and that a public hearing on such proposed appropriation will be held at a time and place stated therein, on at least five days' notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby sets a public hearing date for June 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Legislative Chambers, 105 Ninth Street, Watkins Glen, New York, to receive comments on the following: authorizing the Buildings and Grounds Department to use funding available in the Repair Reserve Fund 1.1.886 to be transferred into the Buildings Capital Fund account no. 004.7110.0232, in the amount of \$15,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said hearing pursuant to General Municipal Law.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM CHA CONSULTING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department provided a request for proposals for professional engineering services, and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and opened.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the recommendation of the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent to accept the following proposal received from CHA Consulting, Inc. for professional engineering services as needed, for the term of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2029, per rates in Exhibit 1 of the submitted proposal, funding is available in the 2025 budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with CHA Consulting, Inc., at the rates submitted, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME DEPUTY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS POSITION – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Deputy County Superintendent of Highways will be retiring on or about June 2025, and

WHEREAS, due to the complexities of the job duties, it is imperative that the current Deputy County Superintendent of Highways has a training period with the individual who will be hired to replace him, with such training not to exceed one month, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Deputy County Superintendent of Highways position, effective immediately at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Deputy County Superintendent of Highways vacated by the retiring employee will be abolished upon such retirement.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 144 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

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RE: AUTHORIZE A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH FROST SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR MINI-WEATHER STATION AND FROST VISION CAMERA - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is recommending the purchase of a mini-weather station and frost vision camera to assist with road conditions with the County, and

WHEREAS, Frost Solutions, LLC can provide this hardware and subscription at a total cost of \$10,050.00 with the first-year costing \$5,100.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a two-year contract with Frost Solutions, LLC for a Mini-Weather Station and Frost Vision Camera for the Highway Department to assist them with road conditions within the County, for the term July 15, 2025 through July 14, 2027, at a total cost of \$10,050.00, funding available in account no. 002.5142.0463, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 145 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH PRECISION TRENCHLESS, LLC FOR A COLLECTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL-CURED IN-PLACE PIPE - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need of a Collection System Infrastructure Renewal-Cured In-Place Pipe, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has the opportunity to utilize the Onondaga County Water Environment Protection Contract No. 0000005626 with Precision Trenchless, LLC to provide the material, equipment, labor and/or services per Exhibit 1 of the contract, for said pipe at rates set forth in Exhibit 2 of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Precision Trenchless, LLC for a Collection System Infrastructure Renewal-Cured In-Place Pipe for the Highway Department, for material, equipment, labor and/or services related to a Collection System Infrastructure Renewal-Cured, In-Place Pipe, for the term April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, per Exhibit 1 of the contract with rates set forth in Exhibit 2 of the contract, funding available in account no. 002.5120.0330, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 146 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SUIT-KOTE CORPORATION FOR THE RENTAL OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department requires the use of various pieces of construction equipment, and
WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GML) § 103(16) authorizes political subdivisions and districts therein to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies, and to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of those items, through the use of contracts let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is utilizing the Livingston County Bid to hire the Suit-Kote Corporation to provide the rental of this equipment, and

WHEREAS, costs are set forth in Exhibit 2 of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Suit-Kote Corporation, for the Highway Department for the rental of various pieces of construction equipment, for the term April 2, 2025 through March 30, 2026, at a cost per Exhibit 2 of the contract, funding available in the Highway budget account no. 002.5120.0330, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 147 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: ACCEPT KITCHEN AND CUSTODIAL SUPPLY BIDS FOR JUNE 1, 2025 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026 – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 48-25 authorized advertising for the kitchen and custodial supply bids for the County, and

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WHEREAS, said advertisement was made, and bids were received and opened on April 11, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Purchasing Director and the Management and Finance Committee, the Schuyler County Legislature accepts the following bids based on the lowest price on an item-by-item basis and pricing on a minimum of 50% of the items.

KITCHEN AND CUSTODIAL SUPPLY BIDS

W.B. Mason Co. Inc.

SANICO Inc.

Head to Heels Safety Supplies

Pyramid School Products

Reid Supply Company

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 148 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT TITLE AGENCY, LLC FOR ABSTRACT SERVICES – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 227-24 accepted a proposal from Independent Title Agency, LLC for Abstract Services with a term of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law requires that a search of Interested Parties on any parcel being foreclosed upon for delinquent taxes be conducted before any Notice of Foreclosure may be served, and

WHEREAS, due to changes in the New York State Real Property Tax Law recently enacted, the Treasurer’s Office requires services to be provided for foreclosure court proceeding e2024-0218 to begin on or about May 1, 2025 to be completed no later than June 30, 2025, four months earlier than the current contract, and

WHEREAS, Independent Title Agency, LLC has submitted an amendment and extension to provide said services to become effective May 1, 2025 and to be completed no later than June 30, 2025 at the same rates of \$175.00 per abstract and \$100.00 for identical search reports, for purposes of the November 2025 article 11 Tax Foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, said contract shall be renewed and extended, effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be authorized to execute an amendment and extension to the contract with Independent Title Agency, LLC, for the term May 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026, at the cost of \$175.00 per abstract and \$100.00 for identical search reports, funding available in account no. 001.1362.401; approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 149 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAX RECEIPTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 261 OF THE NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and Treasurer have presented their report concerning mortgage tax receipts for the period October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, pursuant to Section 261 of the New York State Tax Law, and the same has been apportioned to the various municipalities thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to pay the respective towns and villages of Schuyler County those amounts listed below.

MORTGAGE TAX DISTRIBUTION AMONG TOWNS AND VILLAGES

OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025

<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>VILLAGES</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Catharine	\$8,794.13	Burdett	\$626.74
Cayuta	\$2,009.06	Montour Falls	\$1,818.63
Dix	\$12,420.43	Odessa	\$1,072.67
Hector	\$36,101.88	Watkins Glen	\$4,351.86

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Montour	\$5,603.97	
Orange	\$4,523.64	
Reading	\$13,399.19	
Tyrone	\$22,268.12	
TOTALS	\$105,120.42	\$7,869.90

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 150 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR INTERMUNICIPAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOMPKINS COUNTY FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND RECORDS STORAGE – COUNTY CLERK’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County Clerk, in an effort to save the County money, has negotiated a five-year intermunicipal lease agreement with Tompkins County under which Tompkins County shall provide certain records management and records storage services at cost of \$100.00 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year intermunicipal lease agreement with Tompkins County for the County Clerk’s Office for records management and records storage, at a cost of \$100.00 per year, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, funding available in the 2025 budget account no. 001.1410.0426; contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 151 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GLOVE HOUSE, INC. FOR PERSONS IN NEED OF SUPERVISION (PINS) DIVERSION SERVICES – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Social Services Department has been contracting with Glove House, Inc. for the provisions of persons in need of supervision diversion services (PINS), and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Department will be adding staff with the intentions of providing the PINS Diversion services in house, and

WHEREAS, Glove House, Inc. has provided the PINS Diversion services, and will provide one (1) part-time, 20 hours per week, Program Manager and two (2) full time, 37.5 hours per week, Case Workers, from January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025, for a not to exceed amount of \$47,113.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Glove House, Inc. for the Schuyler County Social Services Department for PINS Diversion service for the term January 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025, for a not to exceed amount of \$47,113.00, funding available in account no. 001.6010.0552 - OTDA & OCFS Programs, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 152 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GLOVE HOUSE, INC. TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR FOSTER CARE AND LOCAL PLACEMENT SERVICES – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Social Services Department is required to provide services to children and when necessary, provide local foster care/adoption and local placement options, and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Department has a current contract with the Glove House, Inc. to provide these services, and

WHEREAS, the contract requires an amendment to increase the amount from \$75,340.00 to \$81,830.00, an increase of \$6,490.00 for the contract term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment to increase the contract amount with Glove House, Inc., from \$75,340.00 to \$81,830.00 for the Social Services Department, for foster care/adoption and local placement services, for the remainder of the contract term through December 31, 2025, funding available in account no. 001.6010.0458 - Professional Fees and Services, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

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RESOLUTION NO. 153 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH TRUMANSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS IN EMERGENCY HOUSING – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Subtitle VII-B of The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“McKinney-Vento”) authorizes the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program and is the primary piece of Federal legislation related to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Education Law Section 3209 the local Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for transportation if it places a student in emergency housing outside of the school district and the student is eligible for Emergency Assistance for Families (EAF), to include children who attend pre-k and students who attend school at a BOCES, and

WHEREAS, DSS had contracted with the Trumansburg Central School for the transportation service for a six-year term, and

WHEREAS, the new term of the contract is for five-years, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, the transportation services are reimbursed 100% through type “C7-Transportation for homeless families” through McKinney-Vento.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract with the Trumansburg Central School District for the Social Services Department for transportation for students in emergency housing, for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, funding available in account no. 001.6109.401 - Contractual Expense, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: DECLARE JUNE 15, 2025 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY (WEAAD) – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is held annually on June 15, and

WHEREAS, WEAAD was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations, and was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2012, elder abuse is a global, social, health and human rights issue that affects millions of older persons around the world and deserves the attention of the international community, and

WHEREAS, it is important to know the signs of elder abuse, which include physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety and/or fear of family members, friends, caregivers or strangers, and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is a significant public health problem, survivors suffer higher levels of psychological distress, are twice as likely to be hospitalized and face greater risk of an early death than other seniors, and

WHEREAS, it is our collective responsibility to provide for safe and secure communities and living environments for our seniors, and to encourage reporting of any suspected abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation to the Schuyler County Adult Protective Services, as well as law enforcement agencies, for investigation, and intervention, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Department of Social Services wants to recognize the need to protect our older population from abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature does hereby declare June 15, 2025 as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” in Schuyler County.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 155 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH KATY DUNLAP DBA KATY DUNLAP YOGA FOR ADDITIONAL YOGA CLASSES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 84-24 authorized a contract with Katy Dunlap dba Katy Dunlap Yoga to

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provide yoga instruction to demonstrate yoga practice and technique, and

WHEREAS, chair yoga has become very popular, and the demand has increased, and

WHEREAS, because of the increased demand, the Office for the Aging has funding available to increase the contract amount to allow for additional classes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment to increase the contract amount with Katy Dunlap dba Katy Dunlap Yoga, from \$1,600.00 to \$2,800.00 for the Office for the Aging Department, to provide additional yoga classes for eight weeks, for the remainder of the contract term through December 31, 2025, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 156 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: RECOGNIZING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2025 – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as Older Americans Month, and

WHEREAS, every year, Older Americans Month celebrates the contributions of older adults and reaffirms our commitment to serving them, and

WHEREAS, this year's theme of Flip the Script on Aging, encourages society to challenge outdated stereotypes and embrace the many opportunities that come with aging, and

WHEREAS, incorrect perceptions about older adults, (i.e. seeing them as incompetent, not contributing to society, or as a burden) unnecessarily marginalizes individuals, and

WHEREAS, Older Americans Month is a time to evaluate biases against aging and encourage society to adopt a new outlook, and

WHEREAS, communities reap benefits when people of all ages live as an interconnected society, strengthened by connections across the generations, and

WHEREAS, this legislature deems it important for all Schuyler County residents to be educated about aging, develop self-awareness about biases, and work to Flip the Script on Aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby endorses the nation's observance of May 2025 as Older Americans Month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature acknowledges the theme of Flip the Script on Aging which emphasizes the notable impact of meaningful interconnectedness within our community.

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RESOLUTION NO. 157 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH RURAL HEALTH NETWORK OF SOUTH-CENTRAL NEW YORK FOR AN AMERICORPS VISTA VOLUNTEER – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Rural Health Network of South-Central New York's (Sponsor) primary purpose is to provide Schuyler County Public Health Department as a subrecipient with one AmeriCorps Harm Reduction VISTA member to perform volunteer service to prevent, reduce and delay the onset of substance use among Schuyler County youth by: Collaborating with community partners, promoting prevention education and substance-free activities, implementing environmental strategies, and

WHEREAS, the VISTA member will focus on support and expand opioid prevention and harm reduction in the community for the Public Health Department at a cost of \$9,750.00 through agreement number V25-26-01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a subrecipient agreement with Rural Health Network of South-Central New York for the Harm Reduction VISTA worker services, for a term June 2, 2025 through June 1, 2026, in the amount of \$9,750.00, with funding available in account no. 001.4010.0458 – Professional Fees and Services, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 158 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

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RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH DR. SHANNON SCHAMEL, DO TO PROVIDE MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Community Services Department requires state-mandated Medical Director Services, effective May 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon Schamel, DO, is qualified and has agreed to provide the services of Medical Director for the Community Services Department at the rate of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$41,600.00, for the term May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Dr. Shannon Schamel, DO for the Schuyler County Community Services Department for Medical Director Services, for the term May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026, at a cost of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$41,600.00 funding available in account no. 001.4310.0458 – Professional Fees and Services, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 159 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Dix seat on the Schuyler County Planning Commission has been vacant since January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the town is recommending Holley Sokolowski to represent the town through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Holley Sokolowski to fill the seat, effective May 12, 2025, as the Town of Dix representative on the Schuyler County Planning Commission through December 31, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO. 160 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: RESOLUTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQR IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ACTION, MODIFICATION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS #1, #2 AND #3 – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the proposed action involves consideration of the approval of review and possible modification of Schuyler County Agricultural Districts #1, #2 and #3, pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, and

WHEREAS, where an agricultural district is modified, consolidated or terminated upon its review, the modification, consolidation or termination is an Unlisted Action under State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), and

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler, in performing the lead agency function for its independent and uncoordinated environmental review in accordance with Article 8 of SEQR, thoroughly reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form as recommended by NYS Department of Agriculture and Market (the “short EAF”), and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and its environmental review, thoroughly analyzed the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR § 617.7, and caused to be completed the Short EAF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature has reviewed the potential impacts of the proposed modification of Schuyler County Agriculture Districts #1, #2 and #3 and found that there will be no significant negative environmental impacts associated with this action hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQR, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the County Legislature of the County of Schuyler is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed Short EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 161 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: ACCEPTANCE OF 2025 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ANNUAL ENROLLMENT REQUESTS – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law § 303-b, Article 25-AA, the Schuyler County Legislature has designated a thirty-day period within which a landowner may submit a request for inclusion of land which is predominately viable agricultural land within a certified Agricultural District, and

WHEREAS, the following landowner(s) have submitted a request for inclusion of land identified below into Agricultural Districts #1, #2 and #3, and

<u>Landowner(s)</u>	<u>Tax Map No</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Ag Dist</u>
Wallace Wasson	44.00-1-31.31	Hector	1.1	1
Wallace Wasson	44.16-1-10.1	Hector	5.4	1
Rory Miller	29.00-1-38	Tyrone	5	2
Rory Miller	39.00-1-8	Tyrone	1.08	2
Rory Miller	39.00-1-21	Tyrone	23.3	2
Rory Miller	50.00-3-4.1	Tyrone	19.62	2
Rory Miller	50.00-3-4.2	Tyrone	25.36	2
Dane & Gail Sgrecci	78.00-5-8.2	Catharine	73.4	3
Dana & Gail Sgrecci	78.00-5-9	Catharine	19.47	3
Wayne Maphis	78.00-5-24	Catharine	18.8	3
Bergen Farms	88.00-4-8.2	Catharine	8.88	3, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has further reviewed the above requests and reported its recommendations to the Schuyler County Legislature, recommending that such districts be modified as set forth above, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on May 12, 2025 to consider the requests and the recommendations of the Schuyler County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published in a newspaper having general circulation within the county in accordance with the requirements of Agriculture and Markets Law § 303-b, and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the potential impacts of the proposed modification described herein and made a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby modifies said districts, in that it adopts the inclusion of the land identified into Agricultural District #1, #2 and #3, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, with assistance as necessary from the county planning department, shall submit this resolution, together with the report of the Schuyler County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and the tax map identification numbers and tax maps for each parcel of land to be included in Agricultural Districts #1, #2 and #3, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon certification by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets said Agricultural Districts identified shall be modified as set forth above upon such certification.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 162 Motion by Rondinaro, Second Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE (DRI) CLUTE PARK PROJECT – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 304-18 the County, acting on behalf and as agent of the Village of Watkins Glen, pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement pertaining to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) funding, was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,017,428.00 for the Clute Park Project, contract #C1001301, and

WHEREAS, said grant expired March 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, said funding, to implement year-round improvements at Clute Park have not been utilized

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to date, and the New York State Department of State has authorized a contract extension through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract extension through December 31, 2025, for contract C1001301, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to extend the DRI grant funds accordingly, in cooperation with the Planning Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 163 Motion by Lausell, Second by Barnes.

RE: MOTION TOP BRING TWO (2) RESOLUTIONS TO THE FLOOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that two (2) Resolutions be brought to the floor.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 164 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO OPPOSE DISPROPORTIONATE FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS TO MEDICAID

WHEREAS, President Trump and Congressional Leaders are actively negotiating major federal funding cuts to offset a portion of the cost of extending Federal tax changes from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 set to expire this year, and

WHEREAS, the cost of renewing expiring tax cuts, adding new tax cuts, and increasing spending for presidential priorities are approaching \$7 trillion over 10 years, an amount that will dramatically increase the Federal debt, and

WHEREAS, the goal is to reduce Federal spending by up to \$2.5 trillion over 10 years to offset a portion of the debt increase, and

WHEREAS, the recently announced cuts in funding and staff for the Health and Human Services Department at the Federal level will adversely affect the well-being of Schuyler County residents, and

WHEREAS, the Senate and House are finalizing a Budget Resolution that includes funding cuts of up to \$880 billion over 10 years to Medicaid, which is an 11 percent cut to Medicaid, cuts up to \$230 Billion over 10 years to SNAP, which is an 18 percent cut to SNAP, and over \$21 Billion cut to TANF, which is a 10-22 percent decrease to TANF Programs, and

WHEREAS, despite cuts, the residents of Schuyler County will still need and benefit from services provided by Public Health, Mental Health, The Office of Aging, Youth Bureau, Social Services and Veterans Services, and WHEREAS, more than 1 in 3 New Yorkers receive their health care through the current federal-state-county financed health insurance partnership through Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, and

WHEREAS, seven million New Yorkers receive their health care from Medicaid, including two million that benefit from the Federal Medicaid match increase and income eligibility expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 1.5 million that receive their health care through ACA health insurance premium subsidies in the New York State of Health Insurance Marketplace, and nearly 600,000 children are enrolled in the Child Health Plus Program, and

WHEREAS, in Schuyler County, 29 percent of its residents and their families rely on Medicaid for health care services, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County supports efforts to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program. However, cuts of the size proposed for Medicaid in the congressional budget blueprint is many times larger than what can be realized by eliminating wasteful practices and will require direct cuts in Medicaid benefits eligibility and severely impact health care providers that rely on Medicaid revenues, and

WHEREAS, our entire nation, and New York state, relies on an integrated health care system that is funded by a wide variety of sources including individual out-of-pocket pay, private group insurance, direct government spending (Federal, state and local), and Federal tax incentives that support private insurance, and

WHEREAS, because the cuts being considered are so expansive, the lost revenue to support the overall health care system would cause some health care providers/facilities to limit or end services due to a lack of revenues and covered individuals – impacting anyone seeking health care in New York, and

WHEREAS, the most damaging cuts to Medicaid and ACA subsidies include establishing federal per

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capita Medicaid spending caps or block grants, not renewing current ACA health insurance subsidies, reducing or eliminating the enhanced Federal Medicaid match under the ACA, eliminating the 50 percent Federal medical assistance (FMAP) matching rate floor, and limiting or ending the use of currently allowable health care provider taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Schuyler County Legislature calls on the New York Congressional Delegation to protect New York from the most damaging and disproportionate Federal Medicaid funding cuts being considered in Budget Reconciliation as described above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent by the clerk of the Legislature to Representative Claudia Tenney, Nicholas A. Langworthy, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Chuck Schumer and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Rondinaro requested that we hold off on this. He said that the Inter County Association of Western New York talked about this, and we were told that the Medicaid cuts will be less than expected. He said that these are not just tax cuts for billionaires, it will affect small business too. He said that operating a business is the center of the health of our economy. Chairman Blowers said he agrees. He said that we cannot afford less to run the hospital. Legislator Reed said that the illegal immigrants apply for services and are taking away from people in our community. Legislator Barnes said that the Resolution sums it up. He said rather there is further discussion or not, we can sit here and argue back and forth, but there will be cuts and we need to see what they are. Legislator Lausell said that this topic was discussed at our Human Services Committee Meeting, and he feels that we should support our Department Heads. He said that the Commissioner of Social Services and he had reviewed the Resolution and a third of our residents rely on Medicaid.

Vote: 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 165 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN FOR A STOP-DWI HIGH VISIBILITY ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN (HVEC) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the STOP - DWI program was enacted by New York State for the purpose of empowering and coordinating local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes within the context of a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such local coordination, the Village of Watkins Glen, through its Police Department, will implement Special DWI patrols for traffic safety STOP-DWI measures called a High Visibility Engagement Campaign (HVEC) at a cost of \$24,500.00 for the County to be funded through the STOP DWI budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Watkins Glen, for the Sheriff’s Department, for a STOP-DWI HVEC, at a cost of \$24,500.00, for the term March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, funding available in the 2025 STOP-DWI budget account no. 001.3315.0540; approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk reminded the Legislators that the Committee Meetings that are normally held on Monday this month will be held on Wednesday because of the Memorial Day Holiday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Rondinaro reported on the Inter County Association of Western New York meeting he attended last Friday. They were informed that the Legislation regarding the even year election has been passed and he explained how this will affect the terms. The cell phone ban on public and charter schools passed and the Youth Deer Hunting is in effect and extended as well.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

The County Administrator reported that he has been working with the State representatives and he is

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concerned with the human services programs and the next year. The County will feel a variety of pain in budgets. He said the process will be taken into account and adjustments will be made. He is planning and working with Department Heads already. He also reported on the sales tax and said we continue to be up and down. Right now, we are running slightly ahead, and we will see what this tourism season brings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Gail Walker, who is from Legislative District III said that undocumented people do not qualify for Medicaid and that the same rules apply for the sanctuary cities.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 9, 2025

The June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Lausell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Jaynes and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Blowers who was excused and Legislators Barnes and Reed who were both unexcused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AUTHORIZE USE OF REPAIR RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MINI SPLITS FOR SENECA HARBOUR PARK RESTAURANT AND BAR IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$15,000.00: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 166 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 167 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH WATKINS GLEN CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS IN EMERGENCY HOUSING – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Subtitle VII-B of The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“McKinney-Vento”) authorizes the Federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program and is the primary piece of Federal legislation related to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Education Law Section 3209 the local Department of Social Services (DSS) is responsible for transportation if it places a student in emergency housing outside of the school district and the student is eligible for Emergency Assistance for Families (EAF), to include children who attend pre-k and students, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Department of Social Services (DSS) has contracted with the Watkins Glen Central School for the transportation services with a six-year term, and

WHEREAS, the new contract is for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, and

WHEREAS, the Watkins Glen Central School District shall provide or arrange for the transportation of eligible homeless students upon the request of DSS, and

WHEREAS, the transportation services are reimbursed 100% through type “C7-Transportation for homeless families” through McKinney-Vento.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract with the Watkins Glen Central School District for the Schuyler County Social

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Services for transportation for students in emergency housing for the term effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, funding available in account no. 001.6109.401 – Contractual Expense, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 168 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE ONGOING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MUSTARD SEED MINISTRIES FOR REFERRAL SERVICES - OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, since 1996, Mustard Seed Ministries, a non-profit cooperative ministry, has provided community support through food pantries, emergency financial aid, advocacy for senior needs, and much more, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging has worked in conjunction with Mustard Seed Ministries to meet the needs of consumers, and

WHEREAS, Mustard Seed Ministries serves an area that has a high population of low-income, isolated seniors who may be frail, disabled, living alone, and/or are in the age bracket of 75+, and both parties, as collaborating partners, have a common goal of serving said individuals but may be able to do so by differing means, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to ensure that the Office for the Aging has a mechanism for finding and serving individuals in the targeted categories as stipulated by the New York State Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, Mustard Seed Ministries can refer individuals to Office for the Aging when needs are identified that cannot be met through their services and vice versa, and

WHEREAS, both agencies have agreed to formalize this process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an ongoing memorandum of understanding with Mustard Seed Ministries for the Office for the Aging Department for referral services for the term effective May 1, 2025 until terminated, at no cost to the County, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 169 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING FOR THE SENIORS' HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND NUTRITION EDUCATION (SHINE) PROGRAM - OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Office for the Aging has been providing SNAP-Education and related activities since 2020 with the initial receipt of the SHINE grant, and

WHEREAS, this initiative is funded through the New York State (NYS) Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program of the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, and

WHEREAS, OTDA partnered with the NYS Office for the Aging to direct the program, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to increase the number of low-income older adults who receive nutrition education to promote healthier lifestyles and behaviors which in turn will reduce the amount of Medicaid and Medicare spending, and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office for the Aging solicited Schuyler County to administer the program for a three-county region consisting of Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben Counties, and

WHEREAS, there is no required local match for this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to sign the grant application and agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging for the SHINE program, for the term October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$148,184.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the SHINE grant accordingly in cooperation with the Office for the Aging Department.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 170 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

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RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 OFFICE FOR THE AGING BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL SHINE GRANT FUNDING – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Office for the Aging has received unanticipated additional funding through the 2024 – 2025 SHINE grant, and

WHEREAS, the additional revenue requires a budget amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer be hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Office for the Aging budget, as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$ 40,000.00	001.6772.4772	Fed Aid-Programs for Aging
+\$ 40,000.00	001.6772.0463	Supplies

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 171 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE THREE-YEAR GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR A RABIES PREVENTION GRANT - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 201-22 authorized a three-year contract with the New York State Department of Health for a Rabies Prevention Grant, contract #DOH01-T36559GG-3450000, with an estimated amount of \$7,035.00 each year for a total amount of \$21,105.00, with no local share, for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has submitted an amendment to extend the term through March 31, 2027 and increase the funding by an additional amount of \$14,070.00 for a total amount of \$35,175.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said grant amendment for the above term and amount, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to amend the Public Health Rabies grant accordingly in cooperation with the Public Health Department.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 172 Motion by Jaynes, Second Rondinaro.

RE: ACCEPT BID FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND EARLY INTERVENTION CHILDREN 2025 THROUGH 2028 – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 95-25 authorized advertising for bids for transportation of preschool children with disabilities and early intervention children, and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and opened with the following recommendation being made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid from Chemung-Schuyler Counties Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. (dba The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler) is hereby accepted for transportation of preschool children with disabilities and early intervention children for the following rates per route:

AGENCIES

- Severn School – CPP
- Franziska Racker Centers – Wilkins Rd Site
- GSTBOCES - 459 Philo Rd., Elmira
- GSTBOCES – 1115 Hall St., Elmira
- South Seneca Central School – Interlaken
- Yates ARC/Moziac, Penn Yan

<u>RATES</u>	<u>TERMS</u>
\$366.85	7/1/25 - 6/30/26
\$385.19	7/1/26 - 6/30/27
\$404.45	7/1/27 - 6/30/28

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Rate applies to all agency locations: *Additional charge per additional child - \$40.00 (no more than four (4) children in one van per trip)*

	<u>RATES</u>	<u>TERMS</u>
Miscellaneous Transportation Personal	\$6.30 per mile	7/1/25 - 6/30/26
contact information required for pick up	\$6.62 per mile	7/1/26 - 6/30/27
and destination point to ensure the safety	\$6.95 per mile	7/1/27 - 6/30/28
of the child	<i>No more than five (5) children in one van per trip, and</i>	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that since certain students may be eligible for transport by a parent, school district or public transportation, this award is not an exclusive contract for services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Chemung-Schuylers Counties Chapter, NYSARC, Inc. (dba The Arc of Chemung-Schuylers), effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, funds available in the Public Health budget, account no. 001.2960.0461, contract approved as to form by the Schuylers County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 173 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: ACCEPT SEALED BID FROM PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC FOR LABORATORY SERVICES FOR THE SCHUYLERS COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION AGENCY – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 66-25 authorized advertisement for sealed bids for the Laboratory Services for the Public Health Department’s Watershed Protection Agency, and

WHEREAS, bids were opened May 8, 2025 and reviewed, with the recommendation being made by the Public Health Director to accept the bid from Pace Analytical Services, LLC, said bidder being the lowest responsible bidder in conformance with General Municipal Law § 103.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuylers County Legislature hereby accepts the bid from Pace Analytical Services, LLC for the Laboratory Services per the costs in Exhibit 1, Attachment A included in the contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the contract with Pace Analytical Services, LLC, with a term effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, funding available in account no. 001.4050.0476, contract approved as to form by the Schuylers County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 174 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES FOR A SCHUYLERS COUNTY INITIATIVE FOR SAFE SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES GRANT– PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuylers County Planning Department has been awarded a New York State Department of State Division of Local Government Services Schuylers County Initiative for Safe Swimming Opportunities Grant, contract # T1002890, in the amount of \$19,919.00, with no local match, and

WHEREAS, this grant provides funds for both the Town of Hector and the Village of Watkins Glen to hire Lifeguards, Increase Wages, Advertise, and provide Certification/Training, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hector will receive \$9,600.00 and the Village of Watkins Glen will receive \$9,371.00 with the remaining amount of \$948.00 staying with the County for administrative services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the Schuylers County Initiative for Safe Swimming Opportunities grant contract with the New York State Department of State Division of Local Government Services, for the term of April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$19,919.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuylers County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant accordingly, and in cooperation with the Planning Department.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 175 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ESTABLISH LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR 2025 MASS GATHERING PERMIT (PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (OUTDOOR)) – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010 (as amended) established a process for applications and permits pertaining to Public Entertainment (Outdoor) – Regulation/Licensing, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), Schuyler County must review the potential environmental impacts associated with the issuance of a mass gathering permit for Watkins Glen International under Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010, Public Entertainment (Outdoor) – Regulating/Licensing, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature has determined that the proposed action is Unlisted Action and would be best served by a coordinated review including potential involved agencies, and has received a completed Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) from the applicant, Watkins Glen International, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature accepts the EAF and does intend to establish lead agency status of the purposes of the environmental review of this action and will notify involved agencies of this intent. If, after 30 days' time no involved agency challenges this status, then the Schuyler County Legislature will consider itself to hold lead agency status and will proceed with the review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall, in consultation with the County Administrator's Department, circulate such Notice of Intent and the EAF to all involved and interested agencies as required under SEQR, 6 NYCRR § 617.6(b)(3)(i).

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 176 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH APEX POLYGRAPH SERVICES, LLC FOR CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND PRE-EMPLOYMENT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, both the Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department are in need of Polygraph Examination Services for Convicted Sex Offenders as well as for Pre-Employment of Law Enforcement, Correctional Officers and Peace Officers, and

WHEREAS, Apex Polygraph Services, LLC will provide these services with pricing from \$300.00 to \$400.00 per exam per Schedule A of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Apex Polygraph Services, LLC for Polygraph Examinations for both the Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department, for the term June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030, with rates set forth in Schedule A of the contract, funding available in account no. 001.3110.0401, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 177 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (NYSDCJS) FOR THE ANNUAL PROBATION SERVICES PLAN FUNDING FOR OPERATING THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION (ATI) COMMUNITY SERVICE PLAN AND PRE-TRIAL RELEASE PROGRAM – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has been awarded the Annual Probation Services Plan Grant for operating the Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Community Service Plan and Pre-Trial Release Program under New York Executive Law Article 13-A, in the amount of \$46,899.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said grant contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS), in the amount of \$46,899.00, for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant, accordingly in cooperation with the Probation Department.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 178 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE HOURS OF THE PROBATION ASSISTANT POSITION FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME AND ABOLISH THE PART-TIME KEYBOARD SPECIALIST

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POSITION - PROBATION DEPARTMENT – AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Probation Department recently had one employee retire that held two part-time positions under the titles of Keyboard Specialist and Probation Assistant, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department needs to fill at least one of these positions full-time, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Director will abolish the part-time Keyboard Specialist position upon hiring the full-time Probation Assistant, and

WHEREAS, the full-time Probation Assistant position will allow continued coverage of all necessary responsibilities and duties completed under the previous two part-time titles, and

WHEREAS, this request is approved by the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves of the increase in hours for the Probation Assistant from part-time to full-time in the Probation Department, effective immediately, and pursuant to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regulations, 9 NYCRR Part 347, the position is also reclassified and will be placed in Grade 6 of the County's wage grade structure in the CSEA Administration Unit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the part-time Keyboard Specialist position will be abolished upon hiring the full-time Probation Assistant.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 179 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH JAMES W. MIKESSELL, PH.D., ABPP FOR RISK ASSESSMENT EVALUATION SERVICES – PUBLIC DEFENDER'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Department is in need of a specialist to provide a one-time risk assessment evaluation for a client prior to sentencing, and

WHEREAS, James W. Mikesell, Ph.D., ABPP will provide this one-time service at an hourly rate of \$400.00, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with James W. Mikesell, Ph.D., ABPP for the Public Defender's Department, for the term effective upon execution and shall terminate upon final submission and acceptance of the contractor's risk evaluation and payment by the County for same, at an hourly rate of \$400.00, not to exceed \$10,000.00, funding available in account no. 001.1170.0458, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION No. 180 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH BOTHAR CONSTRUCTION FOR COLD MILLING MATERIAL AND SERVICES - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need of Cold Milling Material and Services, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has the opportunity to utilize the Chemung County/City of Elmira Bid RFB 2602 for said material and services, and

WHEREAS, Bothar Construction will provide the material, equipment, labor and/or services per Exhibit 3 of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Bothar Construction for Cold Milling Material and Services for the Highway Department, for the term May 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, with rates set forth in Exhibit 3 of the contract, funding available in account no. 002.5112.0330, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 181 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF READING FOR THE 2025-2029 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 117-25 authorized the continuance of a Commercial Driver's License

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(CDL) Reimbursement Program for Schuyler County Towns and Villages, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Reading has applied for the funding and submitted an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) to the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an IMA with the Town of Reading for the Highway Department for the 2025 CDL Reimbursement Program for the term June 9, 2025 through December 31, 2029, for the Town to be reimbursed \$1,200.00 per student, funding available in the Highway budget account no. 003.5130.0459- Training; approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 182 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COUNTY ROAD 16 OVER TRIBUTARY MEADS CREEK BRIDGE (BIN 3332620) REPLACEMENT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 43-25 accepted sealed bid from Economy Paving Co., Inc. for the County Road 16 over Tributary Meads Creek Bridge (BIN 3332620) replacement, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the bridge construction exceeded the engineer’s estimate, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 85-25 authorized federal aid and state aid for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$378,668.00	002.5120.0558	CR16 over Tributary Meads Bridge
+\$302,934.00	002.0002.4597	Federal Aid (80%)
+\$ 56,800.00	002.0002.3589	State Aid (15%)
+\$ 18,934.00	002.0002.0909	County Road Fund Balance

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 183 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COUNTY ROAD 16 OVER PINE CREEK BRIDGE (BIN 3332610) REPLACEMENT – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 43-25 accepted sealed bid from Economy Paving Co., Inc. for the County Road 16 over Pine Creek Bridge (BIN 3332610) replacement, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the bridge construction exceeded the engineer’s estimate, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 84-25 authorized federal aid and state aid for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$532,336.00	002.5120.0547	CR16 over Pine Creek Bridge
+\$425,869.00	002.0002.4597	Federal Aid (80%)
+\$ 79,850.00	002.0002.3589	State Aid (15%)
+\$ 26,617.00	002.0002.0909	County Road Fund Balance

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 184 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE ASSETS JUNK OR SURPLUS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, various departments have assets to be declared junk or surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to County Law Section 215, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby declares the following assets junk or surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following items are to be placed in storage for an auction, sold or disposed of.

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>JUNK Serial/VIN#</u>	<u>Department</u>
7319	Desktop Dell Optiplex 9020	8Z59182	Board of Elections

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SURPLUS

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN#</u>	<u>Department</u>
6419	2008 Ford F350	1FTWF31Y18EC59433	Sheriff

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 185 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE POSITION FOR TRAINING PURPOSES – LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, both the Clerk of the Legislature and the Deputy Clerk of the Legislature are retiring by the end of this year, and

WHEREAS, due to the complexities of the job duties, it is imperative that there be a training period with someone who may eventually be considered for the appointment of Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Legislature is recommending the creation of one additional full-time Deputy Clerk of the Legislature position for said transition, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Department is hereby authorized to create and fill one additional full-time Deputy Clerk of the Legislature position, effective immediately at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23, in Grade 3 of the Management/Confidential Handbook, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this additional position be abolished once a new Clerk of the Legislature is appointed.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 186 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENTITIES FOR POLLING PLACES – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Elections Law Section 4-104, the Schuyler County Board of Elections designates the polling places in each election district in which the meetings for the registration of voters, and for any election may be held, and

WHEREAS, the current lease agreements on file are being replaced with new five-year lease agreements with the Town of Catharine, Town of Dix, Town of Tyrone, Village of Watkins Glen, Village of Burdett, Searsburg Grange, and the Valois Logan and Hector Fire Co, Inc. for said polling places, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County and any expenses associated are to be paid by the Town to each polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute each five-year lease agreement with the entities listed above for the Board of Elections Department for the term of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2030, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 187 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION, INC. (CSEA) REGARDING STARTING WAGE – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the current Union contract has language to address "Wages, Salary, and Other Compensations" which identifies starting hourly wages for new employees, and

WHEREAS, a certain employee resigned from the position of Aging Services Caseworker at the Office for the Aging on May 2, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$28.08; but due to a change in circumstances will be returning to the Aging Services Caseworker position effective June 9, 2025, and

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WHEREAS, the Director of Office for the Aging has requested that said employee be brought back at the rate of pay earned upon departure versus the contractual starting hourly rate of \$27.88, and

WHEREAS, a return to employment at the requested rate of pay does not correlate to a return to benefit accrual rates which will in fact be based off the June 9, 2025, start date, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and Personnel Officer agree with the return of said employee at \$28.08 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the County and the Union now wish to document the terms of their agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Schuyler County Civil Service Employee's Association, Inc. as set forth above, effective June 9, 2025, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Howell, along with the rest of the Legislature, wanted to recognize the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Robert Royer, that helped save the life of the victim of the accident on Fairgrounds Lane on June 3, 2025.

The Clerk reminded the Legislators of the Employee Recognition Luncheon and needed their RSVP to her or Samantha Baker by June 13th please.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Rosno said that the sales tax report he sent out via email was the new format. He asked that the Legislators review that report and provide him with any feedback and identify additional information that needs to be added to the report. He said that the figures are slightly ahead of what was projected, at about six percent (6%). The other surrounding counties have not received their figures yet. He is happy with the figures at this point.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 14, 2025

The July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Barnes and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Reed and Legislator Gray who were both unexcused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Shannon Slater, Aging Services Caseworker from Office for the Aging, along with Brian Kriegh, Food Service Coordinator, Catherine Oberlander, NY Connects Coordinator and Kami Teeter, Aging Services Caseworker, were present to hand out a statement regarding their concern about the absence of a formal succession plan to replace the Office for the Aging Director who is retiring in September. Seven employees signed the statement and respectfully called on the County Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and local legislators to work alongside them in safeguarding the future of their agency by ensuring continued support for those who have come to need and rely on their services. She also informed the Legislature of the upcoming summer picnic and annual hearing scheduled for July 23, 2025. She handed each legislator a copy of their statement and the flyer with the details on the picnic.

RESOLUTION NO. 188A Motion by Jaynes, Second by Howell.

RE: MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 188 TO ADD DETAILS TO A REPORT

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 188 be amended to add details to a report having the statement now read as follows:

Legislator Howell, along with the rest of the Legislature, wanted to recognize the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Robert Toyer, that helped save the life of the victim of the accident on Fairgrounds Lane on June 3, 2025.

DISCUSSION: The Clerk announced that she would like to request a motion to amend the minutes to change the sentence from Legislator Howell under Report on Standing Committees to say “Legislator Howell, along with the rest of the Legislature, wanted to recognize the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Robert Royer, that helped save the life of the victim of the accident on Fairgrounds Lane on June 3, 2025.”, now that she was provided with a name and a date of the accident.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 188 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE – **AS AMENDED**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 189 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE SOUTHERN TIER REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK WITH ALLEGANY, CHEMUNG AND STEUBEN COUNTIES – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Southern Tier Regional Public Safety Radio Interoperability Network’s intent is to provide regional mission critical Land Mobile Radio (LMR) connectivity between Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties, and

WHEREAS, this contract defines the scope of the regional network and the participation and responsibilities of each County for the implementation of the LMR Interoperability Network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with the New York State Southern Tier Regional Public Safety Radio Interoperability Network with Allegany, Chemung, and Steuben Counties for the Emergency Management Department for LMR connectivity, effective when the system is complete for five years, at no cost, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 190 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION FOR THE CANAL PATROL GRANT PROGRAM – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department was awarded a Canal Patrol Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the New York State Canal Corporation, with a 25% local match in the amount of \$5,000.00, and

WHEREAS, said funds will reimburse navigation patrol on the Canalway while on Seneca Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with the New York State Canal Corporation for the Canal Grant Program, for the term of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, with funding available for the 25% match in account number 001.3111.0130-Personnel Services Overtime - Navigation, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant in cooperation with the Sheriff’s Department.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 191 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (NYSDCJS) FOR THE RAISE THE AGE PLAN – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, “Raise the Age” legislation passed by the New York State Legislature in 2017 increased the upper age limit of criminal responsibility for non-violent crimes from 16 to 18 and prohibited youth from being held in the same correctional facilities as adults, and

WHEREAS, under the Raise the Age law, counties are required to implement the law locally, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has been awarded Raise the Age Plan Grant for implementation of the Raise the Age initiative, in the amount of \$30,032.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said grant contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS), in the amount of \$30,032.00, for the term April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant, accordingly in cooperation with the Probation Department.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 192 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING RESOLUTION 178-25 TITLED “AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE HOURS OF THE PROBATION ASSISTANT POSITION FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME AND ABOLISH THE PART-TIME KEYBOARD SPECIALIST POSITION – PROBATION DEPARTMENT”

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 178-25 authorized increasing the position of the Probation Assistant from part-time to full-time, and

WHEREAS, an update of the Probation Assistant job specification, with increased duties and qualifications was completed pursuant to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regulations, 9 NYCRR Part 347, requiring the Personnel Officer to review and reclassify the title as well, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, this position should be increased from a Grade 3 in the County’s wage grade structure in the CSEA Administration Unit to a Grade 6, and

WHEREAS, the recommended grade change will result in an hourly wage of \$23.33, an increase of \$3.90/hr., and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 178-25 is hereby amended to add the following language in bold text to the Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved Clause, and all other language remain the same:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves of the increase in hours for the Probation Assistant from part-time to full-time in the Probation Department, effective immediately, and *pursuant to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regulations, 9 NYCRR Part 347, the position is also reclassified and will be placed in Grade 6 of the County’s wage grade structure in the CSEA Administration Unit, and*”

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 193 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: CREATE A MEMORIAL BOULDER IN MEMORY OF THE LATE RICHARD T. WEAKLAND TO BE PLACED AT THE SCHUYLER COUNTY SENECA HARBOR PARK – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the late Richard T. Weakland was dedicated to his community, particularly Schuyler County, Seneca Lake and the surrounding areas, having spearheaded many economic revitalization efforts in the area over several decades, and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals and businesses have generously donated funds or material for the purpose of creating a memorial boulder in memory of the late Richard T. Weakland, and

WHEREAS, it is upon recommendation of the Public Works Committee that a boulder be placed at the Schuyler County Seneca Harbor Park upon the wishes of the family in memory of the late Richard T. Weakland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the memorial boulder to be located at the Schuyler County Seneca Harbor Park at the west end.

Vote 6-0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 194 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: REJECT BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DUMBWAITER AT THE JAIL – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 283-24 authorized the Buildings and Grounds Department to advertise for sealed bids for the Replacement of the Dumbwaiter at the Jail, and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on Thursday, February 27, 2025, and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the County Highway Superintendent who oversees the Buildings and Grounds Department, the Public Works Committee recommends rejecting all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Public Works Committee, the Schuyler County Legislature rejects any and all bids.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 195 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR FIRE ALARM TESTING AND MAINTENANCE – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance contract expires December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buildings and Grounds Department under the leadership of the Highway Superintendent be authorized to advertise for Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance Sealed Bids for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be authorized to advertise for sealed bids for Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 196 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN AND THE TOWN OF TYRONE FOR THE 2025-2029 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 117-25 authorized the continuance of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Reimbursement Program for Schuyler County Towns and Villages, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Watkins Glen and the Town of Tyrone have each applied for the funding and each submitted an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) to the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute IMAs with the Village of Watkins Glen and the Town of Tyrone for the Highway Department for the 2025 CDL Reimbursement Program for the term July 14, 2025 through December 31, 2029, for the Village of Watkins Glen and the Town of Tyrone to be reimbursed \$1,200.00 per student, funding available in the Highway budget account no. 003.5130.0459- Training; agreements approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 197 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION, INC. (CSEA) LOCAL #849 – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the current Union contract has language to address "Wages, Salary, and Other Compensations" which identifies starting hourly wages for new employees, and

WHEREAS, a certain employee will be retiring from her position of Computer and Business Services Coordinator in the Community Services Department effective July 3, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$40.11, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Services has requested that a Part Time Computer and Business

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Services Coordinator position be created to allow for said employee to be brought back to the County for purposes of providing training and additional assistance for a period of time not to exceed one year, with length of time to be determined by the Director of Community Services, and which may be extended by mutual agreement by both parties, and

WHEREAS, said employee will return to the Part Time Computer and Business Services Coordinator position at a rate of pay of \$40.00 per hour versus the contractual starting hourly rate of \$32.04 , and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and Personnel Officer agree with the return of said employee at \$40.00 per hour in a part time capacity, and

WHEREAS, the County and the Union now wish to document the terms of their agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Schuyler County Civil Service Employee's Association, Inc. as set forth above, effective July 14, 2025, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 5-0. Abstained: Jaynes.

RESOLUTION NO. 198 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE SEPARATION, STIPULATION AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT WITH A COUNTY EMPLOYEE - HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a Separation, Stipulation, and Release of Claims Agreement related to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular County employee as approved by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 199 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME ASSESSOR POSITION - REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Assessor, Patricia Bartolomeo, will be retiring on or about October 1, 2025, and WHEREAS, due to the job duties of the position, it is recommended that the individual who will be hired to replace the retiring employee be provided a training period with the retiring employee, with such training not to exceed one month, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Director is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Real Property Tax Services is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Assessor position, effective immediately at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23, in Grade 3 of the Management/Confidential Handbook, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Assessor vacated by the retiring employee will be abolished upon such retirement.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 200 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT COVERING EMPLOYEES IN THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LOCAL #849 – SCHUYLER COUNTY HIGHWAY UNIT #8600

WHEREAS, representatives of the County have engaged in Collective Bargaining with the Schuyler County Highway Unit #8600 (“the Association”), and

WHEREAS, a tentative agreement upon terms and conditions for a new contract for calendar years 2026 through 2029, inclusive, has been reached with respect to employees in the Association, and

WHEREAS, the Association has a scheduled ratification vote on July 15, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature does hereby ratify and approve of the terms and contents of said collective bargaining agreement between the County of Schuyler and the Schuyler County Administrative Unit #8600 contingent upon ratification and approval by the Association,

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and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of this Legislature be hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned agreement, following ratification and approval by the Association.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 201 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK POSITION – COUNTY CLERK’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Assistant Deputy County Clerk will be resigning her position on or before September 1, 2025 and

WHEREAS, due to the complexities of the job duties, it is recommended that the current Assistant Deputy County Clerk have a training period with the individual to be hired for the appointment of Assistant Deputy County Clerk, with such training not to exceed one month, and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk is requesting to create one additional full-time Assistant Deputy County Clerk for said transition, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Clerk/DMV Department is hereby authorized to create and fill one additional full-time Assistant Deputy County Clerk position, effective immediately at a salary to be set by the County Administrator, per Resolution No. 62-23, in Grade 1 of the Management/Confidential Handbook, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Assistant Deputy County Clerk vacated by the current employee in that title be abolished upon her resignation.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 202 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO A CIVIL LEGAL MATTER — COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55-24 authorized an engagement letter and agreement with Nixon Peabody, LLP for Professional Services related to a civil legal matter, and authorized transferring funds from the Contingency account in the amount of \$19,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds previously allocated from the Contingency account have been expended, and

WHEREAS, Nixon Peabody, LLP has estimated additional fees of \$10,000.00-\$16,000.00 for its representation under the present agreement at the following discounted municipality rate(s) which will be fixed for the duration of its representation under the agreement: (a) \$650.00/hr. for partner(s); (b) \$383.00 to \$585.00/hr. for associates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of up to \$20,000.00 for the term of the contract from Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 into the County Attorney’s budget account no. 001.1420.0401-Contractual Expenses, as requested by the Schuyler County Attorney upon the proper presentation of a qualified invoice and amount.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 203 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF ATTACK SURFACE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PER CONTRACT # X053048 – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is established within the State of New York a Joint Security Operations Center (“JSOC”) to serve as the round the clock operational center for the purpose of sharing cyber threat information that is uniquely positioned as a sharing hub to integrate information and facilitate operational collaboration from multiple sources, and

WHEREAS, the New York Security of Operations Center (NYSOC) Initiative is a one-of-a-kind

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cooperative approach between State and local governments to enhance collective cybersecurity and risk management capabilities and provide Participating Entities with actionable information to prevent, detect, respond to and recover from cyberattacks, and

WHEREAS, Attack Surface Management (ASM) services identify and assess vulnerabilities in the Participating Entity's external facing network including but not limited to publicly accessible servers, IP addresses and domains, cloud services, network devices, certificates, third-party services, etc., and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement will be for three years, effective upon execution by all parties, and will automatically renew for an additional twelve months based upon state funding, at no cost to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute said intergovernmental agreement with New York State Office of Information Technology Services and New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for Attack Surface Management Services per Contract #X053048 for the Information Technology Department, effective upon execution by all parties, at no cost to the County, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 204 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CAYUTA FOR A POLLING PLACE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Elections Law Section 4-104, the Schuyler County Board of Elections designates the polling places in each election district in which the meetings for the registration of voters, and for any election may be held, and

WHEREAS, the current lease agreements on file are being replaced with new five-year lease agreements including the one with the Town of Cayuta for said polling places, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County and any expenses associated are to be paid by the Town to each polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a five-year lease agreement with the Town of Cayuta for the Board of Elections Department for the term of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2030, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 205 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME SENIOR SOCIAL WELFARE EXAMINER POSITION – SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services currently has two vacant full-time Social Welfare Examiner positions, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has carefully reviewed the job duties required in the Temporary Assistance Unit, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Commissioner that the two full-time Social Welfare Examiner positions be changed to one full-time Senior Social Welfare Examiner position, as a Grade 7, with an hourly rate of \$24.36 to more appropriately reflect the job responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is covered by abolishing the two vacant full-time Social Welfare Examiner positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Senior Social Welfare Examiner position at an hourly rate of \$24.36, to be placed in Grade 7, as set forth in the CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Contract, effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the two full-time titles of Social Welfare Examiner of the Department of Social Services be hereby abolished effective upon the filling of the full-time Senior Social Welfare position.

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Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 206 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING FOR THE NEW YORK CONNECTS EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County has a New York (NY) Connects program within the Office for the Aging which serves as the local Aging and Disability Resource Center for individuals from birth to death with long term care or chronic healthcare issues, and

WHEREAS, NY Connects is an essential component of the State’s efforts to rebalance the Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) system to increase access to non-institutional community-based long-term services and supports, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Long-Term Care program funding is to broaden the scope and involve new partners to produce a fully functional No Wrong Door structural reform as required under the federal Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) authorized under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to sign a grant application and agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging for the Expansion and Enhancement of NY Connects program grant funds, for the term April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$159,095.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the NY Connects program grant accordingly in cooperation with the Office for the Aging Department.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 207 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CORNING COUNCIL FOR ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION FOR THE DISABLED, INC. T/A AIM FOR NON-MEDICAL IN-HOME SERVICES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 114-24 authorized a new contract with Corning Council for Assistance and Information for the Disabled, Inc. T/A AIM for non-medical in-home services, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging renewed the contract with a new term and neglected to increase the total dollar amount to reflect the new term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Corning Council for Assistance and Information for the Disabled, Inc. T/A AIM for the Office for the Aging Department for non-medical in-home services, to increase the amount of the contract from \$55,000.00 to not to exceed \$90,000.00 an increase of \$35,000.00 for the remainder of the term of the contract expiring December 31, 2025, funding available in account no.001.6772.0490-Subcontracts, contract amendment approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 208 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR AN INCENTIVE AWARD - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Public Health Department has been awarded a total of \$20,286.00 as an incentive award for quality work in the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, and

WHEREAS, Public Health recommends the use of a portion of these funds to purchase a motor vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Public Health Budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$16,500.00	001.4010.0204	Car Expense
+\$ 3,786.00	001.4010.0202	Equipment Expense
+\$20,286.00	001.4010.3401	State Aid Revenue

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 209 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

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RE: ACCEPT AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AGENCY'S ONLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Watershed Protection Agency developed an Online Policy and Procedures Handbook which has been available to the public since 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Policy and Procedures Handbook was accepted and approved by the Legislature by Resolution 117-07, and

WHEREAS, the Handbook was last reviewed and approved in March 2009 by Resolution No. 69-09, and

WHEREAS, amendments have been made to the Watershed Protection Agency Policy and Procedures Handbook to reflect up to date information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts and approves the amendments to the Watershed Protection Agency Online Policy and Procedures Handbook for posting on the Schuyler County Public Health website.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 210 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS/AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 246-17 the County of Schuyler authorized the Schuyler County Attorney to work with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, as special counsel, related to bringing an action against the manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the county, at no cost to the County, under which multiple settlement agreements have been reached against multiple defendants, as well as with and through the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County has received opioid settlement funding, and

WHEREAS, Drug overdose is a serious public health concern and opioid-related overdose has increased as a health threat, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Public Health's mission is to protect and empower our community to be safe, healthy and prepared, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Coalition on Underage Drinking and Drugs (SCCUDD) mission is to prevent, reduce and delay the use of substances of Schuyler County Youth and operates under the auspices of Schuyler County Public Health, and

WHEREAS, SCCUDD has successfully reduced substance use in the youth of Schuyler County as measured by the bi-annual youth survey, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Public Health wishes to advance prevention work in Schuyler County to address drug overdoses and also wishes to continue to support the work of SCCUDD using \$15,000.00 of opioid settlement funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the use of Opioid Settlement Funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLUTIONS, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Budget as follows to utilize the \$15,000.00 of the \$173,603.25 in Deferred Opioid Settlement Revenue:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$15,000.00	001.4010.0412	Public Health Opioid Fund Expenses
+\$15,000.00	001.4010.2735	Opioid Settlement Funds Revenue

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 211 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE PART-TIME BUSINESS AND COMPUTER SERVICES COORDINATOR POSITION – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Business and Computer Services Coordinator is retiring effective July 4, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Community Services requires coverage for this position, including required time to train

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current staff on the responsibilities of this role, which occur at intervals over the course of a year, and

WHEREAS, this will be a part-time position with the individual working up to a maximum of 520 hours annually for a period of time, not to exceed one year, with length of time to be determined by the Director of Community Services, and which may be extended by mutual agreement by both parties, and

WHEREAS, as a part-time employee the individual will not acquire accruals or benefits, and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department is requesting to create this part-time position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is included in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Services Department is hereby authorized to create and fill a part-time Business and Computer Services Coordinator position, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hourly rate will be \$40.00, and placed in Grade 11, as set forth in the CSEA Contract, effective July 14, 2025, and agreed upon with a Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA) Local #849.

Vote 5-0. Abstained: Jaynes.

RESOLUTION NO. 212 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, THE SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION FOR THE MARKETING OF MONTEREY SHOCK

WHEREAS, the New York State Urban Development Corporation, d/b/a/ Empire State Development (ESD), wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYSDOCCS), the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA), and Schuyler County for marketing of the former Monterey Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility property described herein (“Monterey Shock”), and

WHEREAS, collectively the above-named public parties propose to cooperate in a joint effort to market and set certain requirements for redevelopment of the Monterey Shock property, a 25-acre site located at 2150 Evergreen Hill Road, Beaver Dams, NY, and

WHEREAS, the goal is to commence the steps necessary to develop a marketing plan to facilitate a sale of the site to a private party as part of a private or public/private initiative that will create jobs and drive economic growth in New York State, particularly Schuyler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the ESD, NYSDEC, NYSDOCCS, and SCIDA for the marketing of Monterey Shock, at no cost to the County, effective July 7, 2025 through July 6, 2026, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 213 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Cayuta representative to the Schuyler County Planning Commission was term-limited with a final term ending on December 31, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cayuta is recommending Robert Wixson Jr. to represent the Town through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Robert Wixson Jr. to fill the seat, effective July 14, 2025 through December 31, 2026 as the Town of Cayuta representative on the Schuyler County Planning Commission.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 214 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: DECLARE NEGATIVE DECLARATION STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR)

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FOR ISSUANCE FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT, WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL, INC. 2025 EVENTS – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010, as amended, Watkins Glen International, Inc., of Watkins Glen, NY has applied for a Public Entertainment (Outdoor) Permit for the 2025 season of events, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid events are:

- HSR Race Weekend, June 12, 2025 – June 14, 2025
- IMSA Series, June 19, 2025 – June 22, 2025
- SCAA Majors, June 27, 2025 – June 29, 2025
- Trans Am Racing Series, July 11, 2025 – July 13, 2025
- F.L.X. Summer Fest at the Glen, July 18, 2025 – July 20, 2025
- Ferrari World Challenge, July 23, 2025 – July 27, 2025
- NASCAR Cup Series, August 6, 2025 – August 10, 2025
- US Vintage Grand Prix, September 4, 2025 – September 7, 2025

WHEREAS, all events have taken or will take place at the Watkins Glen International facility located in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County, NY, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), Schuyler County must review the potential environmental impacts associated with the issuance of a permit under Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010, Public Entertainment (Outdoor) – Regulating/Licensing, and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2025, by Resolution No. 175 the Legislature declared its intent to serve as lead agency for the environmental review and accepted the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and notified involved agencies of this intent to serve as lead agency, and

WHEREAS, no involved agencies challenged Schuyler County’s assertion of lead agency status within the required 30-day waiting period, and

WHEREAS, the above-described action is an “Unlisted” action under SEQR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, upon review of the submitted EAF and the permit materials provided by Watkins Glen International, Inc., and in consultation with the County Planning Director, County Administrator, and the Schuyler County Legislature finds that the issuance of the Public Entertainment (Outdoor) Permit for the events listed in this resolution will not result in any significant negative environmental impacts, and accordingly issues a negative declaration of environmental impact, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to complete, and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 215 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ISSUE PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS TO WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR THEIR GENERAL MASS GATHERING EVENTS FOR 2025 – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010, as amended, Watkins Glen International, Inc., of Watkins Glen, NY has applied for a Public Entertainment (Outdoor) Permit for the 2025 season of events, and

WHEREAS, the events subject to aforesaid permit are:

- HSR Race Weekend, June 12, 2025 – June 14, 2025
- IMSA Series, June 19, 2025 – June 22, 2025
- SCAA Majors, June 27, 2025 – June 29, 2025
- Trans Am Racing Series, July 11, 2025 – July 13, 2025
- F.L.X. Summer Fest at the Glen, July 18, 2025 – July 20, 2025
- Ferrari World Challenge, July 23, 2025 – July 27, 2025

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- NASCAR Cup Series, August 6, 2025 – August 10, 2025
- US Vintage Grand Prix, September 4, 2025 – September 7, 2025, and

WHEREAS, all events will take place at the Watkins Glen International facility located in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County, NY, and

Whereas, in compliance with the issuance of a permit under Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2010, Public Entertainment (Outdoor) – Regulating/Licensing, all requirements have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the County Planning Director and County Administrator, the Schuyler County Legislature authorizes the issuance of the Public Entertainment (Outdoor) Permits for the events listed in this resolution to Watkins Glen International, Inc.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 216 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: MOTION TO BRING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR

BE IT RESOLVED, that one (1) additional Resolution be brought to the floor.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 217 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

RE: RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE (TRAINING PURPOSES) AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AS A WHOLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law § 154 and Rule 23 of the Rules of this Legislature, the Legislature may from time to time create special committees, members to be appointed by the Chair of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, by way of message of urgency, this resolution is presented without referral to standing committee due to the timing constraints presented by the need to commence the requisite interview process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the above that the Chair is hereby authorized to convene and appoint a special committee to interview applicants for Deputy Clerk of the County Legislature (training purposes) and make recommendations to the Legislature as a whole, said committee to consist, together with the Chair, of the following: Chair of the Management and Finance Committee, the Clerk of the Legislature, the Deputy Clerk of the Legislature, the Personnel Officer, the County Administrator and, in the Chair's discretion, up to two members of the Legislature, each member of such special committee shall serve for the period necessary to complete interviews and hire a candidate but in any event not longer than the term for which he or she shall hold office with the county, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee meetings shall be held pursuant to Public Officers Law Art. 7 (the Open Meetings Law) and, as applicable, the provisions of Section 105 ("Conduct of Executive Sessions") of such article.

Vote 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk reminded the Legislators of an email they should have all received from the Planning Director last Friday requesting they fill out a survey for the Urban Partners by this Friday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Legislator Barnes wanted to report that after Fred Bonn attending our meeting last week, he contacted our Emergency Management Services Director, Kirk Smith, to make sure there is an updated tabletop exercise in case the damn breaks at the gorge or even just flooding like what happened last evening in Newark Valley or in Texas the week before.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES: None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Rosno reported on the Sales Tax figures and how the County is almost spot on with its forecast. He then talked about it plateauing and why we are not greatly ahead. We are at .24% above where we thought we were going to be at this time of the year. He also reported that Room Tax is slightly ahead, and it might be because of businesses that have been renting rooms are now paying their fair share, even though it's not effective yet some are coming forward already. He stated that he is looking at a program to keep track of the short-term rentals throughout the County to help with data collection. He also reported that the 2024 audit is

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complete and there will be a meeting to review the draft reports soon so that Inero & Co. CPAs, LLP can attend the July 28, 2025 Management and Finance Committee Meeting. He then reported that the budget season has started, and he will be meeting with departments soon. Then each committee Chair will meet with their respective department heads. If any of you have any questions, please reach out to me. He feels it will be a tight year and for the next couple of years with various unknowns. Some items were planned to not take effect until 2027 or 2028. He is looking at a three-year plan to stay ahead. Chairman Blowers said he feels people understand that something's coming out of this big bill, and they are looking to control their own personal expenses and make changes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Gail Walker, from District III, asked when the Legislature will see the water sewer report for the Village of Burdett and Town of Hector. Administrator Rosno explained that it is not a County project therefore the County will not receive the report. Legislator Jaynes, who has been reporting on this project monthly as a Village of Burdett trustee, explained where they were in the process and gave an update.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 11, 2025

The August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Howell and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Lausell who was excused and Legislator Reed who was unexcused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Gail Walker, from Legislative District III asked if there was any updated information available regarding the feasibility study regarding the Water and Sewer project in the Village of Burdett.

RESOLUTION NO. 218 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 219 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES FOR A 2025 - 2028 VICTIM OF CRIME ACT VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT - DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County District Attorney's Office has been awarded a New York State Office of Victim Services Victim of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant, Contract No. OVS01-C00197GM-1080200, in the amount of \$809,477.40, with a 20% local in-kind match, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used for the purpose of assisting the Schuyler County District Attorney's Office in operating, the contract, the Schuyler County Justice Center, in collaboration with non-profit service providers in Schuyler, Chemung, and Steuben Counties, and

WHEREAS, a portion of this grant will also be used to continue to fund the position of the Victim Services Coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to accept and execute the New York State Office of Victim Services grant contract, for the term October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, in the amount of \$269,825.80 for each year of the three years, totaling \$809,477.40, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said Grant accordingly in cooperation with the District Attorney's Office.

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RESOLUTION NO. 220 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR PHASE 1 OF ADDING SITE MONITORING TO SCHUYLER COUNTY TOWER SITES - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Office recommends the County enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for Phase 1 of adding site monitoring to Schuyler County towers sites for Environmental Monitoring of the Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc.'s proposal pricing is in the amount of \$114,500.00 with terms and conditions subject to the NYS-OGS Contract # PT68722, and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021 State Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) to cover said cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Emergency Management Department for Phase 1 of adding site monitoring to Schuyler County Tower Sites, with a term effective upon execution until completion, in the amount of \$114,500.00, funding available in the Fiscal Year 2021 SICG account no. 001.3689.0202.3804, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 221 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (HAZMAT) TARGETED GRANT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Emergency Management Department received a Fiscal Year 2022 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Targeted Grant HM22-1008-D00, in the amount of \$114,900.00, with a term of April 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, with no local share cost, and

WHEREAS, said funds have not been fully utilized, and the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has authorized a contract extension through August 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute said grant extension through August 31, 2026, for contract HM22-1008-D01, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to extend Fiscal Year 2022 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Targeted grant funds accordingly, in cooperation with the Emergency Management Department.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION No. 222 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) ROBERT ROYER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature acknowledges and recognizes the actions of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Robert Royer at Fairgrounds Lane on June 3, 2025 in the County of Schuyler, State of New York and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a Lifesaving Award certificate memorializing this recognition for presentation by the Legislature.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 223 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE -YEAR CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES (OILS) FOR A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT - PUBLIC DEFENDER'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office has received a New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) Grant, Contract No. C4TH643, Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant, and

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WHEREAS, said grant is for the total amount of \$239,488.00 for three years, with no local share, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said grant contract, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant, Contract No. C4TH643 accordingly in cooperation with the Public Defender's Department.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 224 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE GENERATOR AND UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) TESTING AND MAINTENANCE – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Generator and Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Testing and Maintenance agreement expires December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be authorized to advertise for sealed bids for the Generator and Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Testing and Maintenance, for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 225 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HECTOR FOR THE 2025-2029 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 117-25 authorized the continuance of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Reimbursement Program for Schuyler County Towns and Villages, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hector has applied for the funding and submitted an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) to the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an IMA with the Town of Hector for the Highway Department for the 2025 CDL Reimbursement Program for the term August 11, 2025 through December 31, 2029, for the Town of Hector to be reimbursed \$1,200.00 per student, funding available in the Highway budget account no. 003.5130.0459- Training, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 226 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CHA CONSULTING, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (BIN 3332410) COUNTY ROAD 1 OVER BOLTER CREEK, TOWN OF HECTOR, SCHUYLER COUNTY, P.I.N. 6755.86 - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 350-24 authorized bridge replacement BIN 3332410 County Road (CR) 1 over Bolter Creek, Town of Hector, Schuyler County, P.I.N. 6755.86 as a Federal aid-eligible project, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has recommended CHA Consulting, Inc. as best qualified to provide design services for the project and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has approved this selection, and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided hereinunder are in the nature of professional services and exempt from competitive bidding requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with CHA Consulting, Inc. for the Highway Department for engineering consultant services for bridge replacement BIN 3332410 CR1 over Bolter Creek, Town of Hector, Schuyler County, P.I.N. 6755.86, for the term July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, at a cost of \$581,200.00, funding available in

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the 2025 Highway budget account 002.5020.0401, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 227 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR REPLACING VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need of replacing two Variable Message Signs, and

WHEREAS, there is Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) aid funding to pay for said purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$37,600.00	003.5130.0202	Equipment
+\$37,600.00	003.0003.3501	Consolidated Highway Aid

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 228 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR FORECLOSURE RELATED EXPENSES AND REVENUES – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the date for filing Notices and Petitions in Schuyler County tax foreclosure cases changed from November to July, due to mandated changes in New York State Real Property Tax Law signed into law in 2024 by Governor Hochul, and

WHEREAS, these changes increase the initial expenses Schuyler County must pay during the tax foreclosure process in 2025, and

WHEREAS, these changes allow for certain charges to be deemed a part of the delinquent tax for purposes of redemption and determination of surplus of parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$40,000.00	001.1362.0401	Contractual Expense Misc
+\$40,000.00	001.1362.1235	Charges – Tax Advertising & Exp

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 229 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF READING AND THE WATKINS GLEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RELATED TO U.S. SALT, LLC AND RICHARD AND TOBY WOODCOCK REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW - REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler, Town of Reading and the Watkins Glen Central School District (WGCS D) have mutual interests in the defense of two particular tax certiorari actions filed against the Town’s 2024 Assessment Roll and seek to share certain costs of defending these actions with the County, and

WHEREAS, the particular actions have been filed by Petitioners U.S. Salt, LLC (Schuyler County Index Number e2024-0126) and Richard and Toby Woodcock (Schuyler County Index Number e2024-0148) relating to the following tax parcels:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tax Map Number</u>	<u>Property Class</u>
U.S. Salt, LLC	WGCS D	43.00-1-46	341
		53.00-2-13	710
		53.00-2-16	341
Richard and Toby Woodcock	WGCS D	53.00-4-8	210, and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to share certain expert appraisal fees only, incurred by the Town in

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defending the actions and any actions filed in subsequent years that may be consolidated with these actions with the Town paying 13%, the County paying 31% , and the School District paying 54% of the Appraisal Fees, and

WHEREAS, assessment reduction as a result of litigation could adversely affect all real property tax jurisdictions deriving taxes therefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an intermunicipal cooperation agreement with the Town of Reading and the Watkins Glen Central School District, for the purpose of the County sharing the cost to defend such actions, not to exceed \$3,100.00 for the U.S. Salt, LLC matter and \$651.00 for the Woodcock matter, with a term effective upon execution and terminating upon conclusion of each actions, funding available in account no. 001.1355.0401, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 230 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER A LAWSUIT RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS - COUNTY ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 246 of 2017 the County of Schuyler authorized the Schuyler County Attorney to work with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, as special counsel, related to bringing an action against the manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the County, at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 72 of 2018, the County enacted Local Law Intro. B/Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2018 entitled "A Local Law Declaring the Opioid Epidemic and its Effect on the County a Public Nuisance and Establishing a Cost Recovery Procedure," and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, the County Attorney filed a nearly 250-page Summons and Complaint on May 11, 2018 against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the County, and such matter remains pending (the "Action"), and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2023, the County filed an Amended Supplemental Short Form Complaint to include in the Action supplemental defendants and causes of action, and

WHEREAS, the Action is against multiple defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, the Action alleges several causes of action against defendants Sandoz, Inc., Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Novartis AG, Sandoz International GmbH, Novartis Manufacturing LLC, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Inc., Novartis Corporation, and Novartis Consumer Health (collectively "Sandoz"), based on claims that Sandoz contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in the County, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and certain other New York subdivisions are also engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County, the State of New York and other litigating subdivisions share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance of the Opioid Supply Chain Participants throughout the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, Sandoz has entered into an agreement-in-principle with Schuyler County and other litigating subdivisions to establish a \$99,500,000.00 settlement fund to resolve pending opioid-related litigation, without admission of liability or wrongdoing, and

WHEREAS, Allocation Distribution percentages may be determined by referring to and incorporating allocation percentages, formulas and manners of calculations utilized in prior settlement agreements in the opioid litigation, to be finally determined hereinafter by the court-appointed Settlement Referee, and

WHEREAS, under the agreement, one-time payments should be issued to participating subdivisions in 2026 and use of the funds are to be used solely for opioid remediation and abatement, and

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WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Napoli Shkolnik LLC have approved as to form the settlement agreement (“Agreement”), and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to resolve this matter with respect to these entities without litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as this shall settle all allegations against these entities and avoid protracted litigation and provide County revenue as noted above, and

WHEREAS, this settlement is without prejudice to litigation against any other defendants in the Action, to the extent such litigation remains pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of Schuyler by the Schuyler County Attorney, or his designee, of the proposed Agreement is hereby authorized, and the Schuyler County Attorney or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the proposed Agreement and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement with Sandoz, as set forth above.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 231 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) LOCAL PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2025-2029, FOR WIOA TITLE 1 PROGRAMS IN CHEMUNG, SCHUYLER, AND STEUBEN COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the County Executive of Chemung County, the Chair of the Legislature of Schuyler County, and the Chair of the Legislature of Steuben County, acting on their authority as the Chief Elected Officials are required to execute certain agreements to organize and implement activities in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the purpose of administering WIOA in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the WIOA Local Plan for Program Years 2025-2029, for WIOA Title 1 Programs in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 232 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH GAR ASSOCIATES LLC FOR PROS SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS ONLINE HOSTING SERVICES – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Department’s contract with Systems Development Group, Inc. to host the County’s Image Mate Online application as well as the Outpost Software, which allows the public access to real property tax and assessment information is being replaced by GAR Associates LLC, and

WHEREAS, GAR Associates LLC will provide PROS Software and Solutions for online hosting services at a cost of \$2,500.00 (prorated) for 2025, \$3,200.00 for 2026 and 2027, and \$3,520.00 for the year 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with GAR Associates LLC for the Real Property Tax Department for PROS Software Solutions online hosting services, for the term August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, in the amounts specified above, funding available in account no. 001.1355.401 – Contractual Expense; approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 233 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLER, EXTENDING THE ADDITIONAL RATE OF TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF CERTAIN SERVICES, AND ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT CHARGES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES AND SERVICES FROM SUCH ADDITIONAL RATE OF TAX

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the county of Schuyler, as follows:

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SECTION 1. The first sentence of section two of Resolution No. 140 as enacted November 27, 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Imposition of sales tax.

On and after March 1, 1968, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid a tax of three percent upon, and for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional tax of one percent upon:

SECTION 2. Subdivision (f) of section three of Resolution No. 140 as enacted November 27, 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(f) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the provisions of subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this section apply, except that for the purposes of this subdivision, all references in said subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (d) to an effective date shall be read as referring to March 1, 2000, all references in said subdivision (a) to the date four months prior to the effective date shall be read as referring to November 1, 1999, and the reference in subdivision (b) to the date immediately preceding the effective date shall be read as referring to February 29, 2000. Nothing herein shall be deemed to exempt from tax at the rate in effect prior to March 1, 2000, any transaction which may not be subject to the additional tax imposed effective on that date.

SECTION 3. Section four of Resolution No. 140 as enacted November 27, 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Imposition of compensating use tax.

(a) Except to the extent that property or services have already been or will be subject to the sales tax under this enactment, there is hereby imposed on every person a use tax for the use within this taxing jurisdiction on and after March 1, 2000, except as otherwise exempted under this enactment, (A) of any tangible personal property purchased at retail, (B) of any tangible personal property (other than computer software used by the author or other creator) manufactured, processed or assembled by the user, (i) if items of the same kind of tangible personal property are offered for sale by him in the regular course of business or (ii) if items are used as such or incorporated into a structure, building or real property, by a contractor, subcontractor or repairman in erecting structures or buildings, or building on, or otherwise adding to, altering, improving, maintaining, servicing or repairing real property, property or land, as the terms real property, property or land are defined in the real property tax law, if items of the same kind are not offered for sale as such by such contractor, subcontractor or repairman or other user in the regular course of business, (C) of any of the services described in paragraphs (1), (7) and (8) of subdivision (c) of section two, (D) of any tangible personal property, however acquired, where not acquired for purposes of resale, upon which any of the services described under paragraphs (2), (3) and (7) of subdivision (c) of section two have been performed, (E) of any telephone answering service described in subdivision (b) of section two and (F) of any computer software written or otherwise created by the user if the user offers software of a similar kind for sale as such or as a component part of other property in the regular course of business, (G) of any prepaid telephone calling service, and (H) of any gas or electricity described in subdivision (b) of section two of this enactment.

(b) For purposes of clause (A) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for such property, or for the use of such property, including any charges for shipping or delivery as described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one, but excluding any credit for tangible personal property accepted in part payment and intended for resale.

(c) For purposes of subclause (i) of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the price at which items of the same kind of tangible personal property are offered for sale by the user, and the mere storage, keeping, retention or withdrawal from storage of tangible personal property by the person who manufactured, processed or assembled such property shall not be deemed a taxable use by him; provided, however, that if the user uses such an item itself on its own premises (not including making a gift of such tangible personal property), solely in the conduct

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of the user's own business operations, and the item retains its characteristic as tangible personal property when so used, the tax shall be at the rate, and on the consideration, described in subdivision (d) of this section.

(d) For purposes of subclause (ii) of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the tangible personal property manufactured, processed or assembled into the tangible personal property the use of which is subject to tax, including any charges for shipping or delivery as described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, for purposes of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, there shall be no tax on any portion of such price which represents the value added by the user to tangible personal property which he fabricates and installs to the specifications of an addition or capital improvement to real property, property or land, as the terms real property, property or land are defined in the real property tax law, over and above the prevailing normal purchase price prior to such fabrication of such tangible personal property which a manufacturer, producer or assembler would charge an unrelated contractor who similarly fabricated and installed such tangible personal property to the specifications of an addition or capital improvement to such real property, property or land.

(f) For purposes of clauses (C), (D) and (E) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the service, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the performance of the service and also including any charges for shipping and delivery of the property so transferred and of the tangible personal property upon which the service was performed as such charges are described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one.

(g) For purposes of clause (F) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the tangible personal property which constitutes the blank medium, such as disks or tapes, used in conjunction with the software, or for the use of such property, and the mere storage, keeping, retention or withdrawal from storage of computer software described in such clause (F) by its author or other creator shall not be deemed a taxable use by such person.

(h) For purposes of clause (G) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the service, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the service and also including any charges for shipping and delivery of the property so transferred as such charges are described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one; provided that, if the user offers like services for sale in the regular course of business, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent of the price at which the user offers such like services for sale.

(i) For purposes of clause (H) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing June 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for, or for the use of, the gas or electricity, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the performance thereof, and including any charges described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one of this enactment.

SECTION 4. Subdivision (k) of section six of Resolution No. 140 as enacted November 27, 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(k) Exemption of certain energy sources and related services from additional one percent rate of tax. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this resolution, receipts from the retail sale or use of fuel oil and coal used for residential purposes; the receipts from the retail sale or use of wood used for residential heating purposes; and the receipts from every sale, other than for resale, or use of propane (except when sold in

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containers of less than one hundred pounds), natural gas, electricity, steam and gas, electric and steam services used for residential purposes shall be exempt from the additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4, respectively, of this resolution for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. Paragraph (B) of subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution No. 140 as enacted November 27, 1967, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

(B) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period beginning March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this County prior to March 1, 2000.

SECTION 6. Subdivision (d) of section fourteen of Resolution No. 140 as enacted in November 27, 1967, as amended, is added to read as follows:

(d) Net collections attributable to the additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed for the period beginning March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, are set aside for County purposes and shall be available for any County purpose.

SECTION 7. This enactment shall take effect December 1, 2025.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 234 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH LEIGHANN L. BREUER FOR RELATED PRESCHOOL SERVICES – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Public Health Department per Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law and in compliance with Part 200 of the Regulation of the New York State Education Commissioner is required to provide related preschool services to preschool children with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Leighann L. Breuer will provide the related preschool services at the rate of \$67.00 per half hour individual session and \$45.00 per group session per child for physical therapy, for a term of September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Leighann L. Breuer for the Schuyler County Public Health Department for the related preschool services, at the rate of \$67.00 per half hour individual session per child, and \$45.00 per group session per child, for a term of September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, funding available in account no. 001.2960.0401 - Contractual Expense, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 235 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH KEVIN FIELD, PHD FOR CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST AND EVALUATION SERVICES – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Community Services Department is required to provide psychological evaluations and/or evaluations pursuant to New York Criminal Procedure Law (“CPL”) Article 730 as needed or requested by the Community Services Director, Clinic Director, or court order, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, the Community Services Department is required to have a Consulting Psychologist to perform the evaluations, case consultation and related administrative activities, and

WHEREAS, Kevin Field, PhD has agreed to provide the consulting psychologist evaluation services at the rate of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$31,500.00 annually, or \$63,000.00 for a two-year term, effective June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Kevin Field, PhD, for the Community Services Department for the Consulting Psychological Services for the term of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2027, at the rate of \$175.00 per hour, \$31,500.00 annually, contract total not to exceed \$63,000.00, funding available in account no. 001.4310.0458 - Professional Fees and Services, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 236 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) COST REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Community Services Department has received funding from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports for the reimbursement of the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved formulations of Naltexone and Buprenorphine (NB) medicine dispensed but not covered by insurance for inmates while housed at the County jail through Schuyler County Mental Health Opioid Stewardship Funding, and

WHEREAS, an Interdepartmental Cooperative Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Schuyler County Sheriff's Department is required to define the roles and responsibilities of each department, and

WHEREAS, the MAT Funding per the State Aid letter is in the total amount of \$4,696.00, \$1,174.00 for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and \$2,348.00 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and \$1,174.00 for the period of January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an Interdepartmental Cooperative Agreement and MOU between the Schuyler County Community Services Department and the Sheriff's Department for administration of the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) cost reimbursement program, in the total amount of \$4,696.00 with a term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, funding available in account no. 001.4322.0508 – Opioid Stewardship, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 237 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH TELEFORENSIC LLC FOR REMOTE FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION SERVICES – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Community Services Department is required to provide evaluations pursuant to New York Criminal Procedure Law (“CPL”) Article 730 as needed or requested by the Community Services Director, Clinic Director or court order, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, the Community Services Department is required to have a Psychiatrist to perform the evaluations, and

WHEREAS, Teleforensic LLC has agreed to provide the forensic psychiatric evaluation services at the rate of \$375.00 per hour for evaluation and consultation services, and \$450 per hour for any participation in deposition or testimony, including time spent in preparation for the same, effective June 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Teleforensic LLC, for the Community Services Department for Forensic Psychiatric Evaluation Services for the term of July 7, 2025 through December 31, 2026, at the rate of \$375.00 per hour for evaluation and consultation services, and \$450 per hour for deposition and testimony, including time spent in preparation for the same, funding available in account no. 001.4310.0458 - Professional Fees and Services, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 238 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF HECTOR FOR THE SAFE SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES GRANT– PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 174-25 authorized a contract with the New York State Department of State Division of Local Governmental Services for the Safe Swimming Opportunities Grant, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the grant, the Town of Hector will use the amount of \$9,600.00 from the grant funds to hire Lifeguards, Increase Wages, Advertise, and provide Certification/Training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with the Town of Hector under the Safe Swimming Opportunities

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Grant for the term June 9, 2025 through September 30, 2025, funding available from the Safe Swimming Opportunities Grant, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 239 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SCHUYLER COUNTY 2025 APPROPRIATIONS CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING/AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FUNDS – LEGISLATURE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation District of Schuyler County requested additional funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 that was not included in the 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will be used to expand the capacity of the Soil and Water Conservation District abilities with a full-time equipment operator, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature authorizes the use of Contingency Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 as this was not included in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment to the 2025 appropriations contract with the Soil and Water Conservation District, for additional funding in the amount of \$10,000.00, for the remainder of the contract term through December 31, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from Contingency Account no. 001.1990.0500 into the Soil and Water Conservation District account no. 001.8710.0565.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 240 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH YATES COUNTY FOR A HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DISPOSAL DAY – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Yates County Legislature will hold a joint Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal day for residents of Schuyler County and Yates County this year on September 13, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County will reimburse Yates County in the amount of \$4,500.00 for said joint HHW Disposal Day as it will include Schuyler residents at this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute an intermunicipal agreement with Yates County for the 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day services that will be held on September 13, 2025, with a term of September 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at the cost to Schuyler County of \$4,500.00, funding available in account no. 001.8020.0580, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler Country Attorney.

Vote 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Gray said other than the stabbing incident that occurred at Watkins Glen International, NASCAR weekend the event was pretty busy otherwise.

Legislator Rondinaro reported that there was a brunch planned for Saturday, August 16th at the Bucket Bar and Grill in the Village of Odessa. The cost is \$12.00 per person, and a portion of that will go to the FLX Community Development for future projects.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Rosno reported on the sales tax that posted in July, he said that we are on target based on the forecast. He expects a report tomorrow, and at this point we are .31 percent over for this deposit. For the year at this point, we are on target .9 percent above projections. The sales tax has been up and down but at this point we are slightly ahead and are running more than the 2024 year. This year he expects to be more on the mark. He then reported that budgets for 2026 have started and that some of the Federal and State funding cuts

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have been reinstated for 2026 such as the Office for the Aging, the Public Health Department and the Emergency Management Department. Still no word regarding our Social Services and Community Services Departments. He told the Legislators that it would be Medicaid cuts in Social Services and reimbursement cuts will hurt the most. All Department budgets are looking at how to reduce maybe as much as 20% with reinstatement except Social Services. They will look at how to arrange some duties and slim down. He is looking at staffing and everything at this point. Next year is looking better, but the next three years are questionable. He reported that they have completed the interviews for the Office for the Aging Director and hope to make an offer with a potential start date of September 15th. He also informed the Legislators that the Deputy Clerk position in the Legislative Office was accepted by the candidate and the duties are continuing to be reviewed. Chairman Blowers explained that some functions are like four boxes. The County Auditor, Coroner Administration and the Lakes District Administration duties are being adjusted and moved to other departments. Rather than layoffs, they are looking to move things to different departments to be absorbed. There will just be one position of the Clerk to the Legislature and that person will have to really focus on how the Legislature operates as we have new people, and those people will need hand holding.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Gail Walker asked again about the timing of issuance of the Water and Sewer feasibility study. Attorney Getman spoke up and explained that this is not a County project, and as a courtesy told her that she may be able to get the answer from the Town and or Village. He explained about the Open Meeting laws. Ms. Walker said this has been discussed here by Legislator Jaynes numerous times so that is why she asked.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Rondinaro and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Reed who was unexcused. Deputy County Administrator Christopher Desrochers, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Marcia Smith and Ms. Renee Baum both from Hector in Legislative District III stood and spoke to the Legislature and read from a letter that has been signed by a number of residents and is on file in the Legislative Office. They are in opposition of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and what they are doing to immigrants in our Country rather they are in our Country legally or not. They asked the Legislature to adopt a Resolution in opposition and to ask that our Sheriff's Department not act as their agent. Mr. Phil Davis owner and operator of Damiani Wine Cellars who lives in the Town of Hector also spoke to the Legislature to express his opposition to what is going on in our Country regarding the ICE agents. He explained how his winery works and how labor intensive his process is. He explained that he has lost one employee weeks ago to this, and he and his wife have no idea where that employee is or what has happened to him. He said that most of his employees are second and third generation immigrants that come here to work, and most of the money they make here they send home to Mexico to their families. His employee was escorted off the property in unmarked cars, he said the agent's faces are covered like the Ku Klux Klan. There was no conversation whatsoever, and no due process. He feels this is a humanity issue, and things are out of control. They are taking moms, dads and hardworking people. Mr. John Hayes, residing in the Town of Dix, said he too was present in opposition of the ICE agents. He said that if you allow our Sheriff to team up with these people, you're teaming up with redneck rebels to enforce illegal orders issued by the President of the United States. Mr. Joe Chicone from Burdett told the Legislators that he appreciates them and the Chairman for being willing to listen. He said the folks that are standing here have been freedom fighters for decades and they are standing up for us all. He said we trust all of you Legislators and our Sheriff. We depend on you and your dignity. We encourage you to not participate, or we will lose faith in you.

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RESOLUTION NO. 241 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 242 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: SET PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE: AUTHORIZE USE OF REPAIR RESERVE FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COURTROOM RENOVATIONS – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Court System plans to renovate the Supreme and County Courtroom and upgrade the space, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Superintendent, who oversees the Buildings and Grounds Department, recommends contracting with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect DPC for the Engineering Services, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent is hereby requesting the use of Repair Reserve Funds in the amount of \$49,500.00 for the engineering services, which requires Legislature approval, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-d(2), prior to the adoption of any non-emergency, resolution, act, ordinance or local law by the governing board of the county, appropriating money for repairs from such fund, the governing board shall cause to be published in the official newspaper or newspapers, a notice stating in substance that it is proposed to appropriate a specified amount from the reserve fund for a particular purpose, and that a public hearing on such proposed appropriation will be held at a time and place stated therein, on at least five days' notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby sets a public hearing for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Legislative Chambers, 105 Ninth Street, Watkins Glen, New York, to receive comments on the following: Authorizing the Buildings and Grounds Department to use funding available in the Repair Reserve Fund 1.1.886 to be transferred into the Buildings Capital Fund account no. 004.1620.0210.0000, in the amount of \$49,500.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said hearing pursuant to General Municipal Law.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 243 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH THIRTEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR USE OF THE SHARED FUEL FACILITY – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department operates a shared fuel facility, and

WHEREAS, the agreements for use of the Shared Fuel Facility need to be renewed with a five-year term, and

WHEREAS, the County Departments listed below will be billed per gallon consumed, plus an additional \$0.15 per gallon surcharge, and

WHEREAS, the annual surcharge for subsequent years will be adjusted per budgeted operational cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute thirteen interdepartmental agreements with County Departments listed below, for use of the Shared Fuel Facility, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, at a per gallon cost, plus a \$0.15 surcharge, agreements approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

SCHUYLER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Community Services
County Administrator
Buildings and Grounds
Emergency Management
Highway Department

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Central Garage
 Information Technology
 Office for the Aging
 Public Health
 Watershed
 Sheriff's Department
 Social Services
 Weights and Measures

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 244 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE ASSETS JUNK OR SURPLUS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, various departments have items to be declared junk or surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to County Law Section 215, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby declares the following assets junk or surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following items are to be placed in storage for an auction, sold or disposed of.

JUNK

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN #</u>	<u>Department</u>
7842	Computer: DELL Optiplex 7070 SFF	D61T513	Sheriff/Jail
7736	DELL Optiplex 7060 SFF XCTO	3V881T2	Sheriff/Jail
7779	Laptop, DELL Lattitude 5490 XCTO	B5K8XT2	Highway
7485	DELL Lattitude E5470 (POD)	CT61PF2	Information Technology

SURPLUS

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN #</u>	<u>Department</u>
7653	2018 Dodge Ram 1500, Gray	1C6RR7FT3JS252992	Highway
4359	2000 Volvo w/Plow, Dump Body (D6)	4V5SCJH6YN520850	Highway
4365	2000 Volvo w/CI Ves Plow HEIL Dump (D4)	4V5SCJH8YN520851	Highway
4621	2000 Red River Model 0LB336 (20G)	42YLB4134Y1000403	Highway
6258	Wing Plow 168WHD	CEO4475-2	Highway
6259	Wing Plow 168WHD	CEO4475-1	Highway
7119	2014 Chevy Impala - Black	2G1WA5E38E1173857	Public Health

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 245 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EQUALIZATION RATES FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE YEAR 2026 COUNTY TAX LEVY – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the State Board of Real Property Tax Services has established the County Equalization rates pursuant to Title 2 of Article 8 of the Real Property Tax Law, and a certificate of these rates has been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the equalization rates for the 2025 Assessment Roll be adopted and the 2025 County Equalization rates to be used for the general levy and apportionment of the 2026 County tax levy from the State Board of Real Property Tax Services be entered in the minutes as follows:

TOWN OF CATHARINE	100.00	TOWN OF MONTOUR	100.00
TOWN OF CAYUTA	70.00	TOWN OF ORANGE	77.75
TOWN OF DIX	97.50	TOWN OF READING	97.50
TOWN OF HECTOR	73.00	TOWN OF TYRONE	77.75

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 246 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

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WHEREAS, the current appointment term for the Real Property Tax Director will expire on September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the county must appoint a Real Property Tax Director pursuant to Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 1530 to a six-year term, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Administrator and the Management and Finance Committee to re-appoint the current Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jeri M. Sarrge be re-appointed as the Director of Real Property Tax Services for a six-year term commencing on October 1, 2025 and terminating on September 30, 2031.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 247 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE STIPULATION AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, CSEA, O.B.O. A PARTICULAR CSEA MEMBER/COUNTY EMPLOYEE – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a Stipulation and Release of Claims Agreement related to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular county employee/CSEA member, as approved by Counsel.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 248 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 AS CONSTITUTION AND CITIZENSHIP DAY — COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the American Revolution secured the independence of the United States and made possible the vibrant system of self-government of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the supporters of the American Revolution, through their vision and determination, enhanced the lives of countless individuals and made possible the system of equal justice, limited government, and rule of law as aspired to in these United States, and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, a revered document, provides important rights to every citizen of the United States, secures “the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,” and sets the standard of democracy for the world, and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, and its amendments, outline the freedoms and the principles of representative government that are as strong today as they were on that momentous occasion in 1787, and

WHEREAS, September 17 marks the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land and the document by which the people of this country self-govern, and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of the Americans who strive to uphold the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 106), designated September 17 as “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day,” and

WHEREAS, this resolution urges civil and educational authorities of states, counties, cities and towns to make plans for the proper observance of the day and “for the complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby commemorates Wednesday, September 17, the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution as “Constitution and Citizenship Day” and recognizes the sacrifices made by the people who founded our great nation.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 249 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF READING FOR A POLLING PLACE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Elections Law Section 4-104, the Schuyler County Board of Elections designates the polling places in each election district in which the meetings for the registration of voters, and for any election may be held, and

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WHEREAS, the current lease agreements on file are being replaced with new five-year lease agreements including the one with the Town of Reading for said polling places, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County and any expenses associated are to be paid by the Town to each polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a five-year lease agreement for the Board of Elections Department with the Town of Reading for the term of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2030, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 250 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MECKLENBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. FOR A POLLING PLACE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Elections Law Section 4-104, the Schuyler County Board of Elections designates the polling places in each election district in which the meetings for the registration of voters, and for any election may be held, and

WHEREAS, the current lease agreements on file are being replaced with new five-year lease agreements including the one with the Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for said polling places, and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to the County and any expenses associated are to be paid by the Town to each polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a five-year lease agreement for the Board of Elections Department with the Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the term of September 8, 2025 through September 7, 2030, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 251 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY YOUTH BOARD – YOUTH BUREAU DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby approves the appointments of Michele Wasicki and Jaime Talada to the Schuyler County Youth Board to fill two un-expired terms, effective September 8, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 252 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE SCHUYLER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN FOR OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 – YOUTH BUREAU DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Youth Bureau has prepared, and the Schuyler County Youth Board has approved a Resource Allocation Plan for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and recommends approval thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to sign the Resource Allocation Plan for the operation of the Schuyler County Youth Bureau for October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 within budgeted allocations.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 253 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO SIGN AMENDMENTS – YOUTH BUREAU DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) allows the County Chief Executive to delegate authority to their County's Youth Bureau Directors to sign all amendments to their County's approved allocation plan, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County has previously given authority to its Youth Bureau Director to sign amendments to the fullest extent of his/her authority by OCFS standards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature does hereby authorize its Chair to delegate authority to the Schuyler County Youth Bureau Director to sign OCFS amendments to the

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Schuler County approved Resource Allocation Plan after approval from the Schuyler County Youth Board and with appropriate reporting to the Human Service Committee of the Legislature for the term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 254 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE - YEAR CONTRACT WITH PRO ACTION OF STEUBEN AND YATES, INC. FOR THE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Office for the Aging will serve as a host site agency for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, and

WHEREAS, Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. will provide these services for a new three-year term, with its responsibilities to include recruitment, enrollment, assignment, administrative and fiscal controls including payment of wages and fringe benefits directly to the participant, at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Office for the Aging will provide workspace, orientation, training, supervision and guidance to the program participant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Pro Action of Steuben and Yates, Inc. for the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, for a three year term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, at no cost to the County, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 255 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 BUDGET FOR CAR EXPENSES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Office for the Aging has a vehicle that was damaged and is in need of repair, and

WHEREAS, the total repair bill was for \$1,913.90, and

WHEREAS, said vehicle repairs were covered under the County’s insurance, but of the total amount, Office for the Aging is responsible for a \$1,000.00 deductible, and

WHEREAS, the County has received a check in the amount of \$913.90 from the insurance company which was applied to Office for the Aging’s Insurance Recoveries revenue account no. 001.6772.2680, and

WHEREAS, the \$913.90 is needed in the Car Operation and Expense account no. 001.6772.0444 in order to pay the bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer be hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Office for the Aging budget, as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$ 913.90	001.6772.2680	Insurance Recoveries
+\$ 913.90	001.6772.0444	Car Operation and Expense

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 256 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINT AND SET SALARY FOR DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR THE AGING – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging Director position is vacant due to a retirement, effective September 5, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby appoints Justine E. Patterson as the Director of Office for the Aging, effective September 22, 2025 at an annual salary of \$76,000.00.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 257 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THROUGH HEALTH RESEARCH, INC. FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUNDING – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department has received a grant from the New York State Department of

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Health (NYSDOH) through Health Research Inc. for emergency preparedness and response in the total amount of \$52,099.00, with possible allocations from restricted funding up to an additional \$1,052,099.00, that is federally funded from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, contract number 5NU90TU0000170200, and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used for emergency preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the grant contract with Health Research, Inc., for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$52,099.00, with possible additional allocations from restricted funding up to an additional \$1,052,099.00, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer be hereby directed to establish said grant accordingly, in cooperation with the Public Health Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 258 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 282-21 authorized a contract with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for the Early Intervention Administration Grant contract # DOH01-C36433GG-3450000 in the amount of \$135,255.00 through September 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has provided additional funding in the amount of \$1,669.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the grant amendment with the New York State Department of Health, in the amount of \$1,669.00, for the term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 259 Motion by Lausell, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH CARA ELIAS PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER FOR PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATIONS AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there has been a vacancy for a full-time Nurse Practitioner position in the Community Services Department since October 24, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department requires coverage for this position, and

WHEREAS, Cara Elias, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, will work a maximum of twenty-four hours weekly, at an hourly rate of \$100.00, not to exceed \$124,800.00 annually, which contract is in the nature of professional services, and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract is included in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Cara Elias, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, for the Community Services Department to provide remote psychiatric evaluations and medication management as stated above, for the term October 7, 2025, through September 30, 2026, at a rate of \$100.00 hourly, not to exceed \$124,800.00 annually, funding available in account no. 001.4310.0435, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 260 Motion by Gray, Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN FOR THE SAFE SWIMMING OPPORTUNITIES GRANT– PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 174-25 authorized a contract with the New York State Department of State Division of Local Governmental Services for the Safe Swimming Opportunities Grant, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the grant, the Village of Watkins Glen will use the amount of \$9,371.00 from the grant funds to hire Lifeguards, Increase Wages, Advertise, and provide Certification/Training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with the Village of Watkins Glen under the Safe Swimming

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Opportunities Grant for the term June 9, 2025 through September 30, 2025, funding available from the Safe Swimming Opportunities Grant, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 261 Motion by Gray, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS IT PERTAINS TO THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (LAMOKA AND WANETA LAKES)

WHEREAS, the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District needs to submit a permit treatment plan update to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the proposed ProcCellaCOR treatment of Lamoka and Waneta Lakes in 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District needs to solicit proposals for said permitting process, which services are in the nature of professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be hereby authorized to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services as it pertains to the permitting process and treatment plan regarding the proposed ProcCellaCOR treatment of Lamoka and Waneta Lakes in 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature will receive said proposals to be opened publicly with an award made at a future meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Schuyler reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk informed the Legislators that their annual thank you gift from Watkins Glen Promotions Grand Prix Festival Committee is on the Chairman's desk. Please be sure to take one with you before you leave this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Lausell reported that Justine Paterson's first day will be Monday, September 22, 2025 as our new Director of the Office for the Aging Department.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The County Administrator was not present as he was attending the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference however his Deputy, Christopher Desrochers, was present. Deputy Desrochers reported that he and the County Administrator have been working through the budget process with the various Departments, and meetings will be scheduled with the jurisdictional Committee Chairs and the Department Heads for the last bit of the process soon. He then reported that he continues to educate himself and be trained on the County Auditor function with the Clerk's guidance as the current County Auditor. He feels he is doing very well, and the transition will be a smooth one. Legislator Rondinaro requested that he pass along to the County Administrator that he needs to reach out to the outside agencies regarding their budget needs. Chairman Blowers said that he agrees and that he has a meeting coming up with Southern Teri Central Regional Planning and Development Board and they will be discussing their 2026 budget request.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Elena Deustua pointed to Legislator Reed's vacant seat and said she is un-represented at this time in District I. She too is concerned over these ICE agents being in our community, and she know we cannot keep them out, but our County depends on agriculture, and we have the 2nd largest dairy operation in New York State here. She has been following the news, and she said that these agents are more concerned with their quotas and not who they are picking up. She said that the people that are here on the H-2A Temporary Agriculture Workers documentation are here legally. She told the Legislators you are my representatives, and I urge you to please follow the laws. Help keep due process in our community.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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Stacy B. Husted, Clerk
Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

The September 22, 2025 Special Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Acting Chairman Barnes. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Gray and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Chairman Blowers and Legislator Lausell who were excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 262 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: RATIFICATION OF SPECIAL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Special Meeting, pursuant to the call of the Clerk of the Legislature upon the direction of the Chair, be and hereby is, ratified and approved for discussion and action upon the following item of business:

1. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS — COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT
2. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO NATIONWIDE OPIOID LITIGATION: PURDUE/SACKLER - COUNTY ATTORNEY

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 263 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO AN ACTION RELATING TO THE OPIOID CRISIS — COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 246 of 2017 the County of Schuyler authorized the Schuyler County Attorney to work with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, as special counsel, related to bringing an action against the manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the county, at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 72 of 2018, the County enacted Local Law Intro. B/Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2018 entitled “A Local Law Declaring the Opioid Epidemic and Its Effect on the County a Public Nuisance and Establishing a Cost Recovery Procedure,” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, the County Attorney filed a nearly 250-page Summons and Complaint on May 11, 2018 against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the County, and such matter remains pending (the “Action”), and

WHEREAS, the Action is against multiple defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and certain other New York subdivisions are also engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and the New York subdivisions share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance of the Opioid Supply Chain Participants throughout the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the County has received a new opioid settlement opportunity that will resolve all of its claims against each of the below small manufacturer companies in one participation agreement: Alvogen, Inc.; Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Apotex Inc.; Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc.; Indivior Inc.; Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.; and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc., and

WHEREAS, these settlements will collectively add an additional \$720 Million in cash and pharmaceutical product to be distributed among state and local governments across the country, and

WHEREAS, payments to Schuyler County will begin as soon as 2026, and

WHEREAS, three of the settlements include provision of opioids overdose and/or opioid addiction treatment medications and eight of the settlements also contain injunctive relief concerning the defendants’

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opioid marketing and suspicious monitoring programs that will be overseen by the states, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC have approved as to form the settlement agreement (“Agreement”), and

WHEREAS, settlement funds may be used for a variety and restricted and unrestricted purposes, including supporting law enforcement and first responders, treating opioid use disorder, addressing the needs of pregnant women and their families, preventing misuse of opioids, preventing overdose deaths and other harms, and related efforts, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to resolve this matter with respect to the above entities without further litigation and enter into the proposed Agreement as it shall settle all allegations against these entities and avoid protracted litigation and provide county revenue as noted above, and

WHEREAS, this settlement is without prejudice to litigation against other defendants in the Action, which litigation remains pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of Schuylar by the Schuylar County Attorney, or his designee, of the proposed Agreements is hereby authorized, and the Schuylar County Attorney or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the proposed Agreement and execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement as set forth above.

Vote 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 264 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO NATIONWIDE OPIOID LITIGATION: PURDUE/SACKLER - COUNTY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 246 of 2017 the County of Schuylar authorized the Schuylar County Attorney to work with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, as special counsel, related to bringing an action against the manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the county, at no cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 72 of 2018, the County enacted Local Law Intro. B/Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2018 entitled “A Local Law Declaring the Opioid Epidemic and Its Effect on the County a Public Nuisance and Establishing a Cost Recovery Procedure,” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above, the County Attorney filed a nearly 250-page Summons and Complaint on May 11, 2018 against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opiates for damages to the County, and such matter remains pending (the “Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Action is against multiple defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and certain other New York subdivisions are also engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and the New York subdivisions share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of the alleged misfeasance, nonfeasance, and malfeasance of the Opioid Supply Chain Participants throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Schuylar County and certain other governmental subdivisions have been litigating against Purdue Pharma LP and related entities (“Purdue”) since 2017, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Purdue filed for bankruptcy; in 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the invalidation of the proposed settlement and bankruptcy plan; following the Supreme Court’s decision, negotiations resumed and a new, two-part proposed settlement was reached; this settlement is being implemented in connection with Purdue’s ongoing bankruptcy proceedings and include: (1) a settlement of direct claims against the Sackler family by states, local governments, and other creditors (the “Direct Settlement”), and (2) a settlement of Purdue’s bankruptcy estate, which includes contributions from the Sacklers and certain other parties (the “Estate Settlement”); under the revised plan, the Sackler family defendants will be required to pay \$6.5 billion over 15 years, including \$1.5 billion in the first year, and

WHEREAS, as part of the proposed reorganization, a Governmental Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement (“GESA”) was negotiated and has been approved by all 50 state attorneys general, and

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WHEREAS, the settlement provides for a number of covenants or limitations by the Sackler Parties, including but not limited to a covenant that a wide array of persons in the Sackler families are prohibited from, other than through the international affiliated companies they own, engaging directly or indirectly in the manufacturing or sale of opioids, and such persons that own any entities who are involved in the sale of opioids, may not actively manage such entities, shall not consent to any actions intended to lead to an expansion of the opioid business of such entities, and are required to use commercially reasonable best efforts to pursue exit opportunities with respect to such entities, and

WHEREAS, as part of the foregoing, the County is required to execute the following documents (“Settlement Documents”): the New York Purdue/Sackler Sharing Agreement; Participation Agreement related to the Direct Settlement; Authorization to Vote via Master Ballot Regarding Purdue/Sackler Bankruptcy, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and Napoli Shkolnik PLLC have approved as to form the Settlement Documents; and

WHEREAS, the funds received by the County shall be used for “Approved Uses” such as prevention, treatment, education, and other forms of abatement, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to resolve this matter with respect to the above entities without further litigation and enter into the proposed Settlement Documents as this shall settle all allegations against these entities and avoid protracted litigation and provide county revenue as noted above; and

WHEREAS, this settlement is without prejudice to litigation against other defendants in the Action, which litigation remains pending.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the execution and delivery on behalf of and in the name of the County of Schuyler by the Schuyler County Attorney, or his designee, of the Settlement Documents described above is hereby authorized, and the Schuyler County Attorney or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute same and such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the settlement as set forth above.

Vote 6-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Nicole L. Smith, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2025

The October 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Jaynes and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present except Legislator Howell who was excused. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

RESOLUTION NO. 265 Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting and the September 22, 2025 Special Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 266 Motion by Gray, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE ON-CALL PAY FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS – DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2018 authorized per diem compensation under the “Counsel at First Arraignment Program”, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 312-24 authorized on-call pay for Assistant District Attorney positions in

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the District Attorney’s Office to provide coverage on weekends and holidays, at a rate of \$400.00/day (\$800.00/weekend), which resolution expires on December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney is requesting that the on-call pay for the Assistant District Attorney positions in his office to provide coverage for weekends and holidays to be authorized at a rate of \$400.00/day (\$800.00/weekend), for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$36,000.00 is available in the preliminary 2026 budget account no. 001.1165.0130 – Personnel Overtime with \$18,000.00 of that amount being offset by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Aid to Prosecution revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes on-call pay for the Assistant District Attorney positions in the District Attorney’s office to provide coverage on weekends and holidays, at the rate of \$400.00/day (\$800.00/weekend), effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 267 Motion by Gray, Second by Jaynes

RE: RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN SCHUYLER COUNTY– DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts countless New Yorkers, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status; as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County businesses are participating in a “Safe to Say” Campaign along-side Chemung and Steuben Counties. Local businesses will be highlighted as “Safe to Say” locations, acknowledging that the locations are a safe place for victims and survivors to be able to share their experiences and concerns regarding their relationships; as well as a place to seek guidance on resources available to them. These “Safe to Say” locations will help our community to shine the light on Domestic Violence, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County will “Shine the light” on Domestic Violence during the month of October by displaying purple lights and ribbons throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County joins with others across New York State as well as the Nation in supporting victims of domestic violence and sharing the worthy goals of this month-long observance, and likewise support the work of public and private entities that strive to provide the best coordinated response to domestic violence in communities across this state, sending a loud and clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Schuyler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature recognizes the month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges the citizens of Schuyler County to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 268 Motion by Gray, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR NAVIGATION EXPENSES – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Navigation Unit is close to exceeding its budget due to increased patrols on the water causing an increase in fuel costs, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has available funds within another department budget to offset this additional amount without needing to use contingency funds, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office would like to request said transfer in the amount of \$2,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfer below as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
-\$2,000.00	001.3110.0424	Insurance Expenses
+\$2,000.00	001.3111.0401	Navigation Contractual Expenses

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RESOLUTION NO. 269 Motion by Gray, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCHUYLER COUNTY FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES RELATED TO ANIMAL SEIZURE OPERATIONS – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department is required under A.G.M. Article 26 to investigate and conduct seizures related to suspected cases of overdriving, torturing, and/or injuring animals and/or failure to provide proper sustenance, and

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of Schuyler County has offered to provide supportive services related to animal seizures pursuant to such investigations and prosecutions, including providing shelter and care in accordance with New York State law at an annual cost of \$15,000.00, and

WHEREAS, funding for said services is available in the Sheriff’s 2025 budget and 2026 tentative budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a two-year contract with the Humane Society of Schuyler County for the Sheriff’s Department for animal seizure operations for the term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026, at a cost of \$15,000.00 annually with additional expenses, in the event of large scale seizures, at a cost of \$25.00 per day per dog and \$18.00 per day per cat with a not to exceed an additional amount of \$5,000.00 per year, funding available in account no. 001.3510.0401, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 270 Motion by Gray, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM EXPENSES – PUBLIC DEFENDER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County is mandated by Article 18-B of the County Law to compensate private attorneys at statutory rates who are appointed by the court to represent indigent defendants and other individuals entitled to counsel who cannot afford private legal services when the Public Defender’s office is legally unable to do so, and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Program has an outstanding balance of expense vouchers that have been submitted by various attorneys for legal services provided, and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Program will receive additional expense vouchers from various attorneys through the end of the 2025 year, and

WHEREAS, there is no additional funding in the Public Defender’s budget to transfer to the Assigned Counsel Program to cover those expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the amount of \$100,000.00 from Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 into account no. 001.1170.0604 to cover expenses related to the Assigned Counsel Program

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 271 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, D. P. C. FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR COUNTY COURTROOM SPACE REMODEL – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the main County Courtroom requires renovations to ensure compliance with all necessary requirements for such facilities, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Courts have agreed to fund 100% of the renovation costs, and

WHEREAS, Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architect D.P.C. has submitted a proposal for professional services to provide architectural and engineering services related to the space remodel in the amount of \$47,000.00, plus disbursements estimated in the amount of \$2,500.00, and

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WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent, who oversees the Buildings & Grounds Department, recommends accepting the proposal from Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architect D.P.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects D.P.C. for the Buildings and Grounds Department, and to use funding available in the Building and Grounds Capital account no. 004.1620.0210, for architectural and engineering services with labor costs not to exceed \$47,000.00, and other disbursements not to exceed \$2,500.00, effective October 14, 2025 through completion of renovations expected to occur before December 31, 2027, agreement approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 272 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACTS WITH SCHUYLER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND WATKINS GLEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR USE OF THE SHARED FUEL FACILITY – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department operates a shared fuel facility, and
WHEREAS, the contracts for use of the Shared Fuel Facility need to be renewed with a five-year term,
and

WHEREAS, both the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Watkins Glen Central School District will be billed per gallon consumed, plus an additional \$0.15 per gallon surcharge, and
WHEREAS, the annual surcharge for subsequent years will be adjusted per budgeted operational cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute five-year contracts with Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District and Watkins Glen Central School District, for use of the Shared Fuel Facility, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, at a per gallon cost, plus a \$0.15 surcharge, agreements approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 273 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes

RE: ACCEPT CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SWARTHOUT RECYCLING, LLC FOR BRIDGE REPAIR AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION ON VARIOUS STRUCTURES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and the Public Works Committee agreed to exercise the County's one-year contract renewal option for Bridge Repair and Infrastructure Construction, with Swartout Recycling, LLC, and

WHEREAS, Swartout Recycling, LLC has agreed in writing to extend the original agreement under the same terms, conditions and pricing, and

WHEREAS, the extended contract term shall be November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and the Public Works Committee, the Schuyler County Legislature accepts the contract extension from Swartout Recycling, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract extension, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 274 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR COUNTY ROAD EXPENSES – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need of installing box beam guiderail on County Road 16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Budget as follows:

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<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$440,000.00	002.5110.0513	Guiderail
+\$440,000.00	002.0002.3501	Consolidated Highway Aid Revenue

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 275 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE ASSETS JUNK OR SURPLUS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, various departments have items to be declared junk or surplus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to County Law Section 215, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby declares the following assets junk or surplus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following items are to be placed in storage for an auction, sold or disposed of.

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>JUNK</u>		<u>Department</u>
		<u>Serial/VIN #</u>		
7252	Computer for VMS Board	Model 1210		Highway/Machinery
7803	Laptop, DELL Latitude 5490 BTX	2VXRVT2/LATITUDE 5490		Sheriff

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>		<u>Department</u>
		<u>Serial/VIN #</u>		
6319	Trailer, Box Storage (20-J)	A3282		Highway/Machinery
6320	Trailer, Box Storage (20-I)	A2422		Highway/Machinery
6459	2008 Dodge 3500 Pickup - DC8L63 (D-14)	3D6WH46D98G227967		Highway/Machinery
7615	Broom for Pickup Truck CKMBCO-	SHL-TR MB-04935		Highway/Machinery
4485	HTC Material Spreader	HTC-1800		Highway/Machinery
4486	HTC Material Spreader	HTC-1800		Highway/Machinery
476	Plow/Snow 10' (2 EA)	Plow/Snow VEE 10')		Highway/Machinery
478	Plow/Snow VEE 8' (2EA)	PLOW/SNOW VEE 8' (2EA)		Highway/Machinery
594	Grader/Power/Diesel, AUTIN WESTERN (G2)	AC 04192		Highway/Machinery
5988	Message Board (VMS2)	2S9US41565S132349		Highway/Machinery
7555	2017 RAM 1500 White Pickup	1C6RR7FTXHS773153		Sheriff
6222	Backhoe Scoop Dog	1428/MU1913Y		Buildings and Grounds

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 276 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Barnes

RE: SET THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPLETION AND FILING OF THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Hearing on the Assessment Roll for the year 2025, for the budget year of 2026, for the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District shall be held in Room 120 at the Human Service Complex, 323 Owego Street, Montour Falls, NY on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by the Regular Meeting of the Legislature and the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Public Hearing as required by Section 270 of the County Law in the official newspaper of the County, and the Clerk is further directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Steuben County Legislature, the Director of Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service Agency and the Schuyler County Treasurer.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 277 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE 2026 MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL SALARY INCREASES AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MANAGEMENT/CONFIDENTIAL SALARY CHART RANGES –

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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Management/Confidential Handbook provides that, in order to determine raises for management each year, the Personnel Officer and County Administrator will make a recommendation to the Legislature based upon a review of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), an average of the union increases for the upcoming year, and additional factors such as the average of increases for M/C staff in comparable counties; such adjustment shall be subject to approval by the Legislature, and for those who qualify per the handbook, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer and County Administrator are recommending a 4.9% raise for all employees subject to the Management/Confidential Handbook, for the Year 2026, and further recommend increasing the Management/Confidential salary chart ranges (set forth pursuant to Local Law No. 4 of 2022) by 2.9 % to maintain competitiveness and alignment with market trends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes all employees subject to the Management/Confidential Handbook, with the exception of the District Attorney (which position is subject to Judiciary Law § 183-a), to receive a 4.9% salary increase for the year 2026, subject to any and all applicable provisions of County Law § 201 and Mun. Home Rule Law § 24(2)(h), related to salary increases for any county officer elected or appointed for a fixed term, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Management/Confidential salary chart ranges shall be increased by 2.9 % effective January 1, 2026.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Rondinaro stated he was not in favor of the 4.9% increase and feels that it is excessive.

Vote 6-1. Noes, Rondinaro

RESOLUTION NO. 278 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR A 2025 GENERAL ELECTION GRANT PROGRAM – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Board of Elections Office was awarded a General Election Grant from the New York State Board of Elections, Contract #C005324, in the amount of \$5,694.06, and

WHEREAS, said grant program is intended to reimburse the County Board of Elections for actual expenses related to the 2025 General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the grant contract with the New York State Board of Elections, in the amount of \$5,694.06, for the term April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the Grant accordingly in cooperation with the Board of Elections Office.

Vote 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. 279 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR A 2025 VOTE BY MAIL GRANT PROGRAM – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Board of Elections Office was awarded a 2025 Vote by Mail Grant from the New York State Board of Elections, Contract #C005382, in the amount of \$5,029.44, and

WHEREAS, said grant program is intended to reimburse the County Board of Elections for actual expenses related to pre-paid return envelopes for early mail and absentee ballots, applications and other related costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the grant contract with the New York State Board of Elections, in the amount of \$5,029.44, for the term April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the Grant accordingly in cooperation with the Board of Elections Office.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 280 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

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RE: SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2026

WHEREAS, a public hearing in respect to the 2026 County Budget is required pursuant to County Law § 359, and

WHEREAS, the Management & Finance Committee has turned over the Preliminary budget to the Legislature on October 8, 2025 making it a Tentative budget, and the Legislature will be ready for the public hearing to be held at the next Regular Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing in regard to the 2026 County Budget will be held in Room 120 at the Human Service Complex, 323 Owego Street, Montour Falls, NY on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by the Regular Meeting of the Legislature, and possible action to adopt the 2026 Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to County Law § 152 that this resolution, changing the place of meeting where such legislature has regularly met to any other city, town or village in the county, shall not be effective unless approved by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the total membership of the County Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon approval of this resolution, the Clerk of the Legislature shall give appropriate public notice of said hearing and provide a specific number of copies as the Governing Body shall direct of the tentative budget and otherwise comply with the requirements of County Law § 359.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 281 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW A (INTRO) OF THE YEAR 2025 SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, County Law § 201 states that any change in compensation of such officer elected or appointed for a fixed term during his/her term be made only by Local Law subject to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. A of the year 2025 be, and hereby is, introduced in the form hereto annexed pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held upon said proposed Local Law on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in Room 120 at the Human Services Complex, 323 Owego Street, Montour Falls, NY 14865.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. A OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law Setting Salaries for Certain Public Officers for the Year 2026.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Schuyler as follows:

1. Effective 45 days following adoption, the following adjustments of salaries for the public officers listed below shall be in the amounts herein stated, salaries effective January 1, 2026.

2. The following public officers are subject to the provisions hereof:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Public Health Director	\$100,785.00	County Attorney	\$144,958.00
Personnel Officer	\$110,545.00	Commissioner of Social Services	\$133,415.00
Public Defender	\$128,609.00	Commissioner Board of Elections	\$ 25,989.00
Real Property Tax Director	\$ 85,763.00	County Administrator	\$175,398.00

3. This Local Law shall not take effect until at least 45 days after its adoption in accordance with County Law § 201 and Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Vote 6-1. Noes, Rondinaro

RESOLUTION NO. 282 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: INTRODUCE LOCAL LAW B (INTRO) OF THE YEAR 2025 SETTING THE SALARY FOR A CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, County Law § 201 states that any change in compensation of such officer elected or appointed for a fixed term during his/her term be made only by Local Law subject to the provisions of Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. B of the year 2025 be, and hereby is,

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introduced in the form hereto annexed pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held upon said proposed Local Law on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in Room 120 at the Human Services Complex, 323 Owego Street, Montour Falls, NY 14865.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. B OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law Setting the Salary for a Certain Elected Official for the Year 2026.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Schuyler as follows:

1. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to Sections 200 and 201 of the County Law for the purpose of setting the salary of certain elected officials for fiscal year 2026.
2. Effective 45 days following adoption, the following adjustments of salary for the elected officials listed below shall be in the amount herein stated, salary effective January 1, 2026.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Treasurer	\$104,821.00

This Local Law shall not take effect until at least 45 days after its adoption in accordance with County Law § 201 and Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Rondinaro stated he was not in favor of the 4.9% increase and feels that is excessive.

Voted no on Resolutions 281 and 282.

Vote 6-1. Noes, Rondinaro

RESOLUTION NO. 283 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM VOICE AND DATA RESERVE ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE SQL SERVER LICENSES FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections is requiring an upgrade of Structured Query Language (SQL) Server Licensing, which is an unanticipated expense of \$13,783.76, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Board of Elections has grant funds available in the amount of \$5,694.06 to put towards said purchase, along with \$4,000.00 in the 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, there are also funds available in the Voice and Data Reserve Account to cover the remainder of the purchase of the SQL Server Licenses in the amount of \$4,089.70, and

WHEREAS, approved purchasing procedures will be followed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the amount of \$4,089.70 from the Voice and Data Reserve Account no. 001.0001.0879 into account no. 001.1680.0401-Contractual Expenses.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 284 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE FUNDING CONTINGENCY AND TAX STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND FOR HUMAN SERVICES – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 157 of the year 2019, the governing board established a Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund for Human Services to fund the cost of unbudgeted, unexpected expenses for County-operated human service agencies, and

WHEREAS, the original balance of \$500,000.00 has been significantly diminished and due to several unforeseen factors relating to the County’s Human Services Departments in the upcoming years, there is a need to replenish this reserve to its original state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer, as chief fiscal officer, is hereby directed to increase the Human Services Reserve to \$500,000.00 prior to application of the current fund balance policy at fiscal year-end December 31, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 285 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: APPOINTMENT EXTENSION TO THE LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Legislator Michael L. Lausell has been appointed to the Law Library Board of Trustees as

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the Legislature appointment, and

WHEREAS, his term will expire on September 30, 2025 and he is willing to remain on the Board of Trustee through the end of his term as a Legislator which expires December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby approves the extension of appointment of Legislator Michael L. Lausell to the Law Library Board of Trustees for the term September 30, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 286 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY YOUTH BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby approves the appointments of Lauren Lovett to fill Ashley Kerick's unexpired term on Schuyler County Youth Board effective October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amy Scott and Kelly Povero both be appointed as Members at Large with a term effective October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 287 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH AIMEE CHURCHILL, ESQ., TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO SCHUYLER COUNTY RESIDENTS AGED 60 OR OLDER – OFFICE FOR THE AGING

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging has a current contact with Aimee Churchill, Esq. for legal advice, information, education and/or representation to Schuyler County residents aged 60 and older, and

WHEREAS, the Office for the Aging has additional Unmet Need funds available and requires an amendment to the existing contract to increase the amount from \$10,700.00 to \$11,375.00 for the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Aimee Churchill, Esq. to increase the amount from \$ 10,700.00 To \$11,375.00. for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 288 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF JUUL SETTLEMENT FUNDS – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution 331-24 authorized the Schuyler County Public Health Director to complete and submit documents required to receive Schuyler County's allocation of JUUL settlement funds of \$216,589.36, subject to certain terms and conditions, and

WHEREAS, the payment of these funds will be made in eight installments to the Schuyler County Treasurer through the State Financial System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to establish the budget for the receipt and use of these funds in conjunction with the Public Health Department.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 289 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: DESIGNATE OCTOBER 19, 2025 THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2025 AS LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, every Schuyler County resident deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe environment, free from the harmful effects of lead, and

WHEREAS, lead is a naturally occurring element in the environment, but exposure to it can cause long-term neurological damage and irreversible health effects, especially if it occurs during the critical stages of brain development in early childhood, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County works to increase the testing of all children at ages 1 and 2 to identify children with lead poisoning, and

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WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partners with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to raise awareness about lead exposure and lead poisoning and have proclaimed October 19, 2025 through October 25, 2025 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature designates the week of October 19, 2025 through October 25, 2025, as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Schuyler County and encourages all parents/guardians with children of the age of one and two, to have their children tested.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 290 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR USE OF FEDERAL SALARY SHARING FUNDS – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Community Services has put Federal Salary Sharing funds in a Deferred Revenue Account for future use, and

WHEREAS, said funds are to be used for Mental Health related needs only, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is in need of iPads and associated Keyboards, Cases, and Pencil Pros in the amount of \$30,000.00 in connection with official duties and has proposed to use funds from the Deferred Revenue Account No. 001.001.0691, and

WHEREAS, Community Services is in need of a medical scale and height rod in the amount of \$2,500.00 and has proposed to use funds from the Deferred Revenue Account No. 001.001.0691.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Community Services Budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+ \$30,000.00	001.4310.0208	Computer Equipment
+ \$ 2,500.00	001.4310.0429	Medical Supplies
+ \$32,500.00	001.4310.4490	Federal Salary Sharing

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 291 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE OPIOID STEWARDSHIP FUNDING – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Community Services has received funding from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports for the reimbursement of the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved formulations of Naltrexone and Buprenorphine medicine dispensed at the County jail through the Schuyler County Mental Health Opioid Stewardship Funding, and

WHEREAS, an Interdepartmental Cooperative Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Schuyler County Sheriff's Department has been executed, and the budget needs to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 Community Services Budget as follows to move these funds:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$1,174.00	001.4322.0508	Opioid Stewardship Expense
+\$1,174.00	001.4322.3493	State Aid - Opioid Stewardship

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 292 Motion by Rondinaro Second by Barnes

RE: MOTION TO BRING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION TO THE FLOOR

BE IT RESOLVED, that one (1) additional Resolution be brought to the floor.

Vote 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 293 Motion by Rondinaro Second by Barnes

RE: AUTHORIZE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME REAL PROPERTY DATA COLLECTOR POSITION/ABOLISH THE FULL-TIME REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER POSITION – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, due to the promotion of the current Real Property Appraiser to Assessor, a review of the

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job duties of the Real Property Appraiser as well as the needs of the office were reviewed by the Real Property Director, Personnel Officer, and County Administrator and the determination was made that the title of Real Property Data Collector better serves the needs of the department, and

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Department is requesting to create this position, upon approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is included in the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Real Property Tax Department is hereby authorized, subject to execution of necessary intermunicipal agreement(s) pursuant to Section 1537 of the Real Property Tax Law to create and fill the full-time Real Property Data Collector position, at an hourly rate of \$23.33, to be placed in Grade 6 of the CSEA Administrative Unit Contract, effective upon the Appraiser position becoming vacant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Real Property Appraiser will be abolished upon filling the new position of Real Property Data Collector.

Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Legislator Barnes inquired to know if there was anything more regarding the contract with CHT for Ambulance Services. Attorney Getman indicated that it's with their council and we have a January 1, 2026 start date

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES: None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The County Administrator reported that Joann Lindstrom, Planning Director, is holding community meeting for input on the County Comprehensive Plan. There are a couple more meetings coming up and Legislators are encouraged to attend. He then reported that the Sales Tax is 2.59%; above forecast. The 2026 Tentative Budget is in the next phase. Chairman Blowers complemented the Administrator on the smooth budget process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Nicole L. Smith, Deputy Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

The November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Barnes and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The Chairman gave the floor to the County Administrator to present the 2025 Schuyler County Budget, ([Click here for the presentation](#)). There was no further discussion or comment from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW A OF THE YEAR 2025 FOR SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – None.

PUBLIC HEATING ON LOCAL LAW B FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR SETTING SALARY FOR A CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPLETION AND FILING OF THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT – None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 294 Motion by Barnes, Second by Howell.

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 295 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH LICENSE MONITOR II, LLC TO MONITOR DEFENDANTS' LICENSE ACTIVITY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Probation Department's current five-year contract with License Monitor, Inc. to monitor defendants' license activity expired September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the contract renewal is for five years with a term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, at the same rate of \$1.10 per defendant, per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract with License Monitor II, LLC, for the use of their program called Probation Monitor Services, to monitor DWI probation supervision cases, for the term October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030, at the cost of \$1.10 per defendant, per month, funding available in account no. 001.3140.0221, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 296 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEM, INC. FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES AND SERVICES FOR CLIENT GPS LOCATION AND ALCOHOL MONITORING – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Probation Department is required to provide Electronic Monitoring Units, and Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. can provide this service, and

WHEREAS, Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. will charge a daily rate to operate for electronic monitoring devices and provide monitoring services related to client GPS location and alcohol monitoring in accordance with NASPO Master Agreement #22PSX0021 and New York State Contract #PC70430.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. for the Probation Department for Electronic Monitoring Services, for the term September 8, 2025 through September 7, 2030, at the rates shown in the Product and Service Schedule located within the contract, funding available in the 2025 Probation budget account no. 001.3140.0382, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 297 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR THE CORONER'S BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Coroner's 2025 budget is almost depleted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer \$5,000.00 from Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 to the Coroner's budget account no. 001.1185.401-Contractual.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 298 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOURS OF THE DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND ADJUST SALARY ACCORDINGLY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 41-25 authorized the temporary increase in the hours and salary of the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator position from part-time to less than full-time, not to exceed six months or until such time a Deputy Director was hired, and

WHEREAS, six months have passed, and the recent vacancy of the full-time Deputy Director of Emergency Services Coordinator position is not being filled thus the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator has continued to have additional responsibilities to meet the needs of the department, and

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WHEREAS, with the increase in responsibilities the Director of Emergency Services would like to establish the hours of the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to an average of 17 hours per week, with flexibility to work more, as is standard with a salaried employee, with the compensation of \$35,000.00 annually, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is in agreement with the establishment of hours and salary for the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, and funds are available in the 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in salary at this time, the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator will not be eligible for the standard salary increase set for Management/Confidential per Resolution No. 277-25 to be effective January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the establishing of the hours of the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to an average of 17 hours per week, with flexibility to work more, as is standard with a salaried employee, with the compensation of \$35,000.00 annually, effective October 1, 2025.

Vote 7-1 No: Rondinaro.

RESOLUTION NO. 299 Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMBULANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA HEALTH TRANSPORT, LLC D/B/A CENTRALUS HEALTH AMBULANCE – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler desires to contract with Cayuga Health Transport, LLC d/b/a Centralus Health Ambulance (“Centralus”), a New York limited liability company, to support ambulance services within the county by providing financial incentives to Centralus to provide quality and timely ambulance services to the residents of the County, and

WHEREAS, the prior agreement between the parties expires December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated an Ambulance Services Agreement to take effect January 1, 2026 for a term of five (5) years, under which the County shall pay to Centralus One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) for each trip Centralus makes within the County, excluding facility- to-facility transfers, when Centralus arrives on scene in the timeframe required by Section 4(c) of the Agreement; provided, however, that annual reimbursement under the Agreement is subject to a calendar year cap of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00), and

WHEREAS, funding for this agreement is currently available in account no. 001.4540.0458.0000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute the above-described agreement, approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 6-2 Noes: Barnes, Lausell

RESOLUTION NO. 300 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 19-25 REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVERTISEMENTS TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT SENECA HARBOR PARK RESTAURANT/BAR – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-25, adopted on January 13, 2025, authorized the advertisement to receive sealed bids for the roof replacement at Seneca Harbor Park Restaurant/Bar, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Buildings and Grounds Department completed the required construction repairs, without the use of outside contractors, and it has been determined that said Resolution is no longer necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 19-25 is hereby rescinded.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 301 Motion by Howell, Second by Jaynes.

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION FOR UNIFORM RENTAL/CLEANING SERVICE – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department currently has a contract with Cintas Corporation for rental/cleaning services for coveralls, coats and shop towels, with an expiration date of October 31, 2025 that is being renewed, and

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WHEREAS, in cooperation with Omnia Nebraska Rental, Cintas is able to provide the service for another three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a three-year contract with Cintas Corporation for the Highway Department for rental/cleaning for coveralls, coats and shop towels for the term November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028, with pricing for each item spelled out in the contract, funding available in the Highway Machinery budget account no. 003.5130.0441; contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 302 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS OR JUNK FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, various departments have items to be declared surplus or junk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to County Law Section 215, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby declares the following assets surplus or junk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following items are to be bid out, placed in storage for an auction or disposed of.

SURPLUS

<u>Asset#</u>	<u>Serial/VIN#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Department</u>
4358	Generac Natural Gas Generator	#3001570648	Emergency Management

JUNK

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Serial/VIN#</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Department</u>
7782	DQ97XT2	Laptop, Dell XPS 13	Information Technology
7670	6BDYSQ2	Laptop, Dell XPS 15	Information Technology
7655	GGTX682	Laptop, Dell Inspiron 13	Information Technology
6178	J2VYZC1	Laptop, Dell Latitude D620	Information Technology
7520	63D1WF2	Laptop, Dell Latitude E5470	Information Technology
7461	3YV8WB2	Laptop, Dell Latitude 3570	Information Technology
7474	5R0H0C2	Laptop, Dell Latitude 3570	Information Technology
7454	8Y03DD2	Desktop, Dell Optiplex 7040	Information Technology
7726	3V971T2	Desktop, Dell Optiplex 7060	Information Technology
7736	3V881T2	Desktop, Dell Optiplex 7060	Information Technology
7842	D61T513	Desktop, Dell Optiplex 7070	Information Technology
7310	3MY0F72	Laptop, Dell Latitude E7450	Information Technology
7779	B5K8XT2	Laptop, Dell Latitude 5490	Information Technology
7819	14TRB08EX2T18050	Old NVR Recorder – Retired	Information Technology
7651	D4FFMN2	Desktop, Dell Optiplex 3050	Information Technology

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 303 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: COMPLETION AND FILING OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES’ PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT IN THE TOWNS OF ORANGE AND TYRONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLER, AND STATE OF NEW YORK PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 270 AND 271 OF THE COUNTY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the assessment roll for the year 2025 for the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes’ Protection and Rehabilitation District in the Towns of Orange and Tyrone, in the County of Schuyler, and State of New York for the budget year 2026 has been completed and properly filed with the Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service Agency at its office in the Schuyler County Office Building at 105 Ninth Street, Watkins Glen, New York, for review and inspection by the public and interested parties, and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given of the completion and filing of said assessment roll and also proper notice was given that the Public Hearing on the assessment roll would be held by the County Legislature

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of the County of Schuyler on November 10, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. in the Human Services Complex, 323 Owego Street, Montour Falls, New York 14865 to hear and consider any objections pertaining to said assessment roll, and

WHEREAS, due and proper proof of the publication of the notice of the aforesaid Public Hearing has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Public Hearing was duly held on the November 10, 2025, and any persons appearing in regard to the said assessment roll having been given opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said assessment roll for the year 2025 for the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes District in the Towns of Orange and Tyrone, in the County of Schuyler, and State of New York be hereby approved as completed and filed in the office of the Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service Agency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service Agency and the Schuyler County Treasurer shall see to the proper procedure for the levy and collection of the appropriate taxes on the several real properties situate and benefited within said Lakes' Protection and Rehabilitation District in accordance with the rates set by category in the table below, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency, the County Treasurer, the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' District Commission and the Clerk of the Steuben County Legislature.

<u>Lakes District Category</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Category 1	135.00
Category 2	180.00
Category 3	90.00
Category 4	90.00
Category 5	27.00

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 304 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: DIRECTING THE LEVY OF THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES' PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT TAXES DUE JANUARY 2026 – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to Article 5-D of the County Law of the State of New York.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the report of the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' District Commission of the several amounts of taxes due January 2026, levied upon the various parcels of land in the said Lakes' Protection and Rehabilitation Districts be received and filed, and the Director of the Schuyler County Real Property Tax Service Agency is directed to levy the amount upon the various parcels therein mentioned in accordance with said report, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of Real Property Tax Service Agency; the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes' Districts Commission, and the Clerk of the Steuben County Legislature.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 305 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: ADOPT LOCAL LAW INTRO. A/LOCAL LAW NO. * OF THE YEAR 2025 SETTING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. A of the Year 2025 "A Local Law Setting Salaries for Certain Public Officers for the Fiscal Year 2026" was heretofore introduced and appropriate notice established in the official newspaper regarding a public hearing to be held November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held, at which time all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard, and this Legislature has duly considered the adoption and passage of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. A of the Year 2025, in the form hereto annexed be, and hereby is, passed, adopted and enacted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature duly cause the publication of the

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passage, enactment and adoption of Local Law No. * of the Year 2025, together with the required text thereof in the official county newspaper, together with filing with the New York State Department of State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final number of said local law shall be made by the Clerk of the Legislature in her records, based on the date of final readiness for filing with the Secretary of State.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. A OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law Setting Salaries for Certain Public Officers for the Year 2026.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Schuyler as follows:

- 1. Effective 45 days following adoption, the following adjustments of salaries for the public officers listed below shall be in the amounts herein stated, salaries effective January 1, 2026.
- 2. The following public officers are subject to the provisions hereof:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Public Health Director	\$100,785.00	County Attorney	\$144,958.00
Personnel Officer	\$110,545.00	Commissioner of Social Services	\$133,415.00
Public Defender	\$128,609.00	Commissioner Board of Elections	\$ 25,989.00
Real Property Tax Director	\$ 85,763.00	County Administrator	\$175,398.00

- 3. This Local Law shall not take effect until at least 45 days after its adoption in accordance with County Law § 201 and Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Vote 7-1. No: Rondinaro.

RESOLUTION NO. 306 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: ADOPT LOCAL LAW INTRO. B/LOCAL LAW NO. * OF THE YEAR 2025 SETTING SALARY FOR A CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. B of the Year 2025 “A Local Law Setting Salary for a Certain Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2026” was heretofore introduced and appropriate notice established in the official newspaper regarding a public hearing to be held November 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held, at which time all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard, and this Legislature has duly considered the adoption and passage of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. B of the Year 2025, in the form hereto annexed be, and hereby is, passed, adopted and enacted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature duly cause the publication of the passage, enactment and adoption of Local Law No. * of the Year 2025, together with the required text thereof in the official county newspaper, together with filing with the New York State Department of State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final number of said local law shall be made by the Clerk of the Legislature in her records, based on the date of final readiness for filing with the Secretary of State.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. B OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law Setting the Salary for a Certain Elected Official for the Year 2026.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Schuyler as follows:

- 1. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to Sections 200 and 201 of the County Law for the purpose of setting the salary of certain elected officials for fiscal year 2026.
- 2. Effective 45 days following adoption, the following adjustments of salary for the elected officials listed below shall be in the amount herein stated, salary effective January 1, 2026.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Treasurer	\$104,821.00

- 3. This Local Law shall not take effect until at least 45 days after its adoption in accordance with County Law § 201 and Municipal Home Rule Law § 24.

Vote 7-1. No: Rondinaro.

RESOLUTION NO. 307 Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE SIX-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE TOWN OF CATHARINE AND THE TOWN OF MONTOUR TO PROVIDE ASSESSING SERVICES – REAL PROPERTY TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler and its municipalities are empowered to enter into joint service

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contracts pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine and the Town of Montour have executed agreements with the County for the provision of assessing services pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 1537 for an additional six years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the six-year contracts with the Town of Catharine and the Town of Montour for term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2031, at a cost to the Towns of 32.5% per parcel for 2026 and thereafter 40% per parcel, agreements approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 308 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING - COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Community Services has received additional funding from the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Community Services needs to amend the 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2025 budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$466.00	001.4322.0504	Schuyler ARC Expense
+\$466.00	001.4322.3490	State Aid Revenue

Vote 8-0.

WITHDRAWN

RE: AUTHORIZE DECREASE IN HOURS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY FROM FULL-TIME BACK TO LESS THAN FULL-TIME – VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT - **WITHDRAWN**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 146-23 authorized increasing the hours of the Director of Veterans Services position from less than full-time to full-time, specifically due to the increase in workload administering the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer program funds, and

WHEREAS, the full-time position has been advertised, and the County was unsuccessful in finding a qualified candidate, and

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of contracting for a Veteran owned Dwyer service provision program at the suggestion of the previous Veterans Service Director, and

WHEREAS, it is upon the recommendation of the County Administrator that this position be reduced to less than full-time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Veterans Services Agency position be reduced from 35 hours per week to 20 hours per week, effective November 17, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 309 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE HOURS OF THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR POSITION FROM LESS THAN FULL-TIME TO FULL-TIME AND ABOLISH A LESS THAN FULL-TIME AGING SERVICES AIDE POSITION – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging requires a full-time Volunteer Coordinator to better meet the needs of the programs offered by the department, as well as to meet an increase in workload due to the redistribution of duties to better align with the position per Civil Service job specification, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging has a vacant less than full-time Aging Services Aide position that has been determined to no longer be necessary for the department, and funds assigned to this position can offset the increase in hours for the Volunteer Coordinator position, and

WHEREAS, this request is approved by the County Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves of the increase of hours for the Volunteer Coordinator position from 30 hours a week to full-time, 35 hours a week, effective immediately, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the less than full-time position of Aging Services Aide be abolished effective immediately.

Vote 8-0

WITHDRAWN

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND SET SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES – VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT –
WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS, the position of Director of Veterans Services Agency is vacant, and the County has advertised the position and conducted interviews.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Veterans' Services Law § 14 (formerly Executive Law § 357) that this Legislature hereby acknowledges and approves the appointment of Joseph A. LaTorre as the Schuyler County Director of Veterans Services Agency, effective November 24, 2025 at an annual salary of \$28,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 310 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH READY SCOUT, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS IT PERTAINS TO THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (LAMOKA AND WANETA LAKES)

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 261 - 25 authorized advertising for Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services as it pertains to the permitting process for the treatment of the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District and a plan update to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the proposed ProcCellaCOR treatment of Lamoka and Waneta Lakes in 2026, and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received from Ready Scout, LLC in the amount of \$2,300.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Ready Scout, LLC for professional services as it pertains to the permitting process and treatment plan regarding the proposed ProcCellaCOR treatment of Lamoka and Waneta Lakes in 2026 at the cost of \$2,300.00, effective upon execution through December 31, 2026, funding available in account no. 001.8740.0401, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 311 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED PROPOSALS FOR APPLICATION AND MONITORING EXPENSES FOR THE LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (LAMOKA AND WANETA LAKES)

WHEREAS, the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District needs to solicit request for proposals for the application of ProcCellaCOR on Lamoka and Waneta Lakes and the residual monitoring thereof, which services are in the nature of professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District needs to submit a permit treatment plan update to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the proposed ProcCellaCOR treatment of Lamoka and Waneta Lakes in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for chemical application and residual monitoring services as set forth above for the Lamoka/Waneta Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, and to re-advertise if desired.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 312 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: RESOLUTION CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO OPT OUT OF MANDATES AND BENCHMARKS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (CLCPA) AND SUPPORT THE

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PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL S.8481 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.8996

WHEREAS, New York State, through the enactment of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), has established aggressive mandates and benchmarks requiring universal electrification of energy, housing, and transportation sectors, and

WHEREAS, while the goals of reducing carbon emissions and expanding renewable energy are laudable, the one-size-fits-all mandates arising from the CLCPA have created an alarming crisis in energy affordability, reliability, and local economic stability, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County is experiencing skyrocketing utility rates, escalating housing construction costs, and increased burdens on residents and businesses as a direct result of electrification mandates, including but not limited to:

- Building code requirements prohibiting the installation of natural gas hookups;
- State-imposed vehicle sales quotas that will prohibit the future sale of traditional vehicles;
- and
- Infrastructure benchmarks requiring widespread deployment of electric vehicle charging stations, which are neither practical nor financially feasible for many communities; and

WHEREAS, rural towns, villages, and counties in particular lack the infrastructure, energy capacity, and tax base necessary to safely and affordably implement these requirements, thereby placing disproportionate strain on municipalities already facing fiscal and operational challenges, and

WHEREAS, New York State's tradition of "home rule" recognizes the authority of local governments to make decisions that best reflect the unique needs, capacities, and interests of their residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, local governments across the State ought to be afforded the authority to determine the pace and scope of participation in universal electrification and climate mandates, ensuring energy policy that is both practical and responsive to local conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature is in support of the New York State Senate Bill S.8481/ Assembly Bill A8996, which would authorize local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks arising under the CLCPA and associated universal electrification requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature calls upon the New York State Legislature and Governor to enact legislation amending the Environmental Conservation Law, the Public Service Law, the Energy Law, and the Executive Law to expressly authorize local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks arising under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and associated universal electrification requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission, Senator Tom O'Mara, Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, the Inter-County Association of Western New York and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Vote 7-1 No: Lausell.

RESOLUTION NO. 313 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO REASSESS AND RELAX NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (CLCPA) REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature is charged with representing the interests of residents, businesses, farms, and non-profits across the County, and

WHEREAS, New York State's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) sets the most aggressive climate goals in the nation, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions 85% by 2050 and requiring a zero-emission electricity system by 2040, and

WHEREAS, subsequent laws and regulations—such as the 2023 statewide ban on fossil fuel equipment in new construction (S4006c/A3006c), the mandate that 35% of new vehicles sold by 2026 be "emission-free" (rising to 68% by 2030 and 100% by 2035), and the

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requirement that all school districts purchase only electric buses starting in 2027—impose substantial costs on households, municipalities, and school districts, and

WHEREAS, compliance with these mandates will require unprecedented upgrades to the electric grid, expanded transmission capacity, and significant new infrastructure—costs that are increasingly being shifted to ratepayers through proposals such as New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG)’s June 2025 request for 35% electric and 40% gas delivery rate increases, and

WHEREAS, these rising costs come at a time when inflation and housing costs are already straining household budgets, and they disproportionately affect fixed-income seniors, working families, farmers, and small businesses in rural communities like Schuyler County, and

WHEREAS, while the Schuyler County Legislature recognizes the importance of wise environmental stewardship, state policies must balance climate goals with affordability, economic stability, grid reliability, and technological feasibility, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Planning Board has announced public hearings beginning September 3, 2025, with written comments accepted into October, on the Draft 2025 State Energy Plan—a key opportunity for local governments and residents to voice concerns,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature calls upon Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to reassess the pace and scope of the CLCPA and related mandates, and to:

- Conduct a transparent cost-benefit analysis before further implementation;
- Delay or relax mandates until affordable, reliable, and scalable alternatives are available;
- Provide direct financial relief or exemptions for rural and economically vulnerable communities; and
- Ensure meaningful public input from counties, municipalities, and ratepayers before enacting policies with major financial impacts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to Governor Hochul, Senator O’Mara, Assemblyman Palmesano, the New York State Energy Planning Board, the Inter-County Association of Western New York and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Vote 7-1. No: Lausell.

RESOLUTION NO. 314 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray.

RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING NYSEG PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature represents the interests of its residents, businesses and non-profits, and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2025, New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) filed a formal request with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), proposing a 35% increase in electric delivery revenues (about an 18.4% rise in total electric bills) and a 39.4% increase in gas delivery revenues (approximately 22.1% increase in total gas bills) for residential customers, and

WHEREAS, for an average household using 600 kWh/month, NYSEG estimates the electric portion of the bill would rise by about \$33.12/month (a 23.7% total increase), and for gas (using 83 therms), about \$33.57/month (a 33.5% total increase), and

WHEREAS, this proposal—part of NYSEG’s “Powering New York” infrastructure modernization plan—aims to overhaul aging equipment, improve grid reliability, meet state mandates (e.g., broadband make-ready, storm resiliency), and purports to enhance customer service, including \$413 million targeted at low-income assistance, along with hiring approximately 1,100 new employees over a five-year rollout, and

WHEREAS, similar proposals by National Grid already approved by the PSC are expected to raise electric and gas household bills by about \$22/month, totaling nearly \$600/year by 2027, and

WHEREAS, energy costs are rising nearly twice as fast as inflation, and low-income households now spend roughly 8.6% of their income on electricity, while over 21 million U.S. households are behind on utility payments, with \$24 billion in overdue bills nationally; and

WHEREAS, NYSEG is expected to generate approximately \$557 million in additional annual revenue if

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the proposal is approved, and

WHEREAS, many state leaders have underscored the need for utilities to prioritize ratepayer affordability and criticized excessive executive compensation amid rate increases, citing the burden unfairly placed on working families, seniors, and low-income residents, especially at a time when many are struggling to pay bills—citing over 1.2 million customers in arrears totaling almost \$2 billion statewide, and

WHEREAS, energy advocacy experts recommend mitigations such as home energy audits, improved insulation, programmable thermostats, and weather stripping, which can yield meaningful savings for households.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature urges the Public Service Commission to reject or substantially modify NYSEG's proposed rate increases—and to:

- Phase in increases, if any, more gradually
- Ensure robust protections for households on fixed incomes and small businesses
- Increase transparency on utility financials, including dividends to parent companies
- Require independent ratepayer affordability impact assessments
- Mandate meaningful public hearings and community input as part of PSC deliberations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent by the Clerk to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator O'Mara, Assemblyman Palmesano, Rory Christian, NYS Public Service Commission, and Patricia Nilsen, NYSEG, the Inter-County Association of Western New York and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 315 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: ADOPTION OF SCHUYLER COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2026

WHEREAS, a notice was published in the official newspaper of the County of Schuyler that a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget of the County of Schuyler for 2026 would be held at 6:30 P.M. on November 10, 2025 in Room 120 of the Human Services Complex, 323 Owego Street, Montour Falls, NY, and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned Public Hearing was held on November 10, 2025 at said time and place, and all interested persons were given opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Budget for 2026 as presented by the Budget Officer and the Management and Finance Committee of the Legislature, and as revised by the Schuyler County Legislature, to raise \$11,547,770.09 by tax levy, be adopted.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 316 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: APPROPRIATE THE SEVERAL AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN BUDGET IN COLUMN ENTITLED "2026"

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature by Resolution No. 316 dated November 10, 2025, has adopted a budget for fiscal year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the several amounts specified in such budget in the column entitled "2026" as amended, be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective January 1, 2026.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 317 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes.

RE: 2026 BUDGET OF \$64,029,607.00: LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE TOWN CONTRIBUTION TO COUNTY TAXES AND ISSUE CERTIFICATE TO EACH TOWN

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law Section 900, that this Legislature, no later than December 31, 2025, levy the taxes for the County upon the basis of the full valuation of the taxable real property in accordance with Title 2 of Article 8 of the Real Property Tax Law, the contribution of each Town to County taxes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature issue, not later than December 31, 2025 the required certificate to the tax collecting officer of each Town stating the total of taxes due from each Town to Schuyler County.

Vote 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Legislature Barnes questioned why we were one of only three counties in the state that has not brought the resolution presented by Congressman Langworthy's office to the board even though there was discussion on it. He has taken calls from the Congressmen and others in the State who would like to know why we have not done anything with this. Chairman Blowers questioned Legislator Barnes if he had spoken to anyone from Langworthy's office recently and he too had spoken to them earlier in the week and they indicated that they are satisfied with what we had done here tonight on the agenda. Legislator Jaynes indicated all is well as long as we are doing what we have said. Chairman Blowers followed with saying, as long as we are working for the people we work for and will not be doing banners or such, we just passed a Resolution. Legislator Rondinaro also indicated that this was approved at the Inter-County Association of Western New York last month and that association represents nineteen counties in Western New York. Chairman Blowers believes we did a great job getting this together and getting it out. He also felt that unfortunately, it was initially presented more like a political advertisement. Legislator Rondinaro followed by saying Congressman Langworthy seemed to be asking to have the federal government mandate something, but he feels that it needs to stay local.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Lausell wanted to make the board aware that Head Start was recognized in Washington at the National Head Start Association Leadership Conference as one of five programs nationally awarded with the 2025 Advocacy Award this year.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The County Administrator had nothing aside from the budget discussion but did indicate sales tax is in a good place.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Eric Asperschlager, residing in District II, reported that as many of you know there has been a huge push for the community to help those who are affected with SNAP issues and many local businesses have already begun to assist those in need. He encouraged those on the board to work as hard for their constituents. Mrs. Gail Walker, residing in District III, said she would like to encourage you to look at the effect of outsourcing and contracting out of our county departments. What I have found is that people locally want their services provided locally.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Nicole L. Smith, Deputy Clerk

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