

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2026**

The January 2, 2026, Organizational Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Nicole L. Smith, Deputy 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. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

The oath of Office was held by Judge Hayden for Legislators-Elect, Laurence W. Jaynes, Robert L. Halpin, Gail M. Walker, and Jeffrey A. Fazzary followed by them all signing the Oath Book

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

The Acting Chair then opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Legislature for the year 2026.

**MOTION** by Legislator Gray to nominate Legislator Blowers as Chair, **SECOND** by Legislator Rondinaro.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1** Motion by Barnes, Second by Gray

RE: CLOSE NOMINATIONS - 2026 CHAIR OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the nominations for the 2026 Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature be closed.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes

RE: APPOINTMENT - CHAIR, SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE – 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that Carl H. Blowers be Chair of the Schuyler County Legislature for the year 2026.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes

RE: APPOINTMENT - CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE – 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Legislature appointed for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 has retired effective December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Nicole L. Smith to the vacant position of Clerk of the Legislature to fill the unexpired two-year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at an annual salary of \$69,526.00.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: APPOINTMENT - COUNTY AUDITOR - 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the County Auditor appointed for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 has retired effective December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Christopher Desrochers to the vacant position of County Auditor to fill the unexpired two-year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at an annual salary of \$7,500.00.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: "CONTINUITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT" FOR 2026"

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 2026, as follows:

Chair	Carl H. Blowers
#1 Vice-Chair	Philip C. Barnes
#2 Vice-Chair	Mark F. Rondinaro
#3 Vice-Chair	Gary L. Gray
#4 Vice-Chair	Laurence W. Jaynes

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#5 Vice-Chair Robert L. Halpin  
#6 Vice-Chair Gail M. Walker  
#7 Vice-Chair Jeffrey A. Fazzary

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: CONFORM TO "RULES OF PROCEDURE" FOR 2026

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, 2024, as amended on April 11, 2016, and as amended on March 10, 2025, and as amended be conformed to.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY FUNDS FOR 2026

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

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A.

Watkins Glen Office

401 N. Franklin Street \$10,000,000.00

Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

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 2026, 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 2026

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 2026, 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 8-0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 9** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

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 2026

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 2026, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER FOR 2026

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 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: APPOINTMENT – COUNTY HISTORIAN FOR 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gary M. Emerson be appointed as County Historian for the year 2026, with a salary of \$4,250.00.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12** Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes

RE: APPOINTMENT – HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – 2026-2030

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kenneth R. Thurston be appointed Highway Superintendent for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13** Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENT AND SET SALARY FOR STOP-DWI COORDINATOR 2026

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, 2026 through the remainder of the term of the STOP DWI Plan through December 31, 2026, at an annual salary \$10,000.00.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14** Motion by Gray, Second by Barnes

RE: ADOPT SCHEDULE OF SALARIES FOR 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schedule of Salaries for 2026, as attached hereto, be adopted, effective January 1, 2026, and

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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 2026 Salary Schedule.

Vote 8-0.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

The Clerk briefly discussed seating arrangement, January Committee Meetings and the group photo that is scheduled for a future date. She also let the Legislators know that IT will be transferring the Legislative Departments email addresses to the new platform.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Nicole L. Smith, Clerk

### REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 12, 2026

The January 12, 2026 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** – Local Law C (intro) of year 2025 - none

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Philip Gillmont from Montour Falls wanted to address the issue of the nuclear plant; understanding that the legislators did not have much information but noting that it was someone from SCOPED who submitted the request. Upon the release he educated himself and become more troubled by the idea. He stated that newer plants that have been proposed similar, only one or two in the world, have proven to be expensive and troublesome. He feels that we may be opening ourselves up to issues such as drone attacks and medical issues, he believes there are other options for renewable energy. He indicated that there was a public webinar coming up regarding renewable energy and other options

Ellen Lampman, indicated that if she has learned anything from history it is that we follow the money and she does not believe this is the way we should move as a community. She stated that this is not healthy for the environment or for us as humans. She also stated that she did not appreciate the lack of information that was provided to the community.

Bob Howarth, is not a resident of Schuyler but does live in a neighboring county; Bob state that he is an environmental scientist with Cornell and he sits a committee with many members that have voted against nuclear power stating that it is a slow unaffordable option. He shared that there are newer better options becoming available that could prove to be better. He shared that the technology for these types of plants are too new and there has been enough research but it is showing these are not a long term options. He asked that the Legislature oppose such project.

Josh Kimble, a Burdett resident indicated that he was not sure if there was much provided to the board and they seem to be as uninformed as the community. He saw on the press release that a handful of other counties have indicated they also would be interested. He shared, based on past similar projects the community opposition for this type of project in the Finger Lakes would astronomical.

Tim Dunlap a Hector resident sited a few of Tom O'Mara's "Protect farm from solar" address; he believes that Tom O'Mara has not acknowledge the waste for such projects and that currently there are no solution for such waste. He is hopeful that the Legislature could rescind the interest in the project.

John Dennis – is not a resident of Schuyler but does live in a neighboring county. He started by reminding the Board that in the 60's NYSEG had proposed a facility in a neighboring area and that was shot down after approximately 3 years of community opposition. He state that the biggest problem is the warming

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of the intake of water and these kinds plants are unable to cool the water quick enough to be distributed back out.

Phil Davis, Hector resident, stated that along with everyone else he was also caught off guard and thought SCOPED was monitored here by the Board. He believed to have something of this magnitude would be a huge impact on our area in more than one way. Phil questioned how this application could have happened without communications to the community or thought of the repercussions this could have. He shared that the lack of appreciation to the people the Legislature serves is disheartening. Phil also shared that as a business owner, this could have a huge impact on the pull to our area and our revenue. He asked that this proposal be pulled.

Marsha Smith, a Hector (III) resident, shared that as a resident and a medical professional, it is her opinion that the residents should be included in discussions and not by way of a vague article. It is her understanding and belief that the community should be included in such big proposals and believes this should be rescinded and the public should be well informed.

Lin Gary, a Watkins Glen resident who recently learned of this proposal stated that she has been following this type of Nuclear facility and believes that it is toxic and not a clean option. She stated it is dangerous and could open us to terrorists, She does not know how the process of these types of things work but is requesting a law banning these types of environmental impact projects.

A landowner from Hector shared that history shows that these types of plants could have huge repercussions and knows people who have been employed in these facilities. She stated that it is a difficult process to bring into an area and believes that our area is not the right fit for this and we could be jeopardizing the land for future use.

Joann Smith stated that as a resident they have often drove by that area proposed and can see why people come in to visit the area for the beauty. She believes if this plant comes in, this will have a huge impact on all tourists but not just our community but possibly those around us. She believes the community should fight against this project because if we continue, we could lose tourists and believes nothing from this plant could offset that loss

Abby Buddington, a Dresden resident, urged the board to rescind the bid. In her opinion the government should follow the science and if we do not do that it could be detrimental to our area, not just Schuyler but those areas around it.

Chairman Blowers introduced Judy Cherry (SCOPED) and asked her if she would speak on the matter.

Judy stated that there is not going to be a reactor in Schuyler County for a very long time if ever. We know you don't want to see your vineyards turned into solar power and we know this is hurting our area. Nuclear Power is not ready for Schuyler County. Our agency's goal is to look into the future and to identify what is coming and that is why we have put in a RFI (Request for Information) not a bid into the State. Our area needs jobs that are year-round and can employ our community. While we are a tourist area, we are and should maintain our stance in the manufacturing industry. When she sent this to begin with, she was clear there had to have an open process for communicating with the community. She ensured that she would react the same way the community has. She stated that our area is not set up for a project like this, but the request was put into the State to get us on the map as a community. Judy believes solar belongs on landfills or roof tops not on prime land and are taking the steps to get advanced options. SCOPED is not doing work that we are not sure what the impact will be and that they are always thinking of the community and believe we should have a "community advisory board" Judy finished by thanking everyone who came so that she could hear. She also indicated that Camp Monterey is not going to hold a nuclear facility.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15** Motion by Barnes, Second by Jaynes

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 29, 2025 YEAR END MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting and the December 29, 2025 Year End Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 8-0.

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

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S SEIZED ASSETS RESERVE ACCOUNT TO SEND A NEW YORK STATE POLICE INVESTIGATOR TO A TRAINING ON CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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 New York State Police to send an investigator to a training on “crisis negotiations”, 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 transfer funds as follows from the referenced accounts for the purpose of assisting the New York State Police to send an investigator to a training on “Crisis Negotiations”, in the amount of \$200.00; 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>
+\$200.00	1165.0409.0000	Conference Expense
-\$200.00	1165.2626.1165	Seized Assets Reserve Account

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17** Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray

RE: ACCEPT SEALED BID FROM CPE COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC. FOR FIRE ALARM TESTING AND MAINTENANCE – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 195-25 authorized advertising for sealed bids for Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance for the Schuyler County Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, one bid was received and opened on October 16, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department under leadership of the Highway Superintendent has determined that CPE Communications and Security Systems, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder with annual costs as follows:

<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>
\$7,150.00	\$7,150.00	\$7,800.00	\$7,800.00, and

WHEREAS, said bid also includes labor rates for work performed outside the contract at \$170.00 per hour, overtime rate of \$255.00 per hour, and replacement parts for work performed outside the contract is cost plus 40%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby accepts the sealed bid from CPE Communications and Security Systems, Inc. for the Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029 at the above rates, funding is available in account no. 001.1620.0401.0000, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute into a four-year contract with CPE Communications and Security Systems, Inc., at the costs above, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18** Motion by Jaynes, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR MATERIAL BIDS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2026 - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law, all purchase contracts involving an expenditure of more than \$20,000 and all contracts for public works involving an expenditure of more than \$35,000 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 bids for materials and supplies for 2026 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 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19** Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. C/LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF SCHUYLER COUNTY LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2022, RELATED TO THE SALARY AND GRADE GROUP SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. C of the Year 2025 A Local Law to amend the provisions of Schuyler County Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2022, related to the salary schedule and grade grouping system was heretofore introduced, and appropriate notice published in the official newspaper regarding a public hearing to be held January 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held, at which time all interested persons were given 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. C 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 said local law, together with the required text thereof in the official county newspaper, 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 number assigned to the Local Law by the Secretary of State for indexing purposes.

**LOCAL LAW INTRO. C/LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2026**

A Local Law to amend the provisions of Schuyler County Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2022, related to the salary schedule and grade grouping system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Schuyler as follows:

1. Statement of Intent.

The intent of this local law is to amend the salary schedule and grade grouping system codified within Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2022, due to a determination that the Secretary to the District Attorney

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position in the statute's grouping system should be reclassified from a Grade 1 to a Grade 2, resulting in a proposed 2026 salary adjustment for the Secretary to the District Attorney to \$52,237.00.

2. Position Grouping System Amended.

- a. The Schuyler County Legislature approves and amends the position grouping system as presented by the Burke Group and shown in Exhibit 2 of Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2022 as follows: Effective January 1, 2026, the position "Secretary to the District Attorney," currently categorized as "Grade 1," shall hereinafter be categorized as "Grade 2."

3. Severability Clause; Precedence and Compatibility with Other laws.

- a. If any part of this local law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Local Law. The County of Schuyler hereby declares that it would have passed this local law and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of these sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.
- b. This local law and its provisions are in addition to all other applicable laws, rules and regulations and shall be read in such a manner as to effectuate consistency with any and all such laws, rules and/or regulations.

4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall not take effect until at least 45 days after its adoption in accordance with County Law Section 201 and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24. This local law shall be filed with the Secretary of State within 45 days after its final adoption or approval as required by section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and become effective upon such filing.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20** Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CHANGE IN FUNDING FOR BUS PURCHASE – 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 amended funding to the amount of \$324,403.00 for the purchase of two replacement buses.

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 \$324,403.00, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21** Motion by Jaynes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER COUNTIES CHAPTER, NYSARC, INC., FOR MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County was awarded a Mass Transportation Capital Project Grant in the amount of \$2,165,216.00, Contract # C006036, and

WHEREAS, Chemung-Schuyler Counties Chapter, NYSARC Inc., will provide the Mobility Management Service pursuant to Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 pursuant to contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract with Chemung-Schuyler Counties Chapter, NYSARC, Inc., at a not to exceed

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amount of \$2,165,216.00 for the term retroactive January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Walker

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH GREEN CHIMNEYS CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC. FOR FOSTER CARE SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Department of Social Services periodically requires foster care facilities for children coming into the custody of the Commissioner, and

WHEREAS, New York State mandates contracts for foster care services in accordance with the standard prescribed by Federal and New York State laws and regulations, including but not limited to Article 6 of the Social Services Law; 18 NYCRR Parts 427, 428, 430, 431 and 441 - 451, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement rates are established annually by the State of New York through the Maximum State Aid Rate (MSAR) for daily care, clothing allowance, medical care and education, and

WHEREAS, Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. will provide such foster care services for the Schuyler County Department of Social Services pursuant to contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a five-year contract with Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. for the Schuyler County Department of Social Services for foster care services for a term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030, funding available in the Social Services Foster Care accounts, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Walker

RE: AUTHORIZE DECREASING THE HOURS OF THE SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK KEYBOARD SPECIALIST POSITION FROM 40 HOURS PER WEEK TO 35 HOURS PER WEEK – PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the position of Sr. Account Clerk Keyboard Specialist is currently 40 hours per week full time, and

WHEREAS, the position of Sr. Account Clerk Keyboard Specialist is vacant due to retirement, and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director is requesting said title be decreased to 35 hours per week which is the standard work hours for an Administrative Unit position, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer and the County Administrator are in agreement with the decrease in hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves the decrease of hours for the Sr. Account Clerk Keyboard Specialist position from full time 40 hours a week to full time 35 hours a week, effective immediately.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Walker

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

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging in accordance with the New York (NY) Connects program standards, provides the general public with educational and informational materials including advertisements, and

WHEREAS, Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. will offer advertising services for three different advertisements for the term of the contract for a cost of \$25,081.00, and a total production cost of an additional \$2,881.00.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. to provide the advertising for the NY Connects Program, for a total cost of \$28,081.00, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Gray

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR A DIGITAL ORTHOIMAGERY PROGRAM – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 71-25 authorized a commitment to participate in the New York State Office of Information Technology Services Digital Orthoimagery Program, and

WHEREAS, the ITS New York Statewide Digital Orthoimagery Program (NYSDOP) collects aerial imagery for portions of the state on a rotating basis, 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 gives counties the option, for an additional cost not to exceed the actual cost of the additional service, to obtain .5-foot resolution imagery, and

WHEREAS, the cost of this more detailed resolution imagery is \$31,627.12 for Schuyler County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services for the Planning Department for a 6” orthoimagery upgrade for Schuyler County, New York Geographic Information Systems (GIS), effective upon execution by all parties and approval of the New York State Comptroller and New York State Attorney through December 31, 2026, at a cost of \$31,627.12, funding available in account no. 001.8020.0401, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Legislator Barnes indicated that there was a report that was issued by the media that had caught him off guard. He stated that moving forward there needs to be better communication amongst the Board.

Legislator Rondinaro shared that the Inter-County of Western New York would be hosted by Schuyler on February 20, 2026 at 9:30 am sharing that currently it is scheduled to be at the Human Services Complex

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

The County Administrator reported that we were finishing up year-end finance reports with the departments but that there is a slight lag with invoices and reimbursements. He indicated that we should have a full and complete report shortly. He shared that the ten-year comprehension plan was finishing up and the Planning Department would be reaching out to sit with new Legislators to discuss. He also shared that Sales Tax for 2025 is about 2% ahead of the projection and that we can see the plateau that was expected. The projection for 2026 is a bit smaller but should be looking at about the same as 2025.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Erich Asperschlager (DII) started by agreeing with Legislator Barnes stating that it is apparent there is a lack of communication and it seems many people do not know what is happening. He believes one way to be open would be to share meetings online so the community knew what was happening although he know from coming to meetings that this has been discussed. He also believes that many would love to see any Legislator interested, put out a monthly or bimonthly social media blast or have a town hall type meeting so the community could learn about you and your standings. He has found by talking to contingents that the biggest topic from them is people want to know what is going on.

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The Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.  
Nicole L. Smith, Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

The February 9, 2026 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. County Administrator Shawn Rosno, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Paul Bartow was in attendance and wanted to inform the Board that Batavia Downs had a very successful Tapas & Tasting event. He mentioned that Lakewood Vineyards was in attendance and he many great reviews. Paul let the Board know this is a great step in getting Finger Lakes wines into Batavia. Legislator Rondinaro shared his pleasure in hearing Lakewood did well and the event was a success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26** Motion by Gray, Second by Jaynes

RE: APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2026 ORGANIZATIONAL AND THE JANUARY 12, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the January 2, 2026 Organizational and the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 27** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE ONGOING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SOUTHERN TIER CRIME ANALYSIS CENTER – DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) sponsors Crime Analysis Centers throughout New York State, and

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Broome County for the development and operation of a regional crime analysis center, known as the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center (STCAC), and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County District Attorney's Office has an interest in participating in the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center (STCAC) for the invaluable resources they can provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center, effective upon execution, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN TIER NETWORK, INC FOR LEASING OF DARK FIBER OPTIC STRANDS AND RELATED ANCILLARY SERVICES BETWEEN THE BRADFORD NY TOWER AND THE SUGAR HILL TOWER AS WELL AS THE WATKINS GLEN TOWER AND THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Department currently has a contract with Southern Tier Network, Inc. (STN) as they own and operate fiber optic telecommunications networks in Schuyler County, New York State using rights-of-way, facilities, aerial attachments, underground conduit, poles and towers of various utilities, railroads and governmental entities, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to enter into an additional contract with STN for the extension of the fiber optic network from the Bradford, NY Tower to the Sugar Hill Tower and additionally the Watkins Glen Tower to the County Office Building, in support of the public safety connections and also allowing open access expansion in the region, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Southern Tier Network (STN) for the extension of the fiber optic network for a cost of \$151,250.00 available in account number 3689.0202.3902, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE INTERMUNICIPAL CONTRACT WITH STEUBEN COUNTY FOR HOUSING INCARCERATED PERSONS – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department recommends entering into an intermunicipal contract with Steuben County pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-o for the housing from time to time of Schuyler County incarcerated persons in the Steuben County Jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an intermunicipal contract with Steuben County for housing incarcerated persons for the term effective October 15, 2025 through December 31, 2026, at a cost of \$100.00 per inmate per day, along with all costs and disbursements incurred such as medical and dental expenses, funding available in account no. 001.3150.0456, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE ONGOING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SOUTHERN TIER CRIME ANALYSIS CENTER – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) sponsors Crime Analysis Centers throughout New York State, and

WHEREAS, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Broome County for the development and operation of a regional crime analysis center, known as the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center (STCAC), and

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Sheriff’s Office has an interest in participating in the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center (STCAC) for the invaluable resources they can provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute an ongoing Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center, effective upon execution, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE (1) PART-TIME SPECIAL PATROL OFFICER POSITIONS – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office currently has only one Special Patrol Officer position, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has filled the only currently allocated position in this title, and

WHEREAS, the distinguishing features and typical work activities of this title line up exactly with the responsibilities of the officers assigned to work security at the Human Services Complex, and

WHEREAS, having the ability to provide needed coverage of security posts at the Human Services Complex with Special Patrol Officers allows the Sheriff to more efficiently utilize part-time Deputy and Correction Officer positions to provide needed coverage for the road patrol and in the jail, and

WHEREAS, the County will realize a cost savings by virtue of part-time Special Patrol Officers providing security coverage for the Human Services Complex in lieu of full-time Deputies and Correction Officers providing that same coverage at a rate of time and one half, and

WHEREAS, the funding for these positions is included in the 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to create and fill one (1) Part-Time Special Patrol Officer positions at an hourly rate of \$22.48, as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County and Sheriff of Schuylers and the Schuylers County Correction Officer's Benevolent Association, effective immediately.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE LESS THAN FULL TIME (24 HOUR PER WEEK) TAM TEAM COORDINATOR - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, New York State Executive Order 18, issued in 2022, requires every county to establish a Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) plan to identify, assess and mitigate threats of targeted violence, including domestic terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Homeland Security TAM Primer states that having a leader devoted to the TAM team is essential to ensure consistency and commitment to the mission, being key to the coordination process; and

WHEREAS, several existing positions within the Sheriff's Office that have historically absorbed certain responsibilities have evolved to the point that they can no longer effectively or efficiently manage these duties in addition to their current obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has identified a need to reassign these responsibilities to a single, dedicated staff member to ensure ongoing compliance and operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is requesting authorization to create this position, subject to approval by the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is included in the 2026 County budget and is fully reimbursed at 100 percent through grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to create and fill the position of TAM Team Coordinator at an hourly rate of \$27.00, to be included in the Schuylers County Road Patrol Association bargaining unit, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of TAM Team Coordinator shall be automatically abolished upon the expiration or termination of the grant funding that supports the position.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33** Motion by Gray, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL PRETRIAL SERVICE FUNDING – PROBATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuylers County Probation Department has received state aid revenue in the amount of \$100,000.00 from New York State to assist with the implementation and training of the Pre-Trial Release program under the Alternatives to Incarceration program banner for the 2025-2026 calendar years, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department originally planned for \$60,000.00 Pre-Trial Release State Aid in their 2026 budget, and requests to increase their 2026 revenue line 3140.3311 by \$40,000.00 to match the additional revenue expected, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department will need to increase some working hours per the Pre-trial Release plan and \$5,500.00 of the received Pre-Trial Release funds are requested to be moved into their Personnel line 3140.0100 for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department may need to replace up to three (3) Probation Officers for the 2026 calendar year and each new officer will be trained in Pre-Trial Release Services, and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department requests to appropriate \$32,000.00 of the received Pre-Trial Aid to its training line of 3140.0409, to support all new officer hire training and to meet requirements of the Pre-Trial Release program, and

WHEREAS, this increased training will require more travel, therefore the Probation Department

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requests to appropriate \$2,500.00 of this Pre-Trial Aid into its mileage line of 3140.0430 to assist with travel to training courses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to amend the 2026 Budget as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
+\$40,000.00	001.3140.3311	RECEIVED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION SERVICES AID
+\$5,500.00	001.3140.0100	PERSONNEL SERVICES REGULAR
+\$32,000.00	001.3140.0409	CONFERENCE EXPENSE & TRAINING
+\$2,500.00	001.3140.0430	MILEAGE

Vote 8-0.

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

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF BURDETT FOR USE OF THE SHARED FUEL FACILITY – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Highway Department operates a shared fuel facility, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Burdett 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 the Village of Burdett, 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, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

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, 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>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN #</u>	<u>Department</u>
			<b><u>JUNK</u></b>
<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Serial/VIN #</u>	<u>Department-</u>
7319	COMPUTER: DESKTOP DELL OPTIPLEX 9020	8Z59182	BOE
7617	COMPUTER DELL OPTIPLEX 3050	8X8JBM2	MACHINERY
7435	DELL OPTIPLEX 7040 I5-6500	70HDZC2	PROBATION
7315	COMPUTER: LAPTOP DELL LATITUDE E7450 W/D	82X0F72	IT
7467	DELL LATITUDE 7275	CLJJNC2	SHERIFF
7468	DELL LATITUDE 7275	7J96RC2	SHERIFF
7470	DELL LATITUDE 7275	G2Y5RC2	SHERIFF
7521	DELL LATITUDE E5470	1XK1WF2	IT
7477	DELL LATITUDE E5470	H2JGTC2	RECORDS
7702	COMPUTER: DELL OPTIPLEX 7060 SFF XCTO	HXN51S2	LEGISLATURE
7293	COMPUTER: DELL OPTIPLEX 9020 SMALL FORM	8RPH282	OFA

Vote 8-0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 36** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-2026, TITLED “ADOPT SCHEDULE OF SALARIES FOR 2026” – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Resolution No. 14 of 2026 of the Schuyler County Legislature was duly adopted on January 2, 2026, and contained clerical/typographical errors for two employees, requiring correction, as follows,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 14 of 2026, the Schedule of Salaries for 2026 is hereby amended only as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Amended</u>
Sheriff's Department - Corrections	Reg Professional Nurse	\$33.64	\$33.88
Sheriff's Department - Corrections	Reg Professional Nurse	\$33.64	\$33.88

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Resources Department and the County Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the County employees according to such amended 2026 Salary Schedule.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 37A** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

RE: MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 37 TO REPLACE CARL H. BLOWERS, CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE WITH LEGISLATOR LAURENCE W. JAYNES ON THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature has requested that he be replaced on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service, Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 37 be amended to replace Carl H. Blowers with Legislator Laurence W. Jaynes on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service, Board of Directors.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 37** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES (RULE 24). – **AS AMENDED**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby acknowledges the appointments of the following individuals by the Chair of the Legislature to the below boards, committees and/or agencies, with the terms set forth therein, effective January 1, 2026. Where no term is provided, said individuals serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority:

**AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD**

Jeri Sarrge, Ex-Officio

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator (Four-Year/Contiguous with Term)

**ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator (No Term)

**ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (No Term)

Philip C. Barnes, Legislator (No Term)

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Robert L. Halpin, Legislator (No Term)

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator (Contiguous with Term)

Gail M. Walker, Legislator (Contiguous with Term)

**ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, INC. (EOP)**

Jeffrey A. Fazzary, Legislator (Three-year Term)

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL & HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (One-year Term)

Laurence W. Jaynes, Public Safety Committee Member (One-year Term)

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Robert L. Halpin, Legislator (No Term)

**FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

Philip C. Barnes, Legislator (One-year Term)

**FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

George Rutledge, Sportsman (Two-year Term)

Philip C. Barnes, Legislator, Alternate (Two-year/Contiguous with Term)

**HUMAN SERVICES (STC)**

Robert L. Halpin, Legislator (Two-year/Contiguous with Term)

**INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK**

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator (One-year Term)

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator (One-year Term)

Robert L. Halpin, Legislator (One-year Term)

**IT/CYBER SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (No Term)

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator (No Term)

**LAW LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE**

Robert L. Halpin, Legislator (Two-year Term)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER BOARD**

Jeffrey A. Fazzary, Legislator (No Term)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (No Term)

Gary L. Gray, Legislator (No Term)

**MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

Robert L. Halpin, Legislator (No Term)

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (One-year Term)

Gail M. Walker, Legislator (One-year Term)

**PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Gail M. Walker, Legislator (No Term)

**PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Jeffery A. Fazzary, Legislator (No Term)

**QUEEN CATHARINE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Philip C. Barnes, Legislator (Two-year/Contiguous Term)

**RISK MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Philip C. Barnes, Legislator (No Term)

**RURAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Laurence W. Jaynes, Legislator (No Term)

**SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SCIDA)**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (One-year Term)

**SCHUYLER COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SCOPED)**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (One-year Term)

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator (One-year Term)

**SCHUYLER HEAD START BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Gail M. Walker, Legislator (Two-year/Contiguous Term)

**SENECA WATERSHED**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (Contiguous Term)

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**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator (One-year Term)

Gary L. Gray, Legislator (One-year Term)

**SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (Two-year Term)

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator (Two-year Term)

Joann Lindstrom, Planning Representative (Two-year Term)

M. Shawn Rosno, Municipal Office (Two-year Term)

Chad Hendrickson, Environmental Representative (Two-year Term)

**WATKINS GLEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Carl H. Blowers, Chair of the Legislature (One-year Term)

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Gail M. Walker, Legislator (No Term)

**YOUTH BOARD**

Jeffrey A. Fazzary, Legislator (Three-year Term)

Vote 8-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 38** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: LEGISLATURE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES- FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD (COUNTY LAW § 225-a)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees and/or agencies, for the terms set forth therein, effective January 1, 2026. Where no term is provided, said individuals serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority:

**FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

Anthony Simpson, Beaver Dams Fire Department (One-year Term)

Alan Burke, Burdett Fire Department (One-year Term)

Matt Ward, Mecklenburg Fire Department (One-year Term)

Andrew Vogel, Monterey Fire Department (One-year Term)

Brian Swarthout, Montour Falls Fire Department (One-year Term)

Adam Mahnke, Odessa Fire Department (One-year Term)

James Kennedy, Tyrone Fire Department (One-year Term)

Mike Hicks, Valois, Logan Hector Fire Department (One-year Term)

Brian Hudson, Watkins Glen Fire Department (One-year Term)

Vote 8-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 39** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: LEGISLATURE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES (MENTAL HYGIENE LAW § 41.11)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees and/or agencies, for the terms set forth therein, effective January 1, 2026. Where no term is provided, said individuals serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority:

**ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Jim Perry, Sheriff's Department (Four-year Term)

Billie Kingsbury-Lohr, Community/CAAFL (Four-year Term)

Deborah Dalmat, Public Health (Four-year Term)

Dr. Shannon Schamel, M.D. (Four-year Term)

Brainna Miller, Community/FLACRA (Four-year Term)

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Dr. Shannon Schamel, M.D. (Four-year Term)

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Judy Phillips, Community Member (Four-year Term)  
Jill Kasprzyk, Public Health (Four-year Term)  
Billie Kingsbury-Lohr, Community/CAAFL (Four-year Term)

**MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE**

JoAnn Fratarcangelo, Social Services (Four-year Term)  
Dr. Shannon Schamel, M.D. (Four-year Term)  
Judy Phillips, Community Member (Four-year Term)  
Lorelei Wagner, Public Health (Four-year Term)  
Justine Patterson, Office for the Aging

**PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Jill Kasprzyk, Public Health (Four-year Term)  
John Rahr, Community/EPC (Four-year Term)  
Gretchen Silliman, Community (Four-year Term)  
Charlene DeLallo, Community/OPWDD (Four-year Term)  
Judy Phillips, Community (Four-year Term)

Vote 8-0

**RESOLUTION NO. 40** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: LEGISLATURE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES- COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 239-c)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees and/or agencies, for the terms set forth therein, effective January 1, 2026. Where no term is provided, said individuals serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority:

**SCHUYLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Phil Cherry, Village of Watkins Glen (Two-year Term)  
Sarah Agan, Town of Montour (Two-year Term)  
Michael Hale, Town of Reading (Two-year Term)  
Nigar Hale, Tourism Representative (Two-year Term)

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 41** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: LEGISLATURE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES (COUNTY LAW § 235)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby authorizes the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees and/or agencies, for the terms set forth therein, effective January 1, 2026. Where no term is provided, said individuals serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority:

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Gita Devi, Town of Reading (Three-year term)  
Martha Hawksworth, Town of Tyrone (Three-year term)

**OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Diane Edwards, HIICAP Volunteer (Two-year term)  
Lois Cratsley, Town of Catharine (Two-year term)  
Dennis Mann, Town of Cayuta (Two-year term)  
Barbara Ketchum, Town of Orange (Two-year term)  
Beverly Mello, Town of Reading (Two-year term)  
Kathie VonNeida, Retired Nurse (Two-year term)  
Robert Wirth, Town of Hector (Burdett area) (Two-year term)  
Wendy Wirth, Town of Hector (Burdett area) (Two-year term)  
Nanette Scogin, Village of Watkins Glen (Two-year term)  
Jen Lyn Fisher, ARC Chemung and Schuyler (Two-year term)

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Jennifer Tanner, Jefferson Village (Two-year term)  
Rebecca Weichenthal, Social Services (Two-year term)  
**PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Nima Hazrati, MD, Medical Director/Ex-Officio  
Nikole Piper, ARC of Chemung/Schuyler (Four-year term)  
Shannon Schamel, DO, Intention Internal Medicine (Four-year term)  
Catherine Oberlander, Office for the Aging (Four-year term)  
Emily Hoffman, Southern Tier Tobacco (Four-year term)  
Daniel Kress, Cayuga Cancer Center (Four-year term)

**YOUTH BOARD**

Michele Wasicki, Member at Large (Three-year term)  
Jaime Talada, Member at Large (Three-year term)  
Lauren Lovett, Member at Large (Three-year term)  
Adam Lawton, Member at Large (Three-year term)  
Donna Tilden, District V (Three-year term)  
Chris Rosno, District VIII (Three-year term)  
Cory Drake, Probation Department (Three-year term)

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 42** Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING THE ONGOING CONTRACT WITH ACCELERATED INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR A CLOUD AND LASERFICHE SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION – RECORDS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, an amendment to the cost structure for Laserfiche, per Exhibit A is required, and

WHEREAS, the amendment to Exhibit A is in the total amount of \$3,126.37 for two Laserfiche Cloud Professional Users at \$854.90 each, five Cloud Participant Users at \$123.60 each and then as needed any additional Cloud Storage of 100 GB will be charged \$309.55 per year, beginning November 28, 2025, and continuing for three years thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Accelerated Information Systems for the Records Management Department, for the Cloud and Laserfiche Software Subscription amendment at rates stated above, funding available in account no. 001.1460.0401, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH KATY DUNLAP DBA KATY DUNLAP YOGA FOR YOGA CLASS INSTRUCTION – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department offers yoga classes for older adults served through the Office for the Aging's Health Promotions program, and

WHEREAS, Katy Dunlap dba Katy Dunlap Yoga will demonstrate yoga practices and techniques and adapt instructions and guidance to accommodate any functional limitations of class participants, and

WHEREAS, the cost is \$50.00 for each 45-minute weekly class for an 8-week series, contract total not to exceed \$2,400.00, for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Katy Dunlap dba Katy Dunlap Yoga for the Schuyler County Office for the Aging Department for yoga class instructions, for the term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, at the above cost, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 44** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH AMBER KAUTZ, PhD, MS, RDN, CDN FOR SERVICES OF A REGISTERED DIETITIAN FOR THE NUTRITION PROGRAM – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the nutrition program funded under the Older Americans Act and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) education under the Seniors' Health Improvement and Nutrition Education (SHINE) program, requires the services of a registered dietitian, and

WHEREAS, Amber Kautz, PhD, MS, RDN, CDN will provide the Registered Dietitian services for the nonemployee compensation amount of \$18,720.00, with additional maximum mileage amount of \$455.00, at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rate, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$19,175.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Amber Kautz, PhD, MS, RDN, CDN as set forth above, for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, funding available in account no. 001.6772.0490, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: APPROVAL OF THE MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA) GRANT FUNDING AND ACTIVITIES – OFFICE FOR THE AGING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature has established an Office for the Aging in Schuyler County, and

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 \$18,756.00 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, 2025 through August 31, 2026, 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 directed to establish said grant funds, accordingly in cooperation with the Office for the Aging.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 46** Motion by Barnes, Second by Fazzary

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND SET SALARY FOR DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES – VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Director of Veterans Services position has been vacant since August 8, 2025 due to a resignation.

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 Jason F. Gilliland as the Director of Veterans Services effective February 17, 2026 at an annual salary of \$70,000.00.

Vote 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 47** Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Jaynes

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RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE WATKINS GLEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (WGACC) FOR AN APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) PLANNING STUDY FOR CATHARINE CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 307-24 authorized a \$10,000.00 allocation to the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce (WGACC) to match a grant with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for a planning study of the Catharine Creek Wildlife Management area from the 2025 Planning Department 2025 budget, and

WHEREAS, ARC has approved the grant application and has signed a contract with the WGACC for \$25,000.00 with a \$15,000.00 match from WGACC, and \$10,000.00 from Schuyler County, for a term of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the contract with the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Schuyler County Planning Department, for an Appalachian Regional Commission planning study of the Catharine Creek Wildlife Management area, in the amount of \$10,000.00, funding available in the planning budget account no. 001.8020.0401, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

**REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Legislator Barnes shared that he had attended an Alternative to Incarceration meeting on February 9, 2026. HE wanted the Board to know how impressed he was with how the departments are functioning together within this program. Legislator Barnes continued to share that they have community services program that should be more public for the community. Legislator Rondinaro reminded the Board that the Inter-County Association of Western New York would be held February 20, 2026, with registration beginning at 9:30.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

County Administrator Rosno share that he was continuing to work with and departments that had staffing requests; be it new positions or filling an open position. He continued that he is making sure to get all details if the position is at all grant funded. Administrator Rosno shared that although there is no update with sales tax disbursement currently he would be sure to send the report when it comes in. He reminded the Board that between June and December we have had three disbursements. He shared that the first one is typically the biggest of the month with the second of the month being slightly smaller. Administrator Rosno shared that the first deposit of January was a little more than expected but that we ended the year a little ahead and so we have started the year a little ahead. Legislator Rondinaro confirmed that last year we also started out way ahead and felt it did help us out. He asked if Administrator Rosno could adjust the report provided a little by adding extra columns to compare budget to previous years and the difference. Administrator Rosno confirmed he would work on it and requested feedback from everyone so the report is what they want to see. Legislator Gray questioned what Administrator Rosno meant by helping department heads with staffing, he asked if they were looking to add more employees due to grant finding. Administrator Rosno indicated that was not the case always, some departments are getting additional state funding but we need to ensure the funds are being used appropriately and if that grant allows for funds to be used for staffing purposes. He added that they are not asking to add new employees if it is not a necessary position to be filled. Legislator Gray reiterated that if the grant funds don't cover a new position, then there is no "new hiring" happening, Administrator Rosno confirmed that.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Nicole L. Smith, Clerk

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