

**AGENDA OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
YEAR END MEETING – DECEMBER 29, 2025**

Meetings of this Legislature are open and public but, unless otherwise published, are not Public Hearings permitting public participation. Members of the public are requested to respect this rule, affording others an opportunity to hear and observe legislative deliberations and decisions. "a time for public comment will be allowed after the opening of the official session for up to a thirty-minute period of time and at the completion of the agenda, for up to a fifteen-minute period of time." (per Resolution No. 39-1983). With regard to questions, to avoid faulty information, any questions deemed to be unanswerable shall be submitted in writing and answered as soon as possible. Remember, this is supposed to be a discussion time for the public to give their views of what is happening in county government.

"To make this meeting more comfortable to you, the Schuyler County Legislature should be aware of your physical, visual or hearing problems before the meeting."

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Blowers at 9:00 A.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Howell.
3. Moment of Silence.
4. Roll Call.
5. Public Participation (Each individual will be allowed up to five minutes each to speak, up to a total of 30 Minutes)
6. Resolutions and Motions.

Intro. No. 1	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE STOP-DWI PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2026 – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 2	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE TEMPORARY PART-TIME ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SHERIFF POSITION – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 3	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT PROGRAM – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 4	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR UTILITIES – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 5	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE ONE-YEAR INTER-MUNICIPAL SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF TOMPKINS –
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		HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 6	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME BOOKKEEPER POSITION AND ABOLISH ONE FULL-TIME SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK-KEYBOARD SPECIALIST POSITION – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 7	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHARGEBACK EXPENSES – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 8	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 9	Res. No.	INTRODUCE 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”
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 10	Res. No.	AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO A CIVIL LEGAL MATTER — COUNTY ATTORNEY’S DEPARTMENT
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

Intro. No. 11	Res. No.	DEDICATION OF 2025 PROCEEDINGS
Motion by	Second by	Vote:
		Noes:

7. New Business.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. Public Participation (Each individual will be allowed up to five minutes each to speak, up to a total of 15 Minutes)
10. Meeting adjourned _____ a.m.
 Stacy B. Husted, Clerk
 Nicole L. Smith, Deputy Clerk

Resolution No. 343
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Intro. No. 1
Approved by Committee GLG
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE STOP-DWI PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2026 – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Schuyler is participating in the New York State Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated (STOP-DWI), which provides for coordination of county, town and village efforts to reduce alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Coordinator has submitted the required plan to the legislature for approval, pursuant to 15 NYCRR 172.3, and

WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI plan is to be funded by fines and forfeitures resulting from violations of Sections 1192 and 511-2 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby adopts and approves the Year 2026 STOP-DWI Program Plan, in the amount of \$55,700.00 with a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to sign said Plan, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Resolution No.
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Intro. No. 2
Approved by Committee GLG
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE TEMPORARY PART-TIME ASSISTANT
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SHERIFF POSITION – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the full-time Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff resigned October 31, 2025, and
WHEREAS, Sheriff Kevin P. Rumsey will be appointing a new Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff, to
begin employment on December 22, 2025, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to train the new Confidential Secretary on Civil Processes and Procedures and
the Civil Software Program, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department is requesting to create this temporary part-time position, upon the
approval of the County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, funding for this position is available in the 2026 budget, and

WHEREAS, because this is a temporary position for approximately three months there is no need to
amend the Management/Confidential Handbook to include said title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff’s Department is hereby authorized to create
and fill one temporary part-time, up to 5-10 hours per week Assistant Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff position
with no benefits at a salary not to exceed \$3,000.00 per year (\$25 per hour), effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said position will be abolished effective March 31, 2026.

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Intro. No. 3
Approved by Committee GLG
Approved by Co. Atty. SJK

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF
 HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2025 NEXT
 GENERATION 911 (NG911) GRANT PROGRAM – 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 2025 Next Generation 911 Grant (NG911), project number NG25-1038-E00, in the amount of \$1,266,796.00, with no local share, and

 WHEREAS, this grant provides funds to upgrade our infrastructure and communication technology.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to accept and execute the NG911 grant contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the term of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030, in the amount of \$1,266,796.00, 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.

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Intro. No. 4
Approved by Committee JDH
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR UTILITIES – BUILDINGS
 AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

 WHEREAS, Schuyler County Buildings and Grounds 2025 Utility budget has been depleted, and
 WHEREAS, there is no additional funding in the Buildings and Grounds budget to cover the expenses,
and

 WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department request a budget transfer in the amount of \$18,000.00
and he County Administrator recommends approval.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to
transfer \$18,000.00 from Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 into the Buildings and Grounds account no.
001.1620.0442 – Utilities.

Resolution No.
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Intro. No. 5
Approved by Committee JDH
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE ONE-YEAR INTER-MUNICIPAL SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF
 TOMPKINS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and the Public Works Committee have determined that there is a need for a Mutual Sharing Agreement between the County Highway Department and the County of Tompkins, and

WHEREAS, each county has a highway/street department capable of assisting the other during the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, this is a Mutual Sharing Plan pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law and is further an inter-municipal agreement as sanctioned by said Article.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to sign a one-year Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County of Schuyler and the County of Tompkins for the term of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, document approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

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Intro. No. 6
Approved by Committee PCB
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND FILLING OF ONE FULL-TIME BOOKKEEPER POSITION
 AND ABOLISH ONE FULL-TIME SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK-KEYBOARD SPECIALIST
 POSITION – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

 WHEREAS, there will be a vacancy in the title of Senior Account Clerk-Key-board Specialist effective January 12, 2026 in the Schuyler County Treasurer’s Office, and

 WHEREAS, a review of the duties assigned to the Senior Account Clerk-Key-board Specialist indicates said duties no longer align with the position title, and

 WHEREAS, the needs of the office can be best met with abolishing one of the Senior Account Clerk-Key-board Specialist positions and creating a Bookkeeper position, and

 WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Treasurer is requesting to create this position, upon the approval of the County Administrator, and

 WHEREAS, funding for this position is included in the 2026 budget.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer’s Department is hereby authorized to create and fill one full-time Bookkeeper position to be hired after January 9, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$25.76 to be placed in Grade 7, as set forth in the CSEA Administrative Unit Contract, and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one of the Senior Account Clerk-Key-board Specialist positions will be abolished effective January 12, 2026.

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Intro. No. 7
Approved by Committee PCB
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CHARGEBACK EXPENSES – TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Schuyler County is mandated by New York Education Law § 6305 to pay chargebacks rates for non-resident students enrolled in SUNY community colleges, and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer’s Office has received invoices exceeding the amount budgeted for community college charge backs for the fiscal year 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer the amount of \$60,000.00 from Contingency account no. 001.1990.0500 into account no. 001.2490.0401 to cover the additional cost of community college chargebacks expenses.

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Intro. No. 8
Approved by Committee PCB
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer be hereby authorized to make the following account transfers in order to balance out the 2025 accounts, to wit: *

**To be filled in after the books are officially closed in February 2026.*

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Intro. No. 9
Approved by Committee PCB
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: INTRODUCE 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”

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Legislature commissioned the Burke Group to perform a comprehensive, independent, objective review and analysis of current salaries of the County’s Management/Confidential positions to comparable positions in the marketplace, and

WHEREAS, a salary schedule and grade grouping system were duly adopted and codified, as Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2022, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Secretary to the District Attorney 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. C 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 January 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at the Schuyler County Courthouse, 105 Ninth St, Watkins Glen, New York.

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.

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 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.

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Intro. No. 10
Approved by Committee PCB
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO A CIVIL LEGAL MATTER — 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 has contracted with 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, the particular civil legal matter is concluded, and a final invoice has been issued by Nixon Peabody LLP in the sum of \$7,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds previously allocated from the Contingency Account have been expended, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of \$7,500.00 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 final invoice and amount.

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Intro. No. 11
Approved by Committee PCB
Approved by Co. Atty. SJG

Motion by _____
Seconded by _____
Vote: _____ Ayes to 0 Noes
Name of Noes _____

RE: DEDICATION OF 2025 PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, it has been the custom to give tribute in the Proceedings of the Schuyler County Legislature to employees who retire from County service or pass away while serving as a County employee, and elected officials who leave office, as recognition for their dedication and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Proceedings of the County Legislature of the County of Schuyler for the year 2025" contain a tribute to Michelle R. Carey (Sr. Acct. Clerk/Keyboard Specialist – Public Health), Sharon E. Stadelmaier (Sr. Acct. Clerk-Keyboard Specialist – Public Health), Charlotte Jaynes (Computer and Business Services Coordinator – Community Services), Karen M. Vanderburg (Care Manager – Community Services), David Stigers (Deputy Sheriff – Sheriff), Tamre S. Waite (Director of Office for the Aging), Jennifer B. O'Rourke (Cook Manager – Office for the Aging), Wendy S. Swarhout (Food Service Helper – Office for the Aging), Patricia A. Bartolomeo (Assessor – Real Property), Stacy B. Husted (Clerk/County Auditor – Legislature), Jamee L. Mack (Deputy Clerk – Legislature), Joseph G. Fazzary (District Attorney), Karen E. Spaccio (Human Resources Adm.-Benefits Mgr. – Human Resources), Elizabeth E. Guild (Purchasing Director), Kathy L. Yaskulski (Keyboard Specialist and Probation Asst. - Probation), Donald R. Perry (Deputy Highway Superintendent – Highway), Michael L. Lausell (Legislator), James W. D. Howell, Jr. (Legislator), David M. Reed (Legislator), subject to any other retirements effective by December 31, 2025.