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LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Presentation of Ceremonial Resolutions
6. Presentation of Awards
7. Meeting of the Rules Committee
8. Privilege of the Floor
9. Communications from the Chair

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

10. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting
11. Roll Call
12. Approval of the Minutes
13. Reports
14. Communications
15. Reports from Standing Committees
16. Certificates and Awards
17. Ceremonial Resolutions

Resolution 151-23 The Committee on Rules (R89) A RESOLUTION HONORING
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2023 IN THE COUNTY OF
SCHENECTADY

18. Resolution 152-23 The Committee on Rules (R90) A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS,
COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS

19. Resolution 153-23 The Committee on Rules (R91) A RESOLUTION REGARDING
THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE NYS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RAMP AND
TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCHENECTADY
COUNTY AIRPORT AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE
BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS

20. Resolution 154-23 The Committee on Rules (R92) A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AIRPORT AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS
21. Resolution 155-23 Legislator Frisoni (CJCA9) A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE NYS BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE INITIATIVES
22. Resolution 156-23 Legislator Frisoni (CJCA10) A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY TO COMMENCE A LAWSUIT AGAINST VARIOUS INSULIN MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER NECESSARY DEFENDANTS, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF NS PR LAW SERVICES LLC D/B/A NAPOLI SHKOLNIK, PLLC FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION
23. Resolution 157-23 Legislator Ostrelich (HHHS22) A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ALERT CORPORATION/CONNECT AMERICA COMPANY FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY SYSTEM SERVICES
24. Adjournment



RESOLUTION 151-23

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2023 IN THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning September 15th and ending October 15th, is an important time to recognize and celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions to the cultural, economic, political, and social landscape of the United States of America by American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the traditions, ancestry, and unique experiences of those who trace their family background to Spain and Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, accomplishments made by such individuals serve as an inspiration to all who seek freedom, opportunity and a new beginning for themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS, these individuals and their ancestors have contributed greatly to our nation in all areas, including science, art, music, sports, education, and public service and have bravely served their country in large numbers in times of peace, war and in every way in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, 62.1 million people, 18.9% of our population, are of Hispanic or Latino origin, with 1.3 million Hispanics and Latino being veterans of the U.S Armed Forces; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature celebrates the cultural, social, political, and economic contributions and ties that exist within the Hispanic and Latino communities of the United States and Schenectady County, thus honoring September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month 2023 in the County of Schenectady.



RESOLUTION 152-23

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COUNCILS OR COMMISSIONS

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Schenectady has the need to appoint citizens to provide invaluable service to our community; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has appointed, by memorandum dated September 8, 2023, the following named individuals to the positions and for the terms indicated, to wit:

Capital Region Workforce Development Board **Term Expires**

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| Sharon Bonk (Reappointment) | June 30, 2025 |
| James Hurley (Reappointment) | June 30, 2025 |
| Patrisia Sheremeta (New Appointment) | June 30, 2026 |
| Kelsey Owens (New Appointment) | June 30, 2026 |

Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council **Term Expires**

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| Heather Ipsen (Replacing Debbie Jackson) | June 30, 2026 |
| Donna Esposito (Replacing Peter Lion) | June 30, 2026 |
| Shaina Hogan (Replacing Mary Werner) | June 30, 2026 |
| Alex Lykins (Reappointment) | June 30, 2026 |

Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council **Co-Chairs**

Term Expires

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| Portia Zwicker | June 30, 2025 |
| Heather Ipsen | June 30, 2025 |



RESOLUTION 153-23

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RAMP AND TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AIRPORT AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering by memorandum dated September 6, 2023 advises that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) is granting monies to Schenectady County for the design of the reconstruction of the north ramp and adjacent taxiway at the Schenectady County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the capital budget needs to be amended to accept the aforesaid grant monies so that the design can begin; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the total design costs would be \$421,000.00, of which 90% of the total design cost would be federally funded, 5% would be funded by DOT, and the County contribution would be 5%; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works by memorandum dated September 6, 2023 recommends the acceptance of grant monies from the FAA and DOT for the design of the reconstruction of the north ramp and adjacent taxiway, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 8, 2023 recommends that Schenectady County accept the funding from the FAA and DOT for the design of the north ramp and taxiway improvements to the Schenectady

County Airport, and that appropriate capital budgetary amendments be approved;
and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration and the NYS Department of Transportation, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration and the NYS Department of Transportation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2023 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

CAPITAL BUDGET

Amend Capital Project 5610230001

Increase Appropriation Code By:

H545610.401000 -- Airports – Capital \$ 21,024.

Increase Revenue Codes By:

H33333.3592 -- Airport – State Aid \$ 1050.

H43333.4592 -- Airport – Federal Aid – FAA \$ 18,924.

H93333.5710 -- Obligation Serial Bonds \$ 1,050.



RESOLUTION 154-23

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AIRPORT AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering by memorandum dated September 6, 2023 advises that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) is granting monies to Schenectady County for the rehabilitation of taxiways A (north) and D at the Schenectady County Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the capital budget needs to be amended to accept the aforesaid grant monies so that construction can begin; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the federal funding for the project would be \$2,100,235.00, the DOT funding would be \$116,680.00 and the County contribution would be \$116,680.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works by memorandum dated September 8, 2023 recommends the acceptance of grant monies from the FAA and DOT for the rehabilitation of taxiways A (north) and D, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 8, 2023 recommends that Schenectady County accept the funding from the FAA and the DOT for the taxiway improvements to the Schenectady County Airport, and that appropriate capital budgetary amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration and the NYS Department of Transportation, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the Federal Aviation Administration and the NYS Department of Transportation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2023 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

CAPITAL BUDGET

Amend Capital Project 5610230003

Decrease Appropriation Code By:

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| H545610.401000 -- Airports – Capital | \$ 1,666,405. |
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Decrease Revenue Codes By:

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| H33333.3592 -- Airport – State Aid | \$ 88,320. |
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| H43333.4592 -- Airport – Federal Aid – FAA | \$ 1,489,765. |
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| H93333.5710 -- Obligation Serial Bonds | \$ 88,320. |
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RESOLUTION 155-23

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE NYS BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE INITIATIVES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Schenectady County Board of Elections by memorandum dated August 16, 2023 advise that Schenectady County was recently awarded additional funds from the NYS Board of Elections for upgrades of software, technology updates and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Schenectady County Board of Elections further advise that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$37,568.26 in additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated September 1, 2023 recommends the acceptance of \$37,568.26 in grant monies from the NYS Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Board of Elections, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the NYS Board of Elections.



RESOLUTION 156-23

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF
SCHENECTADY TO COMMENCE A LAWSUIT AGAINST
VARIOUS INSULIN MANUFACTURERS AND OTHER
NECESSARY DEFENDANTS, AND TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF NS PR LAW SERVICES
LLC D/B/A NAPOLI SHKOLNIK, PLLC FOR LEGAL
REPRESENTATION**

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Attorney by memorandum dated August 24, 2023 recommends that Schenectady County pursue litigation against certain manufacturers of insulin and other diabetic medication, and pharmacy benefits managers and executives who engaged in and financially benefitted from a course of conduct involving price-fixing, kickbacks, and other antitrust violations or other wrongdoings with respect to insulin and other diabetic medication; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Attorney further recommends that Schenectady County enter into a contingency fee agreement with the law firm of NS PR Law Services LLC d/b/a Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC for representation in the aforesaid lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated September 1, 2023 recommends that Schenectady County commence a lawsuit against various manufacturers of insulin and other diabetic medication, and pharmacy benefits managers and executives, and that Schenectady County enter into a contingency fee agreement with the law firm of NS PR Law Services LLC d/b/a Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC for legal representation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Schenectady, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content of the complaint and other supporting documents, is authorized to commence a lawsuit against various manufacturers of insulin and other diabetic medication, and pharmacy benefits managers and executives seeking appropriate legal damages and equitable relief; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to negotiate and to execute a contingency fee agreement with NS PR Law Services LLC d/b/a Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC for legal representation consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.



RESOLUTION 157-23

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrellich:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ALERT CORPORATION/CONNECT AMERICA COMPANY FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY SYSTEM SERVICES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long-Term Care Services by memorandum dated August 21, 2023 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement with American Medical Alert Corporation/Connect America Company for personal emergency system services; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long-Term Care Services advises that the aforesaid services are part of the Medicaid Long Term Care Program coordinated with the Schenectady County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long-Term Care Services further advises that American Medical Alert Corporation/Connect America Company will provide personal emergency response services to eligible medical assistance recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated September 1, 2023 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year agreement with American Medical Alert Corporation/Connect America Company for the aforesaid services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into a multi-year agreement with American Medical Alert Corporation/Connect America Company consistent with the provisions of this resolution.