
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

THE MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Schenectady County Legislature held January 9, 2024
7:00 p.m. at Legislative Chambers Schenectady County Office Building, 620
State Street, Schenectady, New York

January 9, 2024

The invocation was given by Pastor Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator McGill.

Ceremonial Resolutions

Chairman Hughes invited Legislator Ostrelch to the well to present Keith Brown, Director of Public Health, and his team with a proclamation congratulating them for achieving accreditation status from the Public Health Accreditation Board.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Chairman Hughes called the Legislative Conference of the Schenectady County Legislature to order and instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present:	15	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, Samuel, Vellano, McGill, Ostrelch, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Absent:	0	
Excused:	0	
Vacant:	0	

Meeting of Committee on Rules Initiative

Legislator Fields called the meeting of the Committee on Rules Initiative to order.

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 1-24. Legislator Patierne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Cuomo spoke on Rules Initiative 2-24, stating that the new committee assignments excluded the minority party.

Legislators Fields and Patierne noted that Rules Initiative 2-24 allows for the expansion of new committee titles and that all members serve on each committee.

Regarding Rules Initiative 2-24, Legislator Hess clarified that the minority caucus was omitted from the committee list that had been distributed the week before.

Legislator Gatta explained that Rules Initiative 2-24, the list only included the Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee and reiterated that all legislators are members of every committee. She further noted that Rules Initiative 2-24 only pertained to the amendment to the rules to reflect the new committee names and not the chair and vice-chair or the membership of the committees.

Legislature Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 2-24. Legislator McGill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Erin Reich, Facilities Engineer provided insight on Rules Initiative 3-24.

Legislature McGill moved to report Rules Initiative 3-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislature Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 4-24. Legislator McGill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Sheldon, Director of Engineering and Public Works provided information about Rules Initiative 5-24.

Legislator Ruzz asked questions regarding Rules Initiative 5-24.

Paul Sheldon, Director of Engineering and Public Works answered all questions and concerns on Rules Initiative 5-24.

Legislature Patierne moved to report Rules Initiative 5-24. Legislator McGill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jaclyn Falotico, Commissioner of Finance provided information on Rules Initiative 6-24.

Legislature Patierne moved to report Rules Initiative 6-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Judy Rightmyer, of Capital District Tobacco Free, spoke regarding the sale of flavored tobacco products within Schenectady County as well as the possibility of local licensing within the county to further restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products to minors within the county.

Tom Kennedy, Chair of the City of Schenectady Republican Committee, expressed concerns that the members of the Minority Caucus were not made chair or vice-chair of any of the legislature's standing committees noting that he felt the decision was politically motivated. Mr. Kennedy also spoke in opposition to the Local Law adopted in December linking future legislative pay raises to the CSEA contracts, stating that the decision created a conflict of interest.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Hughes called the Legislative Conference of the Schenectady County Legislature to order and instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present:	15	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, Samuel, Vellano, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Pratt, Ruzzo)
Absent:	0	
Excused:	0	
Vacant:	0	

Approval Minutes

Legislator Gatta made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12th, December 18th, and January 2nd meetings. Legislator Samuel seconded the motion. The motion was carried without objection.

Reports

We have received reports from: The Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Weights and Measures and the County Clerk.

Committee Reports

Legislator Ostrelich reported the Committee on Health, Housing and Human Services met on January 2, 2024, and reported to the agenda Resolution 12.

Legislator Patierne reported the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure met on January 2, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 13 and 14.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Rules met on January 2, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 6, 7, 8, 9,10 and 11.

Legislator Fields reported the Committee on Ways and Means met on January 2, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 12,13, 15 and 16.

Resolutions**RESOLUTION 6-24**

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SCHENECTADY COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ON RECEIVING ACCREDITATION
STATUS THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION
BOARD**

WHEREAS, The Schenectady County Legislature recognizes that strong public health departments are vital to and make all communities healthier places to live, work, learn and play, and Schenectady County Public Health Services (SCPHS) supports, protects, and improves the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2023, Schenectady County Public Health Services was awarded the designation of national accreditation through The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) which is a non-profit organization that administers the national accreditation program for Tribal, state, local and territorial health departments; and

WHEREAS, PHAB's national accreditation program fosters health departments' commitment to accountability, communications, transparency, quality improvement, performance managements, and the capacity to deliver essential public health services to promote and protect the health of your community; and

WHEREAS, to gain accreditation, Schenectady County Public Health Services underwent a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process, which was ongoing before, during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, even while responding to the pandemic, SCPHS employees worked diligently to attain this status, were able to successfully meet the requirements of the accreditation process, and have become one of only 16 accredited counties in New York State; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting these requirements, PHAB also noted that Schenectady County Public Health Services demonstrated a consistent and continued commitment to strengthening community partnerships to improve health, allowing the department to better serve our community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Schenectady County Legislature, we hereby congratulate Schenectady County Public Health Services on receiving accreditation status through The Public Accreditation Board, and thanks all involved in the process for their hard work and dedication.

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R1)*

1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

RESOLUTION 7-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

WHEREAS, subdivision 8.18 of Article VIII (Motions and Rules of Order) of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Schenectady County Legislature provides that the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Schenectady County Legislature shall be amended only by resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that subdivision 7.1.1 of section 7.1 (Standing Committees) of Article VII (Committees) of the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Schenectady County Legislature is hereby repealed and a new subdivision 7.1.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7.1.1 The standing committees of the Schenectady County Legislature shall be as follows:

- (a) Codes, Judiciary & Consumer Affairs
- (b) Economic Development & Planning
- (c) Education & Libraries
- (d) EMS & Firefighting
- (e) Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy & Parks
- (f) Health, Housing & Human Services
- (g) Intergovernmental Cooperation
- (h) Labor & Civil Service
- (i) Military & Veterans Affairs
- (j) Neighborhood Revitalization & Housing
- (k) Public Safety
- (l) Public Facilities, Transportation & Infrastructure

- (m) Rules
- (n) Technology & Communications
- (o) Tourism, Arts & Special Events
- (p) Ways & Means
- (q) Workforce Development

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R2)*
1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	13.1776	(Constantine, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	1.8224	(Cuomo, Hess)
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

RESOLUTION 8-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COOLING COILS IN THE PRIMARY AIR HANDLER OF THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Facilities by memorandum dated January 3, 2024 requests that Schenectady County’s 2024 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding of \$73,000 for the replacement of the cooling coils in the primary air handler of the HVAC system at the County Office Building; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 5, 2024 recommends that the 2024 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding of \$73,000 for the aforesaid replacement of the cooling coils in the primary air handler of the HVAC system at the County Office Building; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Capital Budget

Create Capital Project 1620240077 COB HVAC System Coils

Increase Appropriation Code by:

H541620.401000 – Facilities -- Capital \$ 73,000.

Increase Revenue Code by:

H93333.5710 – Obligation Serial Bonds \$ 73,000.

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R3)*

1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 15.0000 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess,
Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Pratt, Patierne,
Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.0000

RESOLUTION 9-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS 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 January 5, 2024, the following named individuals to the positions and for the terms indicated, to wit:

Schenectady County Board of Ethics**Term Expires**

Julie McDonnell

12/31/2026

Madelyn Thorne

12/31/2026

Evan Christou

12/31/2025

Gerard Parisi

12/31/2025

Richard Nebolini

12/31/2025

Schenectady County Civil Service Commission**Term Expires**

Donald Ackerman

5/31/2028

Schenectady County Public Library System Board of Trustees

Term Expires

Stephen McCutcheon	12/31/2028
Madelyn Thorne	12/31/2028

Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council

Term Expires

Jack Hagerty	6/30/2025
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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid appointments by the County Manager be and they hereby are confirmed and approved; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed and confirmed for service on the respective Agency and Commission, as follows:

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Term Expires

Michelle Ostrelich	12/31/2026
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Schenectady County Human Rights Commission

Term Expires

Adonis Richards	12/31/2025
Galen Gomes	12/31/2025
Kristina Coughlin	12/31/2026
Ehasuyi Gomes	12/31/2026
Charles Davidson	12/31/2025
Dr. Steady Moono	12/31/2025
Philip Fields	12/31/2026

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R4)*

1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

RESOLUTION 10-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR
THE PURCHASE OF PLOW TRUCKS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works by memorandum dated January 4, 2024 requests that Schenectady County's 2024 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding of \$113,377.00 for the purchase of three tandem plow trucks and three single-axle plow trucks for the County's fleet; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 5, 2024 recommends that the 2024 Capital Improvement Program be amended to provide additional funding of \$113,377.00 for the purchase of the aforesaid plow trucks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Capital Budget

Increase Capital Projects:

5130230071 – Tandem Axle Dump Truck	\$ 45,485.
5130230072 – Tandem Axle Dump Truck	\$ 40,485.
5130240056 – Tandem Axle Dump Truck	\$ 35,485.
5130230087 – Single Axle Dump Truck	\$ 23,965.
5130240054 – Single Axle Dump Truck	\$ 18,965.
5130240055 – Single Axle Dump Truck	\$ 18,965.

Decrease Capital Projects and Close:

5130200027 – Tandem Axle Dump Truck 2020	\$ 12,050.
5130200028 -- Model HV5136 Dump Truck 2020	\$ 57,923.

Increase Appropriation Code by:

H545130.201000 --- Capital Engineering and Public Works	\$ 113,377.
A599950.906 – Transfer to Capital	\$ 113,377.

Increase Revenue Code by:

H99901.503101 – Capital – Interfund Transfer from General	\$ 113,377.
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Increase Appropriated Fund Balance by:

A599 – Appropriated Surplus \$ 113,377.

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R5)*

1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostreich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

Legislator Patierne noted the scheduled Public Hearing Date of February 5, 2024 for Resolution 11-24.

RESOLUTION 11-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

**A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECEIVED BY
SCHENECTADY COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal, and this agency provided Schenectady County with \$2,226,010.00 in grant funding to be used for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program, and will allow for citizen participation for the purpose of obtaining residents’ views and responding to proposals and questions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 570.486, subpart I of the Code of Federal Regulations, and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, a public hearing is hereby called to be held before the Legislature of the County of Schenectady in the legislative chambers in the County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York on the 5th day of February 2024 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing all interested persons on Schenectady County’s community development and housing needs, development of proposed activities, and a review of program performance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be and he hereby is directed to publish a notice of such public hearing once in the Daily Gazette.

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R6)*

1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

RESOLUTION 12-24

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrellich:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director by memorandum dated December 15, 2023 requests that a position of Accountant be eliminated and that a position of Principal Account Clerk (grade 11) be created; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director further states that these changes will provide increased operational efficiency within the Office; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated December 29, 2023 recommends the creation of a position of Principal Account Clerk at a CSEA grade 11 within the Office of Public Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources anticipates that all necessary action by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission will occur at its next meeting on January 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated December 29, 2023 recommends that a position of Principal Account Clerk (grade 11) be created at the Office of Public Health Services, that a position of Accountant be eliminated, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following position in the Office of Public Health Services be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Principal Account Clerk	11

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid position of Accountant in the Office of Public Health Services be and it hereby is eliminated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Establish and Increase Appropriation Code by:

A514310._01263 – Personnel Services – Principal Account Clerk \$ 51,000.

Decrease Appropriation Code by:

A514310._01222 – Personnel Services – Accountant \$ 61,018.

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Health, Housing and Human Services (HHHS1)*
1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means*
 Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.0000	

RESOLUTION 13-24

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COSTS OF 100% OF THE COSTS OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, WHICH MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID, OR REIMBURSEMENT FROM BRIDGE NY FUNDS

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

WHEREAS, a Project for the Bridge NY, Muselbeck Road over Sansea Kill Bridge Replacement, P.I.N. 1762.88/D041333 (the Project) is eligible for funding

under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal Funds and 5% non-Federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Schenectady will design, let, and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County of Schenectady desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the work for the Project or portions thereof; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the County of Schenectady to pay 100% of the cost of Design and Construction phase of work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$657,500.00 (six hundred fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars and no cents) has been appropriated from the Capital Budget and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Schenectady shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding awarded to the County of Schenectady; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs not covered by federal-aid, state-aid or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, the County Legislature of Schenectady County shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the New York State Department of Transportation thereof; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby agrees that the County of Schenectady hereby commits that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager of the County of Schenectady, after consent and approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, be and he hereby is authorized to execute all necessary agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests with NYSDOT for Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid funding on behalf of the County of Schenectady in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the

RESOLUTION 14-24

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
A MULTI-YEAR LEASE AT THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY AIRPORT**

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 352 of the NYS General Municipal Law, a public hearing is hereby called to consider a multi-year lease agreement with Jackson Demolition at the Schenectady County Airport to be held before the Legislature of the County of Schenectady in the legislative chambers in the County Office Building, 620 State Street, Schenectady, New York on the 5th day of February, 2024 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing all interested persons on the question of enacting a resolution that offers a multi-year lease agreement at the Schenectady County Airport on real property that is owned by the County of Schenectady; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be and he hereby is directed to publish a notice of such public hearing on at least ten days notice published in newspapers as provided for by law, such notice to contain the title of the proposed resolution and an abstract of the text.

*1/9/2024: Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities,
Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTI2)*

1/9/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 15.0000 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess,
Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Pratt, Patierne,
Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.0000

RESOLUTION 15-24

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGEBACK OF
UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES TO CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has advised by memorandum dated December 18, 2023 that some of the taxes previously reimbursed to certain school

districts were ultimately determined to be erroneously levied and therefore uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law provides for the cancellation and chargeback of any such taxes re-levied by the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following school districts shall be charged back the indicated amounts as provided for by law, to wit:

Duanesburg Central School District	\$ 4,124.16
Niskayuna Central School District	\$ 286,176.94
Scotia-Glenville Central School District	\$ 19,135.93
Schalmont Central School District	\$ 110.70
TOTAL	\$ 309,547.73

1/9/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM1)*
1/9/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 15.0000 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess,
 Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostreich, Pratt, Patierne,
 Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.0000

RESOLUTION 16-24

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF REAL
PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS FOR THE 2024
CALENDAR YEAR**

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance advises by memorandum dated December 20, 2023 that sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law authorize this Governing Body to designate the Commissioner of Finance to approve all tax bill corrections, credits or refunds that do not exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that this designated official must report monthly to this Governing Body (before the 15th day of each month) the details of each correction, credit or refund approved for the preceding month; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that applications for corrections, credits or refunds that exceed \$2,500.00 would need approval of this Governing Body; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Governing Body hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Finance the authority to perform the duties of this Governing Body as provided in sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law during the 2024 calendar year, and such delegation of authority is applicable only where the recommended correction, credit or refund is twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less, or such other sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and be it further

RESOLVED, where the Commissioner of Finance denies the correction, refund or credit, in whole or in part, such Commissioner shall transmit to this Governing Body for its review and disposition, pursuant to subdivision five of sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the written report of the investigation and recommendation of the Commissioner, together with both copies of the application and the reasons that the Commissioner denied the correction, refund or credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that on or before the fifteenth day of each month, the Commissioner of Finance shall submit a report to this Governing Body of the corrections, refunds or credits processed by such Commissioner during the preceding month, and such report shall indicate the name of each recipient, the location of the property and the amount of the correction, refund or credit.

1/9/2024: Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means (WM2)

1/9/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	15.0000	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Pratt, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
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Nays:	0.0000
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Absent:	0.0000
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Abstain:	0.0000
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Excused:	0.0000
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Before adjourning the meeting, Chairman Hughes asked County Manager, Fluman to update the legislative body on the Maple Avenue Bridge progression post the December 21, 2023 incident.

County Manager Fluman gave a brief update on the new safety measures in place, such as signage, structural aspects, and more lighting on and around the bridge. the collaborative effort with Assemblyman Angelo Santabarba on mapping logistics moving forward.

Adjournment

On the motion of Legislator Gatta, seconded by Legislator Frisoni without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.