
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

THE MINUTES

of a Regular Meeting of the Schenectady County Legislature held June 11, 2024
7:00 p.m. at Legislative Chambers Schenectady County Office Building, 620
State Street, Schenectady, New York

June 11, 2024

The invocation was given by Father Yusko.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Gatta.

Ceremonial Resolutions

Chairman Hughes invited Legislators Ruzzo and Gatta to the well, to present a proclamation to Aneesa Waheed, the owner of Tara Kitchen, in celebration of being recognized as the New York State Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Chairman Hughes invited Legislator McGill to the well to read a proclamation celebrating Juneteenth 2024.

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:	14	(Constantine, Cuomo, Frisoni, Ruzzo, Fields, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, Ostrellich, Patierne, McGill, Samuel, Vellano)
Absent:	0	
Excused:	1	(Pratt)
Vacant:	0	

Meeting of Committee on Rules

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

Legislator Patierne moved to report Rules Initiative 33-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 34-24. Legislator Samuel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Services, Finance Director, Sarah Fountain explained Rules Initiative 35-24.

Legislator Ostrellich moved to report Rules Initiative 35-24. Legislator Ruzzo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislator Patierne moved to report Rules Initiative 36-24. Legislator Vellano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Rory Fluman explained Rules Initiative 37-24

Legislator Ruzzo moved to report Rules Initiative 37-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Rory Fluman explained Rules Initiative 38-24

Legislator Gatta moved to report Rules Initiative 38-24 Legislator Samuel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Probation Director Tim Ferrara explained Rules Initiative 39-24.

Legislator Vellano moved to report Rules Initiative 38-24. Legislator Gatta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Ashok Ramsubrian, of Niskayuna, spoke on environmental issues, SCEAC, and NRI for Schenectady County.

Tom Kennedy the Chair of GOP Schenectady spoke in support of Legislator Cuomo, spoke on Pride Month, and on the recent actions of the Schenectady GOP.

Kevin Hammer of Rotterdam Junction spoke in support of Legislator Cuomo, and spoke in detail on his views of Pride celebrations in Albany, and the recent activities and events of the LBTQ+ Community.

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: 14 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, Ostrelich, Patierne, McGill, Samuel, Vellano, Frisoni, Ruzzo)
Absent: 0
Excused: 1 (Pratt)
Vacant: 0

Approval Minutes

Legislator Gatta made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14th meeting. 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

Legislature Ruzzo reported the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy and Parks met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 117 and 118.

Legislature Ostrelich reported the Committee on Health, Housing and Human Services met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolution 119.

Legislator Frisoni reported the Committee on Labor and Civil Service met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 120, 121, 122, and 123.

Legislature Vellano reported the Committee on Military and Veteran's Affairs met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolution 124.

Legislature Patierne reported the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 125 and 126.

Legislature Ruzzo reported the Committee on Technology and Communication met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolution 127.

The Committee on Rules met earlier this evening and reported to the agenda Resolutions 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, and 116.

The Committee on Ways and Means met on June 3, 2024 and reported to the agenda Resolutions 117, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, And 127.

Resolution

RESOLUTION 110-24

Sponsored by Legislators Fields, McGill, and Samuel:

**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH 2024,
COMMEMORATING THE END OF SLAVERY**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration which commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and is a holiday that is spreading throughout our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth Celebration honors the history, progress and perseverance of the African-American people and is a time for reassurance, hope and celebration of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, or June 19, 1865, is considered the date when the last slaves in America were freed, after Gordon Granger, a Union general, arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform enslaved Americans of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended; and

WHEREAS, this put into effect the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been issued more than two and a half years prior, on January 1, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, 2024 marks 159 years of freedom celebrations and this day is also sometimes referred to as “Juneteenth Independence Day,” “Freedom Day” or “Emancipation Day.”; and

WHEREAS, On June 21st and 22nd the Hamilton Hill Arts Center, which serves nearly 10,000 people throughout Schenectady County and the Capital Region and whose mission is to promote the knowledge, preservation and continued development of African and African American arts and culture, will host its 24th Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Vale Cemetery and at Schenectady’s Central Park; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature recognizes June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth; and therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature hereby honors the significance of the Juneteenth celebration and the achievements and contributions of African Americans, both within our community and across our Nation, and encourages all the citizens of Schenectady to participate in its activities.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R33)*
6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelch, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays: 0.0000
Absent: 0.0000
Abstain: 0.0000
Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 111-24

Sponsored by Legislator Ruzzo:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ANEESA WAHEED, OWNER OF TARA KITCHEN, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE NEW YORK STATE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which acknowledges the unprecedented growth of entrepreneurship in the United States, and the crucial contributions of America’s entrepreneurs and small business owners; and

WHEREAS, every year, the National Small Business Week Awards winners are announced by the SBA and are comprised of business owners, lending partners, and advocates who embody the grit and determination that power this nation’s economy; and

WHEREAS, Aneesa T. Waheed, who operates Tara Kitchen in the City of Schenectady, has received the honor of New York State Small Business Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, during a trip to Marrakech, Chef Aneesa fell in love with Moroccan cuisine, and has since established herself as a master of the cuisines sweet and savory flavors and has offered an inventive take on Moroccan foods within her six restaurants, and even on TV; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Chef Aneesa opened Tara Kitchen in the City of Schenectady, and today she operates five additional locations across New York State, New Jersey, and in India, which all offer and focus on vibrant dishes that

reflect Morocco’s rich history and showcase Aneesa’s talent for balancing flavors and fusing comfort foods from North Africa and Morocco; and

WHEREAS, Chef Aneesa has earned many accolades and awards that include a spot on Albany’s Business 40 Under 40 list, the Rising Star Chef Award, Women Who Mean Business Award, ICCR Business and Entrepreneurship Award, NYS Assembly Women of Distinction, and more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Waheed has also been featured on several Food TV Network shows including Beat Bobby Flay, Kitchen Crasher’s and Guy Fieri’s Grocery Games; and

WHEREAS, Schenectady County small businesses and business owners contribute greatly to our local economy and community, and the Schenectady County Legislature recognizes all contributions that Tara Kitchen and Chef Aneesa Waheed have made to this community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature congratulates Chef Aneesa Waheed on being honored as the New York State Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Association and wishes her the best in all future endeavors.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R34)*
6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays: 0.0000
Absent: 0.0000
Abstain: 0.0000
Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 112-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services by memorandum dated May 30, 2024 requests a position of Information Processing Specialist II be created in the Child Support Unit within the Department of Social Services, and that a position of Typist be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services further states that this change will provide increased efficiency and operations within the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends the creation of a position of Information Processing Specialist II in the Department of Social Services at CSEA grade 8, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated June 7, 2024 recommends that a position of Information Processing Specialist II be created, and that a position of Typist be eliminated in the Department of Social Services, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following position in the Department of Social Services be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Information Processing Specialist II	8

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a position of Typist in the Department of Social 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:

Create and Increase Expense Code by:

A516010._01224 – Information Process Specialist II (Gr8/1) \$ 22,289.

Decrease Expense Code by:

A516010._01297 – Typist (Gr4/1) \$ 34,792.

Decrease Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 12,503.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R35)*

6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000
 Absent: 0.0000
 Abstain: 0.0000
 Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 113-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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 June 7, 2024, the following named individual to the position and for the term indicated, to wit:

<u>Schenectady County Civil Service Commission</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Richard Nebolini (Re-appointment)	May 31, 2031

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid appointment by the County Manager be and it hereby is confirmed and approved.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R36)*
 6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
 Nays: 0.0000
 Absent: 0.0000
 Abstain: 0.0000
 Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 114-24

Sponsored by The Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. A OF 2024

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

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. A-24, entitled:

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

was heretofore introduced on May 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the law, a public hearing upon proposed Local Law No. A-24, before this County Legislature, was duly held on the 3rd day of June, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Local Law in final form has been on the desks of the members of this County Legislature since the 14th day of May, 2024, constituting a period of over seven (7) days, exclusive of Sundays; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposed Local Law No. A-24 entitled:

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY

introduced on the 14th day of May, 2024, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as Local Law No. 2-24.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R37)*
6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays: 0.0000
Absent: 0.0000
Abstain: 0.0000
Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 115-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated June 7, 2024 recommends that the Operating Budget be amended to acknowledge the revenues

to be received from the sale of 519 State Street to TigerBridge Property Group, LLC for \$162,500.00; now, therefore, be it

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

Increase Revenue Code by:

A23333.2660 – Sale of Real Property \$ 162,500.

Decrease Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 162,500.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Rules (R38)*

6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 116-24

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THOMSON REUTERS FOR ON-LINE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES FOR THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Director of Probation recommends by memorandum dated May 29, 2024 that Schenectady County enter into a three-year agreement with Thomson Reuters Enterprise Centre GmbH and/or West Publishing Corporation (hereinafter Thomson Reuters) for the CLEAR information program, which is used by probation officers for case preparation and location of probation violators and absconders and victims of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Director of Probation advises that the County will save monies by entering into an agreement with Thomson Reuters for the three-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Director of Probation further advises that the monthly payment to Thomson Reuters would be \$343.02 per month (increased annually by 5%); and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated June 7, 2024 recommends that the multi-year agreement with Thomson Reuters be entered into for the use of the CLEAR information program; 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 negotiate and to execute a three-year agreement with Thomson Reuters consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

6/11/2024: Reported from the Committee on Rules (R39)
6/11/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes:	14.0015	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9985	(Pratt)

RESOLUTION 117-24

Sponsored by Legislator Pratt:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION FOR A SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Director of the Schenectady County Public Health Services by memorandum dated May 17, 2024 advises that Schenectady County has been approved for a grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation to seek disbursements from the State Septic System Replacement Fund to reimburse certain real property owners a portion of the eligible costs of septic system projects; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Schenectady County Public Health Services further advises that Schenectady County has been approved for \$100,000.00 in grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends the acceptance of grant monies from the New York State

Environmental Facilities Corporation, and that appropriate budget amendments be approved; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady does hereby accept the aforesaid grant 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 an necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; and be it further

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

Create and Increase Expense Code by:

A544090.315040 – NYS EFC Septic System Replace \$ 50,000.

Create and Increase Revenue Code by:

A34090.340140 – NYS EFC Septic System Replace \$ 50,000.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy and Parks (ECREPI)*

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 118-24

Sponsored by Legislator Pratt:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOLAR ENERGY CONSORTIUM’S UTILITY CREDIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DSD RENEWABLES

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

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a First Net Crediting Amendment to the Solar Consortium’s Utility Credit Purchase Agreement with DSD Renewables; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager advises that pursuant to the current Utility Credit Purchase Agreement the County and its municipal partners receive multiple bills for their solar credits, and are responsible for a payment structure that is set at a fixed escalating rate; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager further advises that the amendments to the current Utility Credit Purchase Agreement would provide the Consortium members with one bill, and implement a payment structure that would include discounts to a variable market rate plus payments from DSD Renewables; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager further advises that the aforesaid amendments would conform the Consortium’s Agreement with other community solar customers located throughout the State, and would ease the administrative burden for all Consortium members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Manager is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into a First Net Crediting Amendment to the Solar Consortium’s Utility Credit Purchase Agreement with DSD Renewables consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

6/11/2024: Reported from the Committee on Environmental Conservation, Renewable Energy and Parks (ECREP2)

6/11/2024: Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 119-24

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrellich:

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM
THE NYS OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

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 May 14, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded additional funds from the NYS Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long Term Care Services further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive the following funding for the identified programs:

1. Title IIIB -- \$145,156.00
2. Title IIIC-1 -- \$207,566.00
3. Title IIIC-2 -- \$115,298.00
4. Title IIID -- \$10,475.00
5. Title IIIE -- \$88,718.00
6. Expanded in-Home Services for the Elderly Program -\$438,264.00
7. Community Services for the Elderly Program -- \$319,580.00
8. Wellness in Nutrition -- \$290,297.00
9. Congregate Services Initiative Program -- \$3,436.00
10. AAA Transportation -- \$8,930.00
11. Unmet Need -- \$424,732.00
12. Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program -- \$33,637.00; and

WHEREAS, the Manager of the Schenectady County Department of Senior and Long-Term Care Services further advises that the aforesaid monies will be allocated to the appropriate programs; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends the acceptance of the aforesaid additional grant monies from the NYS Office for the Aging; 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 additional grant monies from the NYS Office for the Aging, 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 Office for the Aging.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Health, Housing and Human Services (HHHS17)*

6/11/2024: *Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 120-24

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CLERK

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk by letter dated May 1, 2024 requests that a position of Principal Index and Recording Clerk be created, and that a position of Clerical Aide be eliminated in the Office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk states that the requested changes will improve overall operations in the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated May 30, 2024 recommends that the position of Principal Index and Recording Clerk at the Office of the County Clerk be created at CSEA Grade 10, and that no action by the Civil Service Commission is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that the position of Clerical Aide be eliminated, and that the position of Principal Index and Recording Clerk be created at the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved;

RESOLVED, that the following position at the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk be and it hereby is created as follows:

Position

Grade

Principal Index and Recording Clerk 10

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a position of Clerical Aide at the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk be and it hereby is eliminated; and, be it further

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

Create and Increase Expense Codes by:

A511410._01509 – Principal Index and Recording Clerk (Gr 10/6)	\$ 28,766.
A589010.80019 – State Retirement	\$ 4,355.
A589010.80016 – Social Security	\$ 2,132.
A589040.80020 – Workers Compensation	\$ 407.
A589050.80017 – Unemployment	\$ 44.
A589060.80080 – Hospital & Medical	\$ 10,072.

Decrease Expense Code by:

A511410._112 – Clerical Aide (PT)	\$ 4,660.
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Increase Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 41,096.
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6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS13)*

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostreich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 121-24

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS
AT THE OFFICE OF 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 May 14, 2024 requests that a position of Behavioral Health Systems Administrator be eliminated, and that a position of Manager of Community Services be created; and

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated May 30, 2024 recommends the creation of a position of Manager of Community Services at a classification of JC-9 within the Office of Public Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources further advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that a position of Manager of Community Services (JC-9) be created at the Office of Public Health Services, that a position of Behavioral Health Systems Administrator (JC-10) 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>Classification</u>
Manager of Community Services	JC-9

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid position of Behavioral Health Systems Administrator 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:

Create and Increase Expense Codes by:

A514310.01819 – Manager of Community Services (JC9)	\$ 41,674.
A514310.132400 – Sick	\$ 8,173.

A514310.132500 – Vacation \$ 5,294.

Remove and Decrease Expense Code by:

A514310._01328 – Behavioral Health Systems Administrator (JC10) \$ 59,817.

Decrease Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 4,676.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS14)*

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 122-24

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Schenectady County Public Library by memorandum dated May 17, 2024 requests that a position of Library Assistant be created, and that a position of Senior Library Clerk be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director further states that the creation of this position will increase stability of staffing within the Schenectady County Public Library system, and will assist with fulfilling the mission of such system; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated May 30, 2024 recommends the creation of a position of Library Assistant (CSEA Grade 13) at the Schenectady County Public Library, and advises that no action is necessary by the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that a position of Library Assistant be created at the Schenectady County Public Library, that a position of Senior Library Clerk be eliminated, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following position at the Schenectady County Public Library be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Library Assistant	13

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid position of Senior Library Clerk at the Schenectady County Public Library be and it hereby is eliminated; and, be it further

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

Create and/or Increase Expense Code by:

L517410._01010 – Library Assistant (CS 13/1) \$ 28,209.

Decrease Expense Code by:

L517410._01277 – Sr Library Clerk (CS 7/6) \$ 25,028.

Increased Use of Fund Balance:

L.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 3,181.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS15)*
6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes:	14.0015	(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays:	0.0000	
Absent:	0.0000	
Abstain:	0.0000	
Excused:	0.9985	(Pratt)

RESOLUTION 123-24

Sponsored by Legislator Frisoni:

**A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS
AT THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY SHERIFF**

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff by memorandum dated May 15, 2024 requests that the positions of Senior Clerk and Principal Account Clerk be created, and that the positions of Senior Account Clerk and Account Clerk be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff further states that these requested changers will improve overall operations in the Office of the Schenectady County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated May 30, 2024 recommends the creation of the positions of Senior Clerk (CSEA Grade 7) and Principal Account Clerk (CSEA Grade 11), and he anticipates that the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission, at its June 18, 2024 meeting, will take all necessary action for the creation of the aforesaid positions; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that the positions of Senior Clerk and Principal Account Clerk be created in the Office of the Schenectady County Sheriff, and that the positions of Account Clerk and Senior Account Clerk be eliminated, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following positions in the Office of the Schenectady County Sheriff be and they hereby are created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Senior Clerk	7
Principal Account Clerk	11

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid positions of Senior Account Clerk and Account Clerk in the Office of the Schenectady County Sheriff be and they hereby are eliminated; and, be it further

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

Create and Increase Expense Codes by:

A513110._01263 – Principal Account Clerk (Gr 11/4)	\$ 28,378.
A513110._01275 – Senior Clerk (Gr 7/6)	\$ 25,028.

Decrease Expense Codes by:

A513110._01270 – Sr Account Clerk (Gr 9/3)	\$ 24,974.
A513110._01220 – Account Clerk (Gr 5/6)	\$ 22,938.

Increase Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 5,494.
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6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Labor and Civil Service (LCS16)*

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

<p>Ayes: 14.0015</p> <p>Nays: 0.0000</p> <p>Absent: 0.0000</p> <p>Abstain: 0.0000</p> <p>Excused: 0.9985</p>	<p>(Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)</p> <p>(Pratt)</p>
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RESOLUTION 124-24

Sponsored by Legislator Vellano:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERAN MONUMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded a grant from the NYS Office of General Services to be used for the refurbishment of monuments in Veteran’s Park, and for providing of benches in such Park; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$50,000.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager recommends the acceptance of the grant monies from the New York State Office of General Services, and the approval of appropriate budgetary amendments; 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 Office of General Services, 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 Office of General Services; and, be it further

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

Create and Increase Expense Code by:

A546510.415139 – Refurbishing Veterans Monuments \$ 50,000.

Create and Increase Revenue Code by:

A36510.371002 – Refurbishing Veterans Monuments \$ 50,000.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Military Affairs and Veterans (MAVI)*
6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means*
Adopted by the County Legislature

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 125-24

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION ROADWAY PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works by memorandum dated May 17, 2024 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded monies from the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the reconstruction of Rosendale Road in the Town of Niskayuna, and for drainage improvements to such roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$1,107,036.00 (10% local share of \$105,432.00 and 90% federal share of \$1,001,604.00) in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering by memorandum dated May 15, 2024 advises that the grant monies will be used for design services and for construction that would elevate about 1,500 feet of Rosendale Road in the Town of Niskayuna approximately four feet at the lowest section of roadway, and to realign the existing stormwater infrastructure piping that captures the water from the existing stream so as to prevent flooding of the roadway during heavy rain events; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends the acceptance of monies from the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and the approval of appropriate budgetary amendments; 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 Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, 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 Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and/or the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency; and, be it further

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

CAPITAL BUDGET

Establish Capital Project 5110240080 – Rosendale Road Reconstruction and Drainage Project

Increase Expense Code by:

H5456110.401000 – Capital – Roads & Bridges – Mtn
Contracts \$ 1,107,036.
(5110240080-0001-0401)

Create/Increase Revenue Code by:

H45110.4960 – Capital – Fed – Roads & Bridges
-- FEMA \$ 1,001,604.
(5110240080-4960-0000)

Create/Increase Revenue Code by:

H99901.503101 – Interfund Transfers \$ 105,432.
(5110240080-5710-0000)

Increase Expense Code by:

A59950.906 – Transfer to Capital \$105,432.

Increase Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 105,432.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities,
Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTII5)*

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means
Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess,
Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne,
Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

Legislator Hess asked a question about Resolution 126-24

County Manager Fluman responded to his questions.

RESOLUTION 126-24

Sponsored by Legislator Patierne:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO
ENTER INTO RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AGREEMENTS TO
PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES**

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works by memorandum dated May 17, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into three Right-of-Way Acquisition Agreements for the Sanders Road Culvert Replacement Project that would purchase certain real properties, provide for three temporary easements, and implement one abandonment of real property by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering by memorandum dated May 10, 2024 advises that the County needs to acquire certain portions of real properties for additional right-of-way for the Sanders Road Culvert Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the total cost of the real property purchases is \$ 1,067.00, and the square footage and cost for each parcel is as follows:

1. 1736 Washout Road -- \$377.00 for approximately 953 square feet;
2. 1197 Sanders Road -- \$320.00 for approximately 777 square feet; and
3. 1200 Sanders Road -- \$370.00 for approximately 2,233 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the County needs to be granted temporary easements (for a term of one year) from the owners of each of the aforesaid real properties during the construction of the aforesaid Project; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the County would be providing the owners of 1736 Washout Road with a 0.03 acre strip of land along Washout Road, which is necessary for continued compliance with the Town of Glenville zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Engineering further advises that the costs for the purchases of the aforesaid rights-of-way are one hundred percent reimbursable by the NYS Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a Right-of-Way Acquisition Agreement with each of the owners of the three aforesaid real properties for the advancement of the Sanders Road Culvert Replacement Project; 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 negotiate and to execute an Agreement to Purchase Real Property with each of the owners of the aforesaid real properties for the acquisition of additional right-of-way by the County from each of the owners, for the granting of temporary easements to the County by each of the owners, and for the abandonment of real property by the County to the owner of 1736 Washout Road, and to execute any and all documents necessary for the conveyance and/or acceptance of the aforesaid real properties by the County consistent with the provisions of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 118-a of the NYS Highway Law, this Governing Body finds that the aforesaid 0.03 acre strip of land along Washout Road is of no further use for highway purposes, and authorizes the abandonment and conveyance of such strip of land to the abutting property owner at 1736 Washout Road in the Town of Glenville at no cost.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Public Facilities, Transportation and Infrastructure (PFTI16)*
6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrelich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)
Nays: 0.0000
Absent: 0.0000
Abstain: 0.0000
Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

RESOLUTION 127-24

Sponsored by Legislator Ruzzo:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH INFO QUICK SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk has recommended by letter dated May 10, 2024 that Schenectady County enter into a contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc, for e-recording and e-filing documents entered into the record in the County Clerk’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk advises that the County of Schenectady would enter into a five-year agreement with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. for computer hardware and software maintenance and support services for e-recording and e-filing of documents using a cloud-based system that more efficiently and safely stores County files; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Clerk further advises that the costs to the County for the integrated records management system provided by Info Quick Solutions, Inc. is for project management, software (on premises) at \$5,680 per month (web share 70% County), for project management, software (cloud) at \$7,180 per month, and for the Public Records Portal hosting, updates, fee collection --- web share 70% County; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated May 31, 2024 recommends that Schenectady County enter into a multi-year contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. for e-recording and e-filing documents entered into the record in the County Clerk’s Office, and that appropriate budgetary amendments be approved; 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 Info Quick Solutions, Inc. for computer software maintenance and support services consistent with the provisions of this resolution; and be it further

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

Create and Increase Expense Code by:

A541410.402500 – Lease- Software \$ 35,900.

Increased Use of Fund Balance:

A.599 – Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 35,900.

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Technology and Communications (TC6)*

6/11/2024: *Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means Adopted by the County Legislature*

Ayes: 14.0015 (Constantine, Cuomo, Fields, Frisoni, Gatta, Hess, Hughes, Jasenski, McGill, Ostrellich, Patierne, Ruzzo, Samuel, Vellano)

Nays: 0.0000

Absent: 0.0000

Abstain: 0.0000

Excused: 0.9985 (Pratt)

Adjournment

On the motion of Legislator Hess seconded by Legislator Samuel without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.