County of Albany

112 State Street Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 8, 2020 7:15 PM

Held Remotely

County Legislature

Call to Order

Roll Call

PREVIOUS BUSINESS

125. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO, "C" FOR 2020

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194. RESOLUTION **AMENDING** RESOLUTION 283 FOR AS 1992. SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED. TO RESTORE THE COMMITTEE TO **VACANCIES** IN **RESPONSE** TO THE **COVID-19 RELATED** HEALTH EMERGENCY AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE **BUDGETARY** REALITIES CAUSED BY CURRENT THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC.

Sponsors: Joyce, Peter and Ricard

CURRENT BUSINESS:

195. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CR303 AND CR311 (BEAVER DAM RD.) HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Sponsors: Personnel Committee

205. **AUTHORIZING** SHAKER **PLACE** REHABILITATION NURSING AND CENTER TO CONSIDER OUT-OF-COUNTY APPLICANTS FOR THE **POSITIONS** OF REGISTERED **PRACTICAL** NURSE. LICENSED NURSE AND CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Sponsors: Personnel Committee

206. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 35 FOR 2020 REGARDING THE ALBANY COUNTY STOP-DWI PLAN

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

207. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK OFFICE **ADDICTIONS SERVICES SUPPORTS** AND REGARDING MEDICAL **TREATMENT SERVICES** THE ASSISTED AT **ALBANY** COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND **AMENDING** THE 2020 ALBANY **COUNTY BUDGET**

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

208. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 284 FOR 2019 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE SHAKER PLACE REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

209. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GUARDIAN CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING PHARMACY CONSULTANT SERVICES AT THE SHAKER PLACE REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

210. **AUTHORIZING LICENSE AGREEMENT** WITH THE **ALBANY** COUNTY **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** AND THE **FEDERAL AVIATION** ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF **PROBLEMATIC VEGETATION**

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

211. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

212. AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

213. AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION TO THE TAX ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

214. AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A COURT ORDERED SETTLEMENT STIPULATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Sponsors: Audit and Finance Committee

215. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "D" FOR 2020

Sponsors: Bruschi

216. AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME AMNESTY PERIOD FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST CHARGED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Sponsors: Commisso

217. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ALBANY COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

Sponsors: Joyce

LOCAL LAWS:

LOCAL LAW NO "D" FOR 2020: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 3 FOR 2010 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ALBANY COUNTY WITH THE SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Sponsors: Bruschi

Adjournment

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "C" FOR 2020

Introduced: 3/9/20 By Ms. Cunningham:

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. "C" for 2020, "A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, PROVIDING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL LAW NO. 5 FOR 2019" be held by the County Legislature in the William J. Conboy II Legislative Chambers, Albany County Courthouse, Albany, New York at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published containing the necessary information in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Referred to Law Committee – 3/9/20 Favorable Recommendation Law Committee – 5/27/20

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 283 FOR 1992, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO RESTORE THE COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCIES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH EMERGENCY AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE BUDGETARY REALITIES CAUSED BY CURRENT THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC.

Introduced: 5/11/20

By Messrs. A. Joyce, Peter and Ricard:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 283 for 1992, the Albany County Legislature created a Committee to Fill Vacancies, consisting of a representative from the County Executive's Office, County Comptroller's Office and Office of Employee Relations to determine whether vacant positions then existing or coming into existence should be filled while the County faced a substantial shortfall in revenues generated from local sales taxes due to a national recession, and

WHEREAS, Those same harrowing economic realities exist today as a result of the COVID-19 related global pandemic, and

WHEREAS, As recently as last year, the County and nation were on better economic footing, which caused the previous review of the Committee to Fill Vacancies to lapse, and

WHEREAS, At this critical time, this Honorable Body believes it necessary to take into consideration potential revenue shortfalls prior to the filling of any vacant County positions, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body recognizes the need to hire employees to fill critical and necessary positions, however, before a position is available to be filled, the decision to hire needs to be reviewed and approved by the Committee to Fill Vacancies for its approval, and

WHEREAS, Meaningful review of salary lines can occur without the need to place an official freeze on hiring within the County, and

WHEREAS, To sensibly effect such a review and approval process, the Committee to Fill Vacancies, as originally envisioned and set forth, needs to be expanded to include oversight so that the Legislature might perform its budgetary responsibilities to determine whether continued funding of vacant positions is appropriate, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Committee to Fill Vacancies as established in Resolution No. 283 for 1992, and as subsequently amended, is hereby reestablished to include a representative from the County

Executive's Office, County Comptroller's Office and Office of Employee Relations, as voting members, in addition to the Chair of the Legislature and Chairs of the Personnel and Audit & Finance Committees of the Legislature (or their designees) as ex officio non-voting members, so that they may report to their respective bodies the fiscal impact of any vacant positions being filled within the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee to Fill Vacancies shall be charged with the review of all County Employee line items, except those of the positions of Albany County Clerk, Coroner, District Attorney, County Executive, Legislator, and Sheriff, regardless of departmental budget location, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Committee to Fill Vacancies shall take into consideration the fiscal consequences of filling any vacant position until the realities of this economic restlessness are able to be realized, and be it further

RESOLVED, That within sixty days of the adoption of this resolution, the Committee to Fill Vacancies be and hereby is requested to report to the County Legislature the steps taken to reduce the fiscal impact associated with filling vacant positions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Personnel and Audit and Finance Committees – 5/11/20 Positive Recommendation Personnel Committee – 5/28/20 Positive Recommendation Audit and Finance Committee – 5/28/20

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CALLANAN INDUSTRIES, INC. REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CR303 AND CR311 (BEAVER DAM RD.) HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Callanan Industries, Inc. regarding design and construction inspection services for the Highway Improvement Project located along CR303 and CR311 (Beaver Dam Rd.) in an amount not to exceed \$2,456,046 for a term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works in collaboration with the County Purchasing Agent issued a request for bids and five bids were received pertaining to the project, and

WHEREAS, The Department engineering staff and County Purchasing Agent reviewed said bids and recommended awarding the contract to Callanan Industries, Inc., Albany, NY 12212 as the lowest responsible bidder, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Callanan Industries, Inc. regarding design and construction inspection services for the Highway Improvement Project located along CR303 and CR311 (Beaver Dam Rd.) in an amount not to exceed \$2,456,046 for a term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID REGARDING ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE WATER PURIFICATION DISTRICT

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the Water Purification District has requested authorization to enter into a Master Agreement (MA) with National Grid for energy conservation and management services regarding the engineering and construction services associated with the replacement of an existing 400 horsepower boiler at the District's North Plant in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a term commencing June 15, 2020 and ending December 15, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director has indicated the proposed MA will expedite the process and allow the District to secure the needed engineering and construction services to include design, demolition work, environmental abatement of asbestos and lead, and equipment installation, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a MA with National Grid for energy conservation and management services regarding the engineering and construction services associated with the replacement of an existing 400 horsepower boiler at the District's North Plant in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a term commencing June 15, 2020 and ending December 15, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF PRESCHOOL EVALUATION SERVICES

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Schenectady County regarding the provision of Preschool Evaluation Services through the Albany County Evaluation Team for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Evaluation Team is an approved provider of services by both the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to conduct both comprehensive and supplemental evaluations for early intervention and preschool services, and

WHEREAS, The reimbursements under this agreement will be at the applicable rates established by NYSED and Albany County will be reimbursed 100% by Schenectady County for all Preschool Evaluation Services rendered by the Albany County Evaluation Team, and

WHEREAS, The Department anticipates approximately \$5,000 in revenue over the term of the agreement, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Schenectady County regarding the provision of Preschool Evaluation Services at the applicable rates established by NYSED for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALBANY AND VARIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ITINERANT TEACHER PROGRAM

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with various school districts regarding reimbursement of administrative expenses related to the Special Education Itinerant Teacher Program for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the County program provides special education services including but not limited to occupational, physical, and speech therapy to eligible students with qualifying disabilities, and

WHEREAS, The Department for Children, Youth and Families anticipates \$109,572 in reimbursements over the course of the 2020-2021 school year from local school districts based on the United States Department of Education established rates, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with various school districts regarding reimbursement of administrative expenses related to the Special Education Itinerant Teacher Program for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AGES 3-5

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The County Department for Children, Youth and Families is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children ages three to five years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into agreements with those preschool special education programs determined to be appropriate for each individual child, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the following preschool special education program providers for children ages three to five years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition for sums not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021:

Achievements 623 New Loudon Road, Suite 100

Latham, NY 12110

Advanced Therapy One Rapp Road Albany, NY 12203

Albany City School District 1 Academy Park Albany, NY 12207

Circle of Friends 14379 Route 9W Ravena, NY 12143

Early Childhood Education Center 230 Washington Ave. Ext. Albany, NY 12203

Spotted Zebra Learning Center 26 Computer Drive East Albany, NY 12205

and, be it further

Parsons Child and Family Center

60 Academy Road Albany, NY 12208

Center For Disability Services 314 South Manning Blvd. Albany, NY 12208

Helping Hands 4 Fairchild Square Clifton Park, NY 12065

Unity House of Troy 435 Fourth Street Troy, NY 12180

Whispering Pines 2841 Thousand Acre Road Delanson, NY 12053 Capital District Beginnings 673 Columbia Turnpike East Greenbush, NY 12061

Crossroads Center for Children 1136 North Westcott Rd. Suite 100 Schenectady, NY 12306

Newmeadow Inc.

23 Sitterly Rd. Clifton Park, NY 12065

Saint Anne's Preschool 160 N. Main Avenue Albany, NY 12206

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SPOTTED ZEBRA LEARNING CENTER REGARDING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The County Department for Children, Youth and Families is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children ages 3-5 years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Spotted Zebra Learning Center which has been approved by the Board of Education to provide mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages 3-5 years old with disabilities, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Spotted Zebra Learning Center, Albany, NY 12205 regarding preschool special education program providers in regards to mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages 3-5 years old with disabilities for a sum not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program Grant in the amount of \$1,176,898, with a 10% County match, for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center in an amount not to exceed \$511,423 regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families, acting as the lead agency, along with Parsons Child and Family Center provides intensive home visits to pregnant women and new parents who live in low-income target areas and who meet the criteria for needed improvement of parenting skills regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,176,898, with a 10% County match, for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also authorized to enter into agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program in an amount not to exceed \$511,423 for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING REGARDING CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDING

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department for Aging has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding in the amount of \$789,416 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested a budget amendment in order to incorporate the CARES Act funding into the 2020 Department for Aging Budget, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the funding will be used to provide additional funding toward contracted support services, nutritional meal services, and caregiver support services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept CARES Act funding in the amount of \$789,416 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2020 Department for Aging Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3324 STIM1COVID by \$183,792

Increase Revenue Account A3339 STIM3COVID by \$605,624

Increase Appropriation Account A6772.4 by \$789,416 by increasing line item A6772 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$789,416

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 1, 2 AND 3

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law mandates an annual thirty-day review period, when landowners can request inclusion of land in an agricultural district prior to the County established review period, and

WHEREAS, Such review has been conducted and modifications are proposed regarding the inclusion of actively viable farm land into the agricultural districts located in the Towns of Berne, Bethlehem, Colonie, Guilderland, New Scotland and Westerlo, and

WHEREAS, In connection with such review, a proposal for the modification of Albany County Agricultural Districts has been submitted, and

WHEREAS, In conducting such review, Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law requires this Honorable Body to hold a public hearing on the additions to Agricultural Districts upon notice as prescribed therein, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that a public hearing be held in the William J. Conboy II Legislative Chambers, Albany County Courthouse, Albany, New York at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, for the purpose of receiving the comments of any interested persons regarding the proposed modifications to Agricultural District Nos. 1, 2 and 3 within Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That notice of said public hearing be given in accordance with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law, and, be it further

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 279 FOR 2000 REGARDING THE MODIFICATION TO THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS AND WAIVING THE FEES FOR VETERANS TAKING OPEN COMPETITIVE OR PROMOTION EXAMS

Introduced: 6/8/20

By: Audit and Finance Committee

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 279 for 2000, this Honorable Body established a policy that both State and County fees charged by Albany County for Civil Service promotional exams taken by Albany County Employees for Albany County positions and open competitive exams taken by Albany County employees for Albany County positions be waived, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 490 for 2010, this Honorable Body amended this modification to indicate that employees are required to pay for exam booklets if they take more than two exams in a one-year period, and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Civil Service has requested an amendment to the Civil Service exam fee structure so that both State and County fees charged by Albany County for all categories of Civil Service exams taken by military veterans for Albany County positions be waived, and that any and all fees required to be paid to the State shall by paid by the County of Albany, and

WHEREAS, The Director stated that these individuals possess unique skills and that reducing barriers to entering the County workforce would benefit the County and the veteran applicants, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 279 for 2000, as amended, is hereby amended to indicate that that both State and County fees charged by Albany County for all categories of Civil Service exams taken by military veterans for Albany County positions be waived, and that any and all fees required to be paid to the State shall by paid by the County of Albany, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING SHAKER PLACE REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER TO CONSIDER OUT-OF-COUNTY APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF REGISTERED NURSE, LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE AND CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Personnel Committee:

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center has diligently sought out qualified applicants for the positions of Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse and Certified Nursing Assistant, including full time, part time and per diem, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director has indicated he has not been able to locate sufficient numbers of qualified applicants who are residents of Albany County and willing to accept the positions, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 245-C for 1995 requires the approval of this Honorable Body for the consideration and hiring of out-of-county applicants in instances where there are not sufficiently qualified Albany County residents who have applied for such positions, and

WHEREAS, The Personnel Committee of the Albany County Legislature has been satisfied that there exists a shortage of qualified Albany County residents to fill Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse and Certified Nursing Assistant positions and has recommended that approval in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 245-C for 1995 be given to filling the above-mentioned nursing positions at Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for a 12-month period with qualified out-of-county applicants, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the consideration of outof-county applicants to fill Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse and Certified Nursing Assistant positions at Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center is approved in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 245-C for 1995, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the aforementioned approval to consider out-of-county applicants for these positions shall expire July 31, 2021, and, be it further

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 35 FOR 2020 REGARDING THE ALBANY COUNTY STOP DWI PLAN

Introduced: 6/8/20

By: Audit and Finance Committee

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 35 for 2020, this Honorable Body approved the Albany County 2020 Stop DWI Plan and entered into an agreement with New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$763,992 commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that an amendment is necessary, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that Resolution No. 35 for 2020 is hereby amended to reflect a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, rather than October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK OFFICE OF ADDICTIONS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS REGARDING MEDICAL ASSISTED TREATMENT SERVICES AT THE ALBANY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND AMENDING THE 2020 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with OASAS (Office of Addictions Services and Supports) regarding the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program at the Albany County Corrections Facility in the amount of \$50,000, and for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that the MAT program allows individuals entering the Correctional Facility who have been prescribed medications to continue treatment through release, and that that this amount of OASAS funding was specifically earmarked to cover the cost of such medications, and

WHEREAS, The Director has requested a budget amendment in order to accept the \$50,000 in funding regarding the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with OASAS (Office of Addictions Services and Supports) regarding the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program at the Albany County Corrections Facility in the amount of \$50,000, and for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

RESOLVED, That the 2020 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A4486 Narcotics Addiction Control by \$50,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4230.4 by \$50,000 by increasing line item 4230 4 4999 Misc. Contractual Expenses by \$50,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 284 FOR 2019 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FOR THE ALBANY COUNTY NURSING HOME

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 284 for 2019, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with TC Equipment, LLC, Loudonville, NY 12211 regarding the provision of residential furniture related to the ongoing renovation of the facility in the amount not to exceed \$354,415 for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (the "Center") has requested an extension of the contract through December 31, 2020 as the renovations at the Center are still ongoing, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, the Resolution No. 284 for 2019 is hereby amended to indicate an ending date of "December 31, 2020" rather than "June 30, 2020", and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GUARDIAN CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING PHARMACY CONSULTANT SERVICES AT THE SHAKER PLACE REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Department of Residential Health Care Facilities, through the County Purchasing Agent, issued a Request for Proposals regarding the provision of mandated pharmacy consultant services at the Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the Department of Residential Health Care Facilities has indicated Guardian Consulting Services was the sole bidder for pharmacy consulting services, medication/drug regimen review, and review of policies and procedures regarding the control and accountability of medications throughout the nursing center to better ensure compliance with Federal, State and local government agencies, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a three-year agreement with Guardian Consulting Services, New Hyde Park, NY in an amount not to exceed \$144,372 for the term August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2023 regarding the provision of pharmacy consultant services at the Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH THE ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF PROBLEMATIC VEGETATION

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive has requested authorization to enter into license agreements with the Albany County Airport Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration for the removal of problematic vegetation located around the radar tower for the Airport, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that license agreements are necessary to carry out the clearing and removal of the vegetation surrounding the radar tower, and that such maintenance will be at no cost to the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into license agreements with the Albany County Airport Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration for the removal of problematic vegetation located around the radar tower for the Airport, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The County Executive and the Albany County Sheriff have requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the State Homeland Security Program and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive and Sheriff have indicated that such funding would be used to sustain health preparedness programs, update county cybersecurity and information systems and strengthen counter-terrorism and law enforcement programs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the State Homeland Security and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Programs, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application as to form and content, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has received two applications from the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency for refunds of real property taxes, and

WHEREAS, The applications have been investigated by the Director who recommends to this Honorable Body that the Tax Rolls involved be corrected, and refunds be made due to unlawful entries made pursuant to RPTL §556, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the listed Tax Rolls for the Town of Guilderland be corrected and refunds be made with respect to the following parcels of real property:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON TAX ROLL OR BILL	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
Karen VanWagenen Assessor	225 Bell Ct. Tax Map No. 40.05-2-42 2020 Collection	\$416.58
Karen VanWagenen Assessor	45 North Bridge Drive Tax Map No. 63.12-2-43 2020 Collection	\$130.73

and, be it further

RESOLVED, Said corrections shall be in accordance with Form RP-556 as submitted with favorable recommendations by the Director in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING A CORRECTION TO THE TAX ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has received one application from the Director of the Real Property Tax Service Agency for a correction of real property taxes, and

WHEREAS, This application has been investigated by the Director who recommends to this Honorable Body that the Tax Roll involved be corrected, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the listed Tax Roll for the Town of New Scotland be corrected with respect to the following parcel of real property:

	<u>CITY OR TOWN</u>	
	DESCRIPTION OF REAL	
<u>APPLICANT</u>	PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON	REASON FOR
	TAX ROLL OR BILL	CORRECTION

Michael McGuire Assessor 33 Upper Flat Rock Road Tax Map No. 106.-1-27 2020 Collection

Clerical Error

and, be it further

RESOLVED, Said correction shall be in accordance with Form RP-554 as submitted with favorable recommendation by the Director in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A COURT ORDERED SETTLEMENT STIPULATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Introduced: 6/8/20

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, Albany County has been involved in ongoing litigation with Brandle Limited Partnership and Fairway Limited Partnership, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", regarding the 2019 assessments for two parcels of property held by the parties located at 15 Van Evera Drive (Tax Map No. 48.07-1-9.2), and 950 Altamont Blvd. (Tax Map No. 48.05-3-2), respectively, in the Town of Guilderland, and

WHEREAS, The County Attorney has undertaken negotiations with the Parties and their attorneys and as a result have agreed to a Court Ordered Settlement Stipulation regarding the 2019 assessment and 2020 refund of Real Property Taxes, and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Real Property Tax Services Agency and the County Attorney have recommended that the settle the litigation as detailed in the Court Ordered Settlement Stipulation in full and final settlement of any and all claims arising from or relating to the Parties' action, and authorize the correction to the Tax Roll, and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Real Property Tax Services Agency and the County Attorney have indicated that approval of this Honorable Body is required in order to effectuate the settlement agreement pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §556, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the County Attorney is authorized to approve and take all necessary steps to settle this lawsuit in accordance with the Court Ordered Settlement Stipulation as indicated, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the listed Tax Rolls for the Town of Guilderland be corrected and refunds be made with respect to the aforesaid parcels of real property in accordance Court Ordered Settlement Stipulation, and, be it further

RESOLVED, Said corrections shall comport with the Court Ordered Settlement Stipulation as submitted by the Director in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, and, be it further

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "D" FOR 2020

Introduced: 6/8/20 By Mr. Bruschi:

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. "D" for 2020, "A Local Law of the County of Albany, New York, Authorizing the County Executive To Negotiate A Lease Agreement of Property Owned By Albany County With The Shaker Heritage Society, Subject To The Approval of the Albany County Legislature", be held by the County Legislature in the Legislative Chambers, Albany County Courthouse, Albany, New York at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published containing the necessary information in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME AMNESTY PERIOD FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST CHARGED ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Introduced: 6/8/20 By Mr. Commisso:

WHEREAS, The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has greatly impacted the expected revenues for the 2020 Fiscal Year for the County of Albany, which are necessary in order to maintain the functions and services of government that many rely upon, and

WHEREAS, In an effort to reduce the budget deficit facing Albany County, this Honorably Body has proposed to offer a one-time amnesty period to provide taxpayers a brief 90 day period to clear past-due taxes at a lowered interest rate, and

WHEREAS, During the proposed amnesty period, intended to motivate payments, the interest rate on unpaid delinquent taxes will be reduced by half from 1% added per month to .5% added, and

WHEREAS, There is proposed a handling fee of \$100 per property for all properties in which more than \$1,000 is owed in taxes, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to implement a one-time amnesty period from August 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 for the reduction of interest charged on delinquent property taxes, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve as to form and content agreements and documents necessary for the implementation of the aforementioned amnesty program, and, be it further

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ALBANY COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

Introduced: 6/8/20 By Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, It is the pleasure of this Honorable Body that Theresa M. Ries, having resigned her position on the Albany County Capital Resource Corporation, be replaced as a member of the Albany County Capital Resource Corporation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Nathan L. Bruschi of 32 Aviation Rd, Albany, NY 12205 be appointed to serve as a member of the Albany County Capital Resource Corporation at the pleasure of the Albany County Legislature, and, be it further

LOCAL LAW NO. "D" FOR 2020

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 3 FOR 2010 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ALBANY COUNTY WITH THE SHAKER HERITAGE SOCIETY NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 6/8/20 By Mr. Bruschi:

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Albany, pursuant to Section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, as follows:

SECTION 1. Repeal of Local Law 2 for 2010

Local Law 2 for 20110, "A Local Law of the County of Albany, New York Authorizing the County Executive to Negotiate a Lease Agreement of Property Owned by Albany County with the Shaker Heritage Society, Subject to the Approval of the Albany County Legislature" is repealed.

SECTION 2. Direct Lease

Notwithstanding Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the County Executive of Albany County is hereby authorized to negotiate lease agreements for real and personal property owned by Albany County with the Shaker Heritage Society for an original term not to exceed fifty (50) years, said lease term to be coterminous with any initial funding repayment term, subject to the approval by the Albany County Legislature.

SECTION 3. Severability

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

This Local Law is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.