### **County of Albany**

Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building 112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



### **Meeting Agenda**

Monday, February 14, 2022 7:00 PM

**Held Remotely** 

**County Legislature** 

#### **Call to Order**

#### Roll Call

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

11. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC REGARDING SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE INSTALLED AT THE ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

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**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

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**Sponsors**: Public Works Committee

15. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM REGARDING CUSTODIAL AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE ALBANY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, JUDICIAL CENTER AND FAMILY COURT

**Sponsors**: Public Works Committee

**16.** AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHA CONSULTING, INC. REGARDING DESIGN SERVICES FOR CR157 (NEW KARNER ROAD) HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**Sponsors**: Public Works Committee

17. **AUTHORIZING** Α SUPPLEMENTAL **AGREEMENT** WITH MJ **ENGINEERING** AND LAND SURVEYING. PC REGARDING **DESIGN** AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CR157 PHASE III HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF **COLONIE** 

**Sponsors:** Public Works Committee

18. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES

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**19.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 103 FOR 2021 REGARDING REDLICH HORWITZ FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDING

**Sponsors:** Social Services Committee

20. **AUTHORIZING** THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CHILD RIGHT: SAFE **HARBOR** INITIATIVE AND **AMENDING** THE 2022 DEPARTMENT **FOR** CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

**Sponsors:** Social Services Committee

**21.** AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

**Sponsors:** Social Services Committee

**22.** AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Social Services Committee

23. AUTHORIZING ΑN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE **INDUSTRIES FOR** THE DISABLED REGARDING ANCILLARY SERVICES **ELIGIBLE** LAUNDRY **FOR** INDIVIDUALS IN THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Social Services Committee

**24.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20 FOR 2021 REGARDING THE PROVISION OF KIOSKS FOR SNAP BENEFIT APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

**Sponsors:** Social Services Committee

**25.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 45 FOR 2019 AS AMENDED REGARDING THE COUNTYWIDE RESILIENCY PLAN

**Sponsors:** Conservation and Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee

26. **AUTHORIZING** AN AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF **GRANT FUNDING** REGARDING **GREENHOUSE** GAS **INVENTORIES** THE UPDATE PROJECT AND AMENDING THE 2022 ALBANY COUNTY **BUDGET** 

**Sponsors:** Conservation and Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee

**27.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 69 FOR 2021 REGARDING THE COUNTYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN

**Sponsors:** Conservation and Sustainability and Green Initiatives Committee

**28.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 173 FOR 2020 REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

**Sponsors**: Health Committee

29. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT

**Sponsors**: Health Committee

30. AGREEMENT WITH AUTHORIZING AN THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTH REGARDING OFFICE OF MENTAL THE COVID RELIEF MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAM COMMUNITY THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF AND AMENDING MENTAL HEALTH **BUDGET** 

**Sponsors**: Health Committee

31. **AUTHORIZING** AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE **OFFICE** OF **MENTAL** HEALTH REGARDING THE JOSEPH **DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROJECT** FOR **VETERANS AND AMENDING** THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF **MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET** 

**Sponsors:** Health Committee

32. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE 2021 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

**Sponsors:** Public Safety Committee

33. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. AND BETTER POWER, INC. REGARDING PURCHASES FOR THE E-911 FACILITY

**Sponsors**: Public Safety Committee

34. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, OFFICE OF INTEROPERABLE AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OPERATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Public Safety Committee

**35.** AMENDING THE 2022 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET: 2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM FUNDING

**Sponsors**: Public Safety Committee

**36.** AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN RIVERS FAMILY OF SERVICES REGARDING RAISE THE AGE ENHANCED CASE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**Sponsors:** Public Safety Committee

**37.** AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO CONSIDER OUT-OF-COUNTY APPLICANTS FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS

**Sponsors:** Personnel Committee

38. **AUTHORIZING** THE DEPARTMENT OF **MENTAL HEALTH** TO CONSIDER OUT-OF-COUNTY **APPLICANTS** FOR THE **POSITIONS** OF **LICENSED CLINICAL** SOCIAL WORKER **AND LICENSED** MASTER SOCIAL WORKER

**Sponsors:** Personnel Committee

39. APPROVING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

**Sponsors:** Personnel Committee

**40.** AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES TO APPROVE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS MADE FOR CORRECTION OF TAX ROLL ERRORS, REFUNDS, AND CREDITS OF TAXES DURING THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR WITHOUT PRIOR AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATURE

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

**41.** AUTHORIZING CORRECTIONS OF THE TAX ROLLS FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

**42.** AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

**43.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 552 FOR 2021 REGARDING TAXES TO BE APPROPRIATED AND LEVIED UPON THE SEVERAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE COUNTY AND FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT TAXES IN THE TOWNS

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

**44.** AMOUNT LEVIED FOR UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES IN THE CITY OF COHOES

**Sponsors**: Audit and Finance Committee

**45.** AMOUNTS LEVIED FOR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF COHOES

**Sponsors**: Audit and Finance Committee

**46.** AUTHORIZING THE LEVY UPON THE CITY OF COHOES PROPERTY OF THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

47. AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALBANY TO THE ALBANY COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

**48.** AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 707 THIRD STREET (TAX MAP NO. 65.21-1-76) IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Sponsors**: Audit and Finance Committee

**49.** AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

**Sponsors:** Audit and Finance Committee

**50.** APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

**Sponsors**: A. Joyce

51. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

**Sponsors:** A. Joyce, Feeney and Domalewicz

**52.** APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR TO THE ADVANCE ALBANY COUNTY ALLIANCE, A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Sponsors**: A. Joyce and Feeney

53. PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. "M" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE CUTTING, REPLACING AND PRESERVATION OF FOREST LANDS BY COUNTY AUTHORITIES

**Sponsors**: Perlee

**54.** AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALBANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES

**Sponsors**: Lekakis and A. Joyce

**55.** DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2022 AS "AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH" IN ALBANY COUNTY

**Sponsors**: Clay

#### **Adjournment**

# AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NTS DATA SERVICES, LLC REGARDING SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF SOFTWARE INSTALLED AT THE ALBANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of the Board of Elections have requested authorization to enter into an agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC regarding support and maintenance of software installed at the Albany County Board of Elections in the amount of \$102,797 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners have indicated that NTS Data Services, LLC was selected as a sole source vendor pursuant to General Municipal Law § 103 and previously authorized for a contract with the County by the Contract Administration Board for the support and maintenance of several software applications at the Albany County Board of Elections, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with NTS Data Services, LLC, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, regarding support and maintenance of software installed at the Albany County Board of Elections in the amount of \$102,797 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, 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 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME AT THE MVP ARENA

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The International Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame has indicated an interest in leasing 1,500 square feet of space at the MVP Arena in accordance with the terms and conditions approved by the County Attorney, and

WHEREAS, The rental rate for this lease is \$0 per month for years one and two, \$500 per month for years three through five, and \$200 per month for utilities for all five years of the lease, and

WHEREAS, The tenant wishes to educate the public about the origins and growth of the industry over the years by creating a historical museum with memorabilia and many fascinating items for fans and families who visit MVP Arena, and

WHEREAS, The term of said agreement to lease the space shall be for a period of five years commencing on February 1, 2022 and ending on January 31, 2027, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a five-year lease agreement with The International Wrestling Hall of Fame, Catskill, NY 12412 to lease 1,500 square feet of space at the MVP Arena pursuant to the aforementioned terms, and, be it further

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

# AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DAVID FRUEH CONTRACTING, LLC REGARDING ASH DISPOSAL AT THE WATER PURIFICATION DISTRICT NORTH PLANT

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Executive Director of the Albany County Water Purification District has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with David Frueh Contracting, LLC regarding the disposal of ash from the District North Plant Ash Lagoon in an amount not to exceed \$111,350 for a term commencing March 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Water Purification District through the County Purchasing Agent issued a request for bids and the sole bidder was David Frueh Contracting, LLC, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with David Frueh Contracting, LLC, Glenmont, NY, 12077 in an amount not to exceed \$111,350 regarding the removal of ash from the District North Plant Ash Lagoon, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the agreement shall indicate that the overall contract price shall be at a rate of \$7.95 per cubic yard which includes an \$8,000 allowance for any additional quantities of ash to be removed over the 13,000 cubic yards and shall be for a term commencing March 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, 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 SULLIVAN CONTRACTING, INC. REGARDING ASBESTOS AND LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT SERVICES FOR THE SHAKER HISTORIC VILLAGE EXTERIOR STABILIZATION PROJECT

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of General Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Sullivan Contracting, Inc. regarding asbestos and lead paint abatement services for the Shaker Historic Village Exterior Stabilization Project in an amount not to exceed \$194,120 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Purchasing Department issued a request for bids for the Shaker Historic Village Exterior Remediation and three bids were received, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of General Services and the County Purchasing Agent reviewed said bids and have recommended awarding the contract to Sullivan Contracting, Inc. 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 Sullivan Contracting, Inc., Sauquoit, NY 13456 regarding asbestos and lead paint abatement services for the Shaker Historic Village Exterior Stabilization Project in an amount not to exceed \$194,120 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022, 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 THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM REGARDING CUSTODIAL AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE ALBANY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, JUDICIAL CENTER AND FAMILY COURT

Introduced: 2/14/21

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 453 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized a five-year agreement with the New York State Unified Court System in the amount of \$3,657,410 for the provision of custodial services, building maintenance, and minor repairs at the Albany County Courthouse, Judicial Center and Family Court for a term commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2023, with a provision for a separate one-year contract for each year, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of General Services has indicated that New York State requires the County to authorize each individual year by resolution, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to execute the fourth year of the aforementioned agreement with the New York State Unified Court System for the provision of custodial services, building maintenance and minor repairs at the aforementioned locations in the amount of \$690,500 for a term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into the fourth year of the aforementioned five-year agreement with New York State Unified Court System for the provision of custodial services, building maintenance and minor repairs at the aforementioned locations in the amount of \$690,500 for a term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, 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 CHA CONSULTING, INC. REGARDING DESIGN SERVICES FOR CR157 (NEW KARNER ROAD) HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc. regarding Design Services for the CR157 (New Karner Road) Highway Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works through the County Purchasing Agent issued a request for proposals and seven bids were received for Design Services for CR157 (New Karner Road) Highway Improvement Project, and

WHEREAS, The Department and the Purchasing Agent reviewed said proposals and has recommended awarding the contract to CHA Consulting, Inc., and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the contract cost to the County will be reimbursed at 80% by the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc., Albany, NY 12205 regarding Design Services for the CR157 (New Karner Road) Highway Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025, 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 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MJ ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, P.C. REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CR157 PHASE III HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF COLONIE

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Works Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 148 for 2020, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. regarding design and construction inspection services for the CR157 (Watervliet Shaker Rd) Phase III Highway Improvement Project in the Town of Colonie in an amount not to exceed \$298,000 for a term commencing May 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works has requested authorization to enter into a supplemental agreement with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. regarding the expansion of design and construction inspection services for the CR157 (Watervliet Shaker Rd) Phase III Highway Improvement Project in an amount of \$56,700 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$354,700, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested an extension of the term of the aforementioned agreement to indicate an ending date of February 28, 2023 rather than November 30, 2022, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a supplemental agreement with MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., Clifton Park, NY 12065 regarding the expansion of design and construction inspection services for the CR157 (Watervliet Shaker Rd) Phase III Highway Improvement Project in the Town of Colonie in an amount of \$56,700 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$354,700, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the ending date for the aforementioned agreement shall be February 28, 2023 rather than November 30, 2022, 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 WITH VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Due to New York State regulatory changes, local youth bureaus have full responsibility regarding the payment of municipal claims out of the annual State Aid allocation to the County from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the following Albany County municipalities in the amounts listed below in an amount not to exceed \$96,500 regarding the provision of youth bureau services for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021:

City of Albany	\$25,000
City of Cohoes	\$17,200
City of Watervliet	\$4,000
Town of Bethlehem	\$5,000
Town of Coeymans	\$1,000
Town of Colonie	\$28,000
Town of Guilderland	\$7,000
Town of Knox	\$3,300
Village of Altamont	\$1,000
Village of Colonie	\$2,000
Village of Green Island	\$3,000

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the aforementioned Albany County municipalities in the amounts listed above in total not to exceed \$96,500, regarding the provision of youth bureau services for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 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

### AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 103 FOR 2021 REGARDING REDLICH HORWITZ FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDING

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 103 for 2021, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the Redlich Horwitz Foundation regarding kinship and foster parent recruitment support funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children Youth and Families (DCYF) has requested an amendment to the aforementioned agreement to indicate an ending date of December 31, 2022 rather than December 31, 2021, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 103 for 2021 regarding an agreement with the Redlich Horwitz Foundation for kinship and foster parent recruitment support funding is hereby amended to indicate an ending date of December 31, 2022, rather than December 31, 2021, and, be it further

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

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CHILD RIGHT: SAFE HARBOR INITIATIVE AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

Introduced: 2/14/22

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 New York State Office of Children and Family Services in order to accept funding regarding the Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative in the amount of \$43,350 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative focuses on establishing a framework to increase the identification of potential trafficking victims, creating capacity for services in local infrastructures, and supporting direct services to those victims, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested a budget amendment in order to incorporate the aforementioned funding, 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 of Children and Family Services in order to accept funding in the amount of \$43,350 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3407 Child Advocacy Center by \$43,350

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.1 by \$31,180 by increasing Line Item A6119 1 8580 Per Diem Therapies PT by \$31,180

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.2 by \$500 by increasing Line Item A6119 2 2001 Equipment by \$500

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$9,284 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A6119 4 4038 Travel/Mileage/Freight by \$1,000

Increase Line Item A6119 4 4039 Conferences, Training, Tuition by \$2,084 Increase Line Item A6119 4 4020 Office Supplies by \$300 Increase Line Item A6119 4 4042 Printing and Advertising by \$900 Increase Line Item A6119 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$5,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.8 by \$2,386 by increasing Line Item A6119 8 9010 Social Security by \$2,386

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 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

Introduced: 2/14/22

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 the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regarding the Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$96,457 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to renew an interdepartmental agreement with the Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center (ACCVSVC) regarding the treatment of victims of child abuse in an amount not to exceed \$27,333 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to renew an agreement with the City of Albany Police Department for a part-time Law Enforcement Coordinator co-located at the Children's Advocacy Center who serves as the liaison between the Center and the multiple law enforcement agencies in Albany County and those outside of the County, to include the FBI and Homeland Security, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that a budget amendment in the amount of \$56,983 is necessary to incorporate a portion of the aforementioned funding into the 2022 DCYF budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter an agreement with the OCFS regarding the aforementioned grant award in the amount of \$96,457 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also authorized to execute an interdepartmental agreement between the DCYF and the ACCVSVC in an amount not to exceed \$27,333 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Albany Police Department for a part-time Law Enforcement Coordinator co-located at the Children's Advocacy Center in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for a term commencing February 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Department for Children, Youth and Families budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3407 Children Advocacy Center by \$56,983

Increase Appropriation Account A6010.4 by \$56,983 by increasing the following line items:

Increase line item A6010 4 4020 Office Supplies by \$900

Increase line item A6010.4 4036 Telephone by \$1,897

Increase line item A6010 4 4039 Conference Training Tuition \$3,402

Increase line item A6010 4 4042 Printing Advertising \$300

Increase line item A6010 4 4046 Fees for Services \$50,484

and, be it further

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

### AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into agreements with qualified Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) service providers in the amount of \$1,190,400 for a term commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the EISEP service providers will provide services to eligible seniors, who are at least 60 years of age, to allow them to remain in their homes and that the service providers will be paid using the recommended provider-specific Medicaid reimbursement rates established by the New York State Department of Health, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the following EISEP service providers in an amount not to exceed \$1,190,400 for a term commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023:

Accent Health Care
Adept Health Care Services
Any-Time Home Care
Consumer Directed Choices
Marquis Home Care
Visiting Nurses Home Care

Accu Care Health Services
All Metro Home Care
Attentive Care of Albany, Inc.
ENS Health Care d/b/a Interim Health Care
Maxim of New York, LLC
Unlimited Care, Inc.

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 NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED REGARDING ANCILLARY LAUNDRY SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Industries for the Disabled regarding ancillary laundry services for eligible individuals in the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) in the amount of \$100,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that New York State Industries for the Disabled will subcontract with Plaza Linens to provide laundry bags and the pick up, delivery, cleaning, and processing of laundry, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also indicated that the agreement will provide an opportunity for older adults and individuals with disabilities who are not eligible for EISEP or Medicaid services to make arrangements directly with Plaza Linens through a private pay option in order to delay or reduce their need to apply for governmental programs, 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 Industries for the Disabled, Albany, NY 12203 regarding ancillary laundry services for eligible individuals in the amount of \$100,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, 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. 20 FOR 2021 REGARDING THE PROVISION OF KIOSKS FOR SNAP BENEFIT APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 16 for 2020, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Nanonation regarding the purchase of four SNAP Application Kiosks for clients and applicants to self-scan required documents and apply directly for SNAP benefits through myBenefits.gov in an amount not to exceed \$149,160 for a term commencing March 1, 2020 and ending February 28, 2021, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 20 for 2021 this Honorable Body authorized an amendment to the aforementioned agreement to indicate an ending date of February 28, 2022 rather than February 28, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested an amendment to the aforementioned agreement with Nanonation to indicate another one-year extension and an ending date of February 28, 2023 rather than February 28, 2022, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 20 for 2021 regarding an agreement with Nononation for the purchase of four SNAP Application Kiosks for clients and applicants to self-scan required documents is hereby amended to indicate an ending date of February 28, 2023 rather than February 28, 2022, 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. 45 FOR 2019 AS AMENDED REGARDING THE COUNTYWIDE RESILIENCY PLAN

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 45 for 2019, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with New York State Department of State to accept grant funding regarding the Countywide Resiliency Grant Program in the amount of \$138,145, with no County share, for the term commencing February 11, 2019 and ending on September 12, 2020, and, be it further, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested an amendment to the aforementioned agreement to indicate funds previously allocated in the amount of \$26,895 for salaries and travel expenses in connection with the Countywide Resiliency Grant Program will be used to compensate Bergmann Associates for engineering services with an ending date of October 31, 2022 rather than September 12, 2020, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 45 for 2019 is hereby amended to indicate funds previously allocated in the amount of \$26,895 for salaries and travel expenses in connection with the Countywide Resiliency Grant Program may be used to compensate Bergmann Associates for engineering services with an ending date of October 31, 2022 rather than September 12, 2020, and, be it further

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

#### AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING REGARDING THE GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES UPDATE PROJECT AND AMENDING THE 2022 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) regarding the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 for a term commencing February 15, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory is one of the first and most important steps in the local climate action process and is an accounting, analysis, and report of the GHG emissions resulting from the day-to-day operations of County government, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has also requested a budget amendment to incorporate the aforementioned funding into the 2022 Albany County Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYSDEC regarding the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 for a term commencing February 15, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Albany County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3804 DEC GHG Inventories by \$15,000

Increase Appropriation Account A8020 by \$15,000 by increasing line item A8020 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$15,000

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. 69 FOR 2021 REGARDING THE COUNTYWIDE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PLAN

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Conservation, Sustainability, and Green Initiatives Committee:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 45 for 2019, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the New York State Department of State to accept grant funding regarding the Countywide Climate Resiliency Grant Program in the amount of \$138,145, with no local share, for a term commencing February 11, 2019 and ending September 12, 2020, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 69 for 2021, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Bergmann Associates to identify and analyze the risks posed by climate change to key assets in the County and develop specific strategies and projects that will improve the physical, economic, and social resiliency of the County in the amount of \$111,015 for a term commencing March 12, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested an amendment to the aforementioned agreement to indicate an add alternate for conceptual designs and preliminary engineering in an amount not to exceed \$26,895, with an ending date of October 31, 2022, rather than September 30, 2020, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 69 for 2021 is hereby amended to indicate an add alternate for conceptual designs and preliminary engineering in an amount not to exceed \$26,895, with an ending date of October 31, 2022, rather than September 30, 2020, and, be it further

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

# AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 173 FOR 2020 REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 316 for 2015, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the New York State Department of Health regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program grant in the amount of \$1,082,812 for the term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 39 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an amendment to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health to reflect a total amount not to exceed \$1,031,992 rather than \$1,082,812, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 187 for 2019, this Honorable Body authorized further amendments to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health to reflect a new total amount not to exceed \$1,295,332 and a new ending date of March 31, 2020 rather than March 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 173 for 2020, this Honorable Body authorized further amendments to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health to reflect a new total amount not to exceed \$1,558,672 and a new ending date of March 31, 2021 rather than March 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Health has requested an additional amendment to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health to reflect a new total contract amount of \$1,822,012 rather than \$1,558,672, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested to amend the agreement to reflect an ending date of March 31, 2022 rather than March 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested a budget amendment to incorporate the aforementioned grant funding into the 2022 Health Department Budget now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 173 for 2020 is hereby amended to reflect a new total contract amount of \$1,822,012 rather than \$1,558,672, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 173 for 2020 is also amended to reflect an ending date of March 31, 2022 rather than March 31, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Health Department Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A4417 Healthy Neighborhoods Grant by \$263,340

Increase Appropriation Account A4010.4 by \$263,340 by increasing Line Item A4010 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$263,340

and, be it further

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

# AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Grant in the amount of \$260,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide the funding needed to address public health issues in targeted areas focusing on reducing residential injuries, childhood lead poisoning, exposure to indoor air pollutants and preventing fires, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, 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 THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE COVID RELIEF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has indicated that the New York State Office of Mental Health has made grant funding available for the COVID Relief Community Mental Health Jail Diversion program in an amount not to exceed \$174,080 for a term commencing January 10, 2022 and ending March 14, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that these funds will be used develop a robust jail re-entry case management model for individuals with serious mental illness and to undertake a sequential intercept model (SIM) mapping effort to update Albany County's SIM report, and

WHEREAS, The Director also requested a budget amendment to incorporate \$160,737 of the aforementioned grant funding into the 2022 Department of Mental Health Budget with the remaining \$13,343 to be incorporated into the 2023 Budget, 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 of Mental Health regarding the COVID Relief Community Mental Health Jail Diversion grant program in an amount not to exceed \$174,080 for a term commencing January 10, 2022 and ending March 14, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Department of Mental Health Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3490 Mental Health (State Aid) by \$160,737

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.1 by \$80,011 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4310 1 4300 40 Staff Social Worker by \$48,344 with an annual salary of \$58,000

Increase Line Item A4310 1 4302 08 Peer Advocate by \$31,667 with an annual salary of \$38,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.2 by \$2,200 by increasing Line Item A4310 2 2050 Computer Equipment by \$2,200

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.4 by \$41,200 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4310 4 4036 Telephone by \$2,200

Increase Line Item A4310 4 4038 Travel-Mileage, Freight by \$2,000

Increase Line Item A4310 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$37,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.8 by \$37,326 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A4310 8 9010 State Retirement by \$11,202

Increase Line Item A4310 8 9030 Social Security by \$6,121

Increase Line Item A4310 8 9060 Hospital and Medical Insurance by \$20,003

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 THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROJECT FOR VETERANS AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Mental Health in order to accept funding from the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program in an amount of \$105,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Director has indicated that the aforementioned grant funds will be utilized for the Veteran Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, other related combat stress disorders, or having counseling needs, using small group peer counseling methods, and

WHEREAS, The Director has also requested a budget amendment to incorporate the aforementioned grant funding into the 2022 Department of Mental Health Budget, 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 of Mental Health in order to accept funding from the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program in an amount of \$105,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Department of Mental Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3490 Mental Health by \$105,000

Increase Appropriation Account A4310.4 by \$105,000 by increasing Line Item A4310 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$105,000

and, be it further

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

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE 2021 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the 2021 Statewide Interoperability Communications Grant-Formula Based Funding, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that no County match is required and that the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services funding, if awarded, will be used to offset costs associated with the 911 interoperable communications system, 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 2021 Statewide Interoperability Communications Grant-Formula Based Funding, and, be it further

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

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. AND BETTER POWER, INC. REGARDING PURCHASES FOR THE E-911 FACILITY

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to enter into agreements with Motorola Solutions, Inc. and Better Power, Inc. for the purchase of equipment at the new E-911 Dispatch Center in a total amount not to exceed \$792,247 using grant funding from the 2020 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff indicated that Motorola Solutions, Inc. and Better Power, Inc. are both under state contract through the cooperative purchasing network, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 for the annual maintenance and licensing fees for radio equipment at the new E-911 Dispatch Center in an amount not to exceed \$476,610, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Better Power, Inc., Rochester, NY 14624 for the purchase of two generators for the new E-911 Dispatch Center in an amount not to exceed \$315,637, 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 THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND **EMERGENCY** SERVICES. **OFFICE** OF **INTEROPERABLE** AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OPERATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications regarding the Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant Program for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that this funding will be used to assist with the costs involved in maintaining Albany County's multi-jurisdictional Public Safety Answering Points Operations, 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, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications regarding the Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant Program for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

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

## AMENDING THE 2022 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET: 2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM FUNDING

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Chief Information Officer of the Division of Information Services has requested an amendment to the 2022 Albany County Budget in order to accept funding in the amount of \$184,000 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, The Chief Information Officer indicated that the grant funding will be utilized for enhancements to County cyber security, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Albany County Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3306 Homeland Security by \$184,000

Increase Appropriation Account A1680.2 by \$109,000 by increasing Line Item A1680 2 2050 Computer Equipment by \$109,000

Increase Appropriation Account A1680.4 by \$75,000 by increasing Line Item A1680 4 4021 Computer Supplies by \$75,000

and, be it further

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN RIVERS FAMILY OF SERVICES REGARDING RAISE THE AGE ENHANCED CASE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Probation Department has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Northern Rivers Family of Services regarding case management services to the Raise the Age population in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Probation Department, through the County Purchasing Agent, issued a request for proposals regarding Raise the Age case management services and four proposals were received, and

WHEREAS, The Department and Purchasing Agent reviewed said proposals and recommended awarding the contract to Northern Rivers Family of Services as the highest scoring proposal, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Northern Rivers Family of Services, Albany, NY 12208 regarding case management services to the Raise the Age population an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, 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 SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO CONSIDER OUT-OF-COUNTY APPLICANTS FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Personnel Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff's Office has diligently sought out qualified applicants for the positions of Deputy, Corrections Officer and support staff, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff 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 insufficient 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 Deputy, Corrections Officer and support staff positions and has recommended that approval in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 245-C for 1995 be given to fill the above-mentioned positions for a 24-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 Deputy, Corrections Officer and support staff positions within the Albany County Sheriff's Office 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 December 31, 2023, and, be it further

# AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO CONSIDER OUT-OF-COUNTY APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER AND LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Personnel Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Department of Mental Health has diligently sought out qualified applicants for the positions of Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Master Social Worker, and

WHEREAS, The 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 insufficient 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 Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Master Social Worker positions and has recommended that approval in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 245-C for 1995 be given to fill the above-mentioned positions at the Department of Mental Health for a 24-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 Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Master Social Worker positions at the Department of Mental Health 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 December 31, 2023, and, be it further

## APPROVING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Personnel Committee:

WHEREAS, The State of New York created the Albany County Airport Authority in 1993 and provided for the appointment of seven members, four of said members being appointed by the Majority Leader of the Albany County Legislature and three by the County Executive, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive recommends the appointment of Steven H. Heider of Colonie, New York to serve as a member of the Authority for a term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2025, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the appointment of Steven H. Heider of Colonie, New York to serve as a member of the Albany County Airport Authority is confirmed for a term commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2025, and, be it further

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES TO APPROVE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS MADE FOR CORRECTION OF TAX ROLL ERRORS, REFUNDS, AND CREDITS OF TAXES DURING THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR WITHOUT PRIOR AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of Real Property Tax Services has requested authorization to approve certain applications for correction of tax roll errors, refunds, and credits of taxes without prior audit and approval by this Honorable Body for the 2022 calendar year, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §§ 554 (9), 556 (8), and 1532 (4) provide that applications for correction of tax roll errors, refunds, and credits of taxes in instances where the recommended correction, refund, or credit is \$2,500 or less may be decided by the Director of Real Property Tax Services without prior Legislative approval, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Director of Real Property Tax Services is authorized to approve applications for corrections of tax roll errors, refunds, and credits of taxes with recommended corrected amounts not to exceed \$1,000 without Legislative approval for each application, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §§ 554 (9), 556 (8), and 1532 (4), for the 2022 calendar year and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 554 (9), the Director of Real Property Tax Services shall prepare written reports of his or her investigation and recommendation for such applications, and shall follow the procedure which the Legislature would follow in making corrections, except where the Director denies a correction, in whole or in part, the Director shall provide to the Legislature the written report of the investigation and recommendation and both copies of the application, as well as the written reasons why the Director denied the application, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 556 (8), the Director of Real Property Tax Services shall prepare written reports of his or her investigation and recommendation for such applications, and shall follow the procedure which the Legislature would follow in making refunds or credits, except where the Director denies a refund or credit, in whole or in part, the Director shall provide to the Legislature the written report of the investigation and recommendation and both copies of the application, as well as the written reasons why the Director denied the application, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That on or before the fifteenth day of each months in calendar year 2022, the Director shall submit a report to the Legislature of the corrections, refunds and credits processed by the Director pursuant to this enabling resolution during the preceding month, which report shall indicate the name of each recipient, the location of the property, justification for said request, and the amount requested, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this authority granted to the Director of the Real Property Tax Services Agency shall be effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and, be it further

# AUTHORIZING CORRECTIONS OF THE TAX ROLLS FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

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

WHEREAS, These applications have been investigated by the Director who has recommended to this Honorable Body that the Tax Rolls involved be corrected, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the listed Tax Rolls for the City of Albany be corrected with respect to the following parcels of real property:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	CITY OR TOWN DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON TAX ROLL OR BILL	REASON FOR CORRECTION
Trey Kingston Assessor	City of Albany 151 Jay Street Tax Map #76.24-6-81 2020 Collection 2021 Collection	Unlawful Entry
Trey Kingston Assessor	City of Albany 153 Jay Street Tax Map #76.24-6-82 2020 Collection 2021 Collection	Unlawful Entry

and, be it further

RESOLVED, Said corrections 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

## AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested to amend the 2021 Department of Social Services Budget to cover contractual expenses by transferring unexpended funds from the Department's Medicaid Fraud Initiative account, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner also requested that the revenue account associated with this contract be amended regarding reimbursement allotted to this program now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2021 Department of Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Decrease Revenue Account A3610 Social Services Administration – State by \$15,000

Increase Revenue Account A4610 Social Services Administration – Federal by \$15,000

Decrease Appropriation Account A6010.4 by \$30,000 by decreasing Line Item A6010 4 4056 Medicaid Fraud Initiative by \$30,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6010.4 by \$30,000 by increasing Line Item A6010 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$20,000

and, be it further

# AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 552 FOR 2021 REGARDING TAXES TO BE APPROPRIATED AND LEVIED UPON THE SEVERAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE COUNTY AND FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT TAXES IN THE TOWNS

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 552 for 2021, this Honorable Body authorized the apportionment of taxes to and levied upon the several cities and towns in the County on the basis of equalized valuation thereof, and

WHEREAS, The Town Assessor for the Town of Berne has indicated that the appropriate Helderberg Ambulance District property tax rate is 0.465911, rather than 0.508934, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that Resolution No. 552 is hereby amended as follows:

In the Sixth Resolve Clause, after "Helderberg Ambulance District", replace "0.508934" with "0.465911"

and, be it further

### AMOUNT LEVIED FOR UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES IN THE CITY OF COHOES

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The City Treasurer of the City of Cohoes has filed with the County Legislature of Albany County a statement of unpaid water and sewer charges in the City of Cohoes, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that there be levied and assessed against each specific lot or parcel of land as set forth in said statement in the City of Cohoes, such sums against the property liable and amounting in the aggregate to \$434,605.57 said water and sewer charges to be placed on the 2022 tax roll of said city, and, be it further

#### AMOUNTS LEVIED FOR OTHER CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF COHOES

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The City Treasurer of the City of Cohoes has filed a statement with the County Legislature for other charges to be placed on the City of Cohoes 2022 tax roll, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that there be levied the following other charges upon the City of Cohoes, as follows:

City of Cohoes Other charges

\$44,498.75

and, be it further

### AUTHORIZING THE LEVY UPON THE CITY OF COHOES PROPERTY OF THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the sum of \$8,880,734.43 be levied upon the taxable property in the City of Cohoes for the following purposes: To pay the expenses of conducting the business of the City of Cohoes in each department and office thereof; and for the purposes contemplated by the Charter and Laws pertaining to the City of Cohoes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and to pay the principal and interest of indebtedness falling due during the year, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That such levy shall be applied as set forth in the submitted communication from the Cohoes City Treasurer, and, be it further

# AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY TO THE ALBANY COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany has acquired, through in rem foreclosure, judgment to a parcel of real property in the City of Albany, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Land Bank Corporation (the "Land Bank") has expressed an interest in acquiring this parcels of real property located at 294 Lark Street (Tax Map No.76.31-2-71) in the City of Albany to carry out its mission to revitalize and build communities, and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of County taxpayers to support the Land Bank in its efforts to develop affordable housing as a means to stabilize the neighborhood, encourage further development and return properties to the tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Albany County Disposition Plan adopted per Resolution No. 29 for 2019, parcels may be discretionarily conveyed to the Land Bank, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute on behalf of the County any documents necessary to convey 294 Lark Street (Tax Map No.76.31-2-71) in the City of Albany to the Land Bank, and, be it further

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

# AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 707 THIRD STREET (TAX MAP NO. 65.21-1-76) IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany has withdrawn a parcel of real property located at 707 Third Street (Tax Map No. 65.21-1-76) in the City of Albany from a filed in rem foreclosure proceeding, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Albany County Disposition Plan adopted per Resolution No. 29 for 2019, a sealed bid process may be used regarding the conveyance of withdrawn real property, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Management and Budget has indicated that the County received one sealed bid for said parcel, and has recommended that the parcels be conveyed to Lizard King LLC, Cohoes, NY 12047 for the total amount of \$1,000, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to execute on behalf of the County any documents necessary to convey 707 Third Street (Tax Map No. 65.21-1-76) in the City of Albany to Lizard King LLC, Cohoes, NY 12047 for the total amount of \$1,000, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Lizard King LLC. shall be responsible for all closing costs, as well as any and all real estate taxes, property taxes, school taxes, water, sewer, and municipal charges or fees not in the collection process of the Albany County Division of Finance at the date of the closing, and, be it further

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

## AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested a 2022 budget amendment to maintain compliance with the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and to better meet the changing needs of the Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2022 Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Decrease Appropriation Account A6119.1 by \$3,577 by decreasing Line Item A6119 1 5182 001 Senior Family Health Aide by \$3,577

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.1 by \$3,577 by increasing Line Item A6119 1 2205 008 Staff Social Worker by \$3,577 with an annual salary of \$52,625

and, be it further

# APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-Laws of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County provide that one member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the County Legislature, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Hon. Christopher Smith of East Berne, New York is appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Cooperative Extension Association of Albany County for 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Cooperative Extension Association and the appropriate County Officials.

# PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney and Domalewicz:

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. "K" for 2021, "A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS" to be held remotely by the Albany County Legislature at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with participation information to be made available on the Albany County website, 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.

# APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR TO THE ADVANCE ALBANY COUNTY ALLIANCE, A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Messrs. A. Joyce and Feeney:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 395 for 2020, the Legislature authorized the incorporation of the Advance Albany County Alliance, a Local Development Corporation, for the purpose of leading economic development efforts in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Buell has expressed an interest in being reappointed to serve as a director on the Advance Albany County Alliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that Jeffrey Buell is hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of the Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation for a term commencing immediately, and ending December 31, 2024 and, be it further

# PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW NO. "M" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE CUTTING, REPLACING AND PRESERVATION OF FOREST LANDS BY COUNTY AUTHORITIES

Introduced: 2/14/22 By Mr. Perlee:

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. "M" for 2021, "A LOCAL LAW CONCERNING THE CUTTING, REPLACING AND PRESERVATION OF FOREST LANDS BY COUNTY AUTHORITIES" will be held remotely by the Albany County Legislature at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with participation information to be made available on the Albany County website, 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.

# AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALBANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Introduced: 2/14/22

By Ms. Lekakis and Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 136-b for 1999, this Honorable Body adopted employee rules and regulations which are applicable to all non-union employees of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that certain provisions therein need to be amended in response to a changing workforce, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Albany County Employee Rules and Regulations, adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 136-b for 1999, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE II: ATTENDANCE:

#### A. Attendance Policy.

1. The requirement that County employees arrive to, and depart from, their appointed work sites at designated times is central to the efficient and effective delivery of necessary services to the public.

#### **B.** Time Keeping Practices.

- 1. The heads of each department shall work with the Commissioner of Human Resources to create a written procedure which includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. <u>Procedures to require all employees to use the time clock/time keeping system, or similar County designated time keeping system, where one is located at an employee's assigned work site, provided it does not impede productivity.</u>
  - b. <u>Time clock/time keeping system access:</u>
    - i. Establish a set number of Time Managers who will be assigned to manage the Time clock/time keeping system software on behalf of the department.
    - ii. Strict guidelines related to the practice of individuals entering or editing their own time, and the review, approval and documentation of that process; and
    - iii. The written procedure shall include an adequate process to document all of the above and a periodic review should be performed by each department in coordination with the Department of Human Resources. Subsequent to said review,

the department shall adopt the necessary changes to effectuate accurate recordings.

- 2. The Department of Human Resources shall maintain a record of each department's time and attendance procedures and ensure the following:
  - a. The development and application of department specific timesheets to be used for manual recording of time worked. Such department specific timesheets shall include:
    - i. Work location
    - ii. Description of activities
    - iii. Certification by the department
    - iv. An employee attestation
- 3. It is occasionally necessary to manually enter or edit time in the time clock/time keeping system. Such manual entries or edits shall be verified and approved by a supervisor or authorized personnel from the Payroll Division of the Human Resources Department.
- 4. <u>Each department shall maintain all time sheets, and any supporting documentation, such as leave requests, in electronic format.</u>
- 5. The Department of Human Resources shall work with departments to maintain a list of positions where there is no immediate supervisor to approve the employees time in the Time clock/time keeping system, and provide a mechanism for assuring those employees are accurately recording their time.

[B]C. Standard Workweek. Each County Department Head shall establish a standard workweek for his or her department.

[C]D. Attendance Record. Every County employee shall maintain a complete, accurate, and up-to-date record of his or her presence and absence from work. For employees who are FLSA covered employees as defined herein, attendance records shall, at a minimum, indicate the time work commenced, the start and stop of any meal break, and the time work ended. FLSA exempt employees shall record attendance and any leave credits charged. Periods of absence covered by properly authorized paid and unpaid leaves shall also be indicated. The Commissioner of Human Resources is authorized to promulgate County-wide standards, forms, and procedures for the purposes of recording attendance. The use of automated systems in the recording and reporting of employee attendance may be required. All records shall be maintained electronically in accordance with subsection four of Section B, Article II.

[D]<u>E</u>. Falsification of Attendance Records. Attendance records are key instruments of government accountability. <u>Deliberate falsification of time and attendance records shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.</u>

- F. Performance and Duties: Employees shall perform their duties and responsibilities as assigned during the County workday, or during an alternate time approved by a supervisor. There shall be no personal business conducted during work hours, this includes but is not limited to, the following prohibited activity: political campaign work, non-county authorized work, and the non-incidental use of personal electronic devices.
- [E]G. Alternative Work Schedules/Flex Time/Compressed Week. Employees are generally expected to arrive at work and depart from work at times specified by departmental policy or in accordance with a schedule agreed to by their supervisors. Deviation from an employee's regular schedule requires the prior approval of his or her supervisor.
- [F]<u>H</u>. Tardiness. It is the responsibility of each employee to report to work at the appointed time. Excessive tardiness may be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- **[G]I.** Unauthorized Absence. An employee's absence from work shall be considered an unauthorized absence when: (a) the absence was not properly approved by the employee's supervisor, or (b) in the case of an absence necessitated by illness, the employee fails to provide notice to his or her supervisor as soon as practicable. Unauthorized absence constitutes misconduct and, depending upon the circumstances, may result in performance counseling or disciplinary action.
- [H]<u>J</u>. Abandonment of Employment. Absence from work without approval (unauthorized absence for periods in excess of seven (7) consecutive calendar days) will be considered a voluntary resignation. An employee requesting reinstatement after abandonment of employment must show that he or she was incapable of providing proper notice to the County of the need to be absent. This provision shall not limit the County's ability to remove employees on basis of misconduct for periods of unauthorized absence of any duration."

#### "ARTICLE VI: PAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

D. Conversion of Previously Scheduled Absence to Sick Leave Prohibited. An absence previously scheduled to be covered by vacation leave, personal leave, compensatory time off or floating holiday credits shall not be converted to sick leave, unless the employee reports a personal illness or that of an immediate family member (defined as an employee's spouse, children, step-children, foster children, parents, guardians, or any other individual related by blood or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship [legal relationship of spouse, parents, guardians, children, step-children, and foster children]), at least two days in advance of such previously scheduled absence and

the employee requests the use of sick leave to attend to such illness. An exception to this policy may be made when an unforeseen emergency hospital stay occurs during such previously scheduled absence.

I. Regular Sick Leave. Regular sick leave shall be used to cover an absence from work necessitated by an employee's own temporary illness. Within the limits set forth under "Notice and Approval" below. Sick leave shall also be used to cover absences from work necessitated by the need to provide care to a member of an employee's immediate family (defined as employee's spouse, children, step-children, foster children, parents, guardians, or any other individual related by blood or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship [legal relationship of spouse, parents, guardians, children, step-children, and foster children]) who suffers from an illness. Sick leave shall be used to cover absences necessitated by scheduled visits to licensed care providers (e.g., doctors, physical therapists, dentists, optometrists, etc.).

#### "ARTICLE VIII: HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE:

- E. Coordination of Benefits.
- 1. The County shall not provide duplicate health or dental insurance coverage to an employee and an employee's dependent child. The following coordination of benefits rules shall be observed:
  - a. In the case where both [husband and wife] <u>spouses</u> are County employees, only one spouse may be allowed family coverage, including all dependents, or both employees may choose individual coverage.
  - b. Where a County employee is eligible to participate in the County health insurance program but may also be covered as a dependent child of another County employee, such an employee must make a choice. He or she may: (a) elect coverage other than the plan of the employee parent and agree to be removed from the enrollment of his or her employee parent, or (b) continue coverage under the employee parent's coverage.
  - c. Employees covered under this provision shall be eligible to participate in the health insurance buy-out option, provided they meet the criteria.

#### "ARTICLE XIV: INFRACTIONS

It is the County's policy to base the disciplining of employees on just cause and all instances of cause for disciplinary action shall be considered in their full context. The County endorses a policy of progressive discipline in which attempts are made to provide employees with notice of deficiencies and an opportunity to improve.

There are, however, certain misdeeds that by their very nature are particularly inappropriate to the workplace and may require the County to seek immediate removal of an employee, even for a first time offense. The infractions listed below include some, but not all, offenses that may necessitate immediate disciplinary action:

- Use, sale, dispensing, distribution, purchase, possession or manufacture of illegal drugs, controlled substances, narcotics or alcoholic beverages on County premises or work sites;
- Being under the influence of the above while on the job;
- Profane and/or abusive language:
- Gross insubordination, including but not limited to, a direct refusal to obey a lawful order of a supervisor;
- Unauthorized use of equipment;
- Theft of property or services;
- Falsification of employment applications;
- Deliberate falsification of a time and attendance record;
- Sleeping on duty;
- Unauthorized absence:
- Possession of unauthorized firearms, explosives and other weapons on County premises and work sites.
- Personal business conducted during work hours. This includes, but is not limited to, the following prohibited activity: political campaign work, non-county authorized work, and the non-incidental use of personal electronic devices.
- <u>Distribution or release of private or protected information to another person or entity not entitled to receive this information, or not in the course of the employee's employment.</u>

RESOLVED, That these modifications to the Albany County Employee Rules and Regulations shall take effect immediately, and be it further

### DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2022 AS "AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH" IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/14/21

By Mr. Clay:

WHEREAS, This month Albany County will join citizens from around the nation to commemorate African American History Month and pay tribute to the determination and triumphs of African Americans throughout our Country's history and the legacy of their experience, and

WHEREAS, Albany County, along with the nation, has selected "Black Health and Wellness." as its theme for the 2022 observance of African-American History Month, and

WHEREAS, During the Jim Crow era "Whites Only" hospitals were commonplace throughout the South. Black medical facilities were often understaffed, underfunded, or non-existent, and

WHEREAS, As the COVID-19 pandemic has recently shown, a widespread disparity of access to quality healthcare negatively impacted outcomes for blacks and other minorities. For African-Americans, the root of the problem goes deep, and back centuries. Beginning with slavery and, later, a lack of economic opportunity, often put medical care out of reach for many African-Americans, and

WHEREAS, Rituals and incantations, harking back to its African roots, and often involved many plant-based curatives. These included garlic for high blood pressure, and aloe vera for skin injuries -- nature's answers to maintaining wellness that have since been validated by modern medicine, and

WHEREAS, The Affordable Care Act was eventually passed by the Obama administration that gave better access to medical care for Americans of all colors, and

WHEREAS, African-Americans, other minorities, and especially the poor continue to remain the most vulnerable, now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2022 is hereby designated as African-American History Month in Albany County, and all citizens of Albany County are encouraged to reflect upon the history of "Black Health and Wellness"; and, be it further