

AGENDA
MANAGEMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 10:00 AM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Barnes-Chair, Lausell, Howell, Rondinaro.
STAFF ADVISOR/MINUTES: Stacy Husted, Clerk
ALSO PRESENT: Shawn Rosno, County Administrator (at NYSAC Conference)

- I. PURCHASING – Elizabeth Guild
 - A. Motion – Authorize renewing the contract with Toshiba Business Solutions for maintenance of copiers purchased, per Exhibit 1 of the contract, a 3% increase over 2022-2023, for the term April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.
 - B. Resolution – Authorize advertisement for sealed bids for kitchen and custodial supplies for June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 (see attached)
- II. TREASURER – Holley Sokolowski
 - A. Sales Tax Report (see attached)
- III. COUNTY CLERK/DMV – Theresa Philbin
 - A. Resolution – Authorize three-year contract renewal with Valsoft Corp d/b/a Cott Systems for Resolution3, Records Repository and Land Records Management Hosted Services (see attached)
- IV. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY – Kelly Anderson
 - A. Report of the corrections, refunds and credits processed. (nothing submitted).
- V. ELECTIONS – Brian Eslinger & Joseph Fazzary
 - A. Discussion:
 - 2023 Annual Report (see attached)
 - B. Resolution – Authorize grant contract with the New York State Board of Elections for a Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) grant program (see attached)
 - C. Resolution – Authorize contract extension with the New York State Board of Elections for the Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant and additional funding (see attached)
 - D. Resolution – Authorize increasing the compensation for Elections Inspectors, Chairperson, Machine Technicians, and Chief Technicians (see attached)
- VI. PERSONNEL OFFICE - Lorry Johnson
 - A. No business.
- VII. LEGISLATURE – Stacy Husted
 - A. Resolution – Opposing Governor Kathy Hochul’s proposed reductions in Foundation Aid to all Local School Districts within Schuyler County (see attached)
- VIII. COUNTY ATTORNEY – Steven Getman
 - A. Nothing submitted.
- IX. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Chris Caccia
 - A. Nothing submitted.
- X. RECORDS MANAGEMENT – Shawn Rosno (at NYSAC Conference)
 - A. Nothing submitted.
- XI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Shawn Rosno (at NYSAC Conference)
 - A. No business.

RE: AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS FOR KITCHEN AND CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES FOR JUNE 1, 2024, THROUGH MAY 31, 2025 – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the current Schuyler County paper, plastic and custodial supply bid expires on May 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for kitchen and custodial supplies for the County, for the term of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said bids will be received by the Clerk of the Legislature and opened publicly with an award made at a future Meeting of the Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Schuyler, reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to re-advertise if desired.



Schuyler County

Sales Tax History 2024

County Share of Sales Tax (80%)



2/21/2024

H. Sokolowski

	Actual Payments from NYS for Sales Tax Revenues					2024 County Share		Prior Year Variance
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024		
JANUARY	614,880.48	522,638.91	697,101.80	778,564.83	760,655.85	608,524.68		
	139,774.70	138,845.93	163,331.08	191,573.07	180,862.94	144,690.35		
TOTAL JANUARY	754,655.18	661,484.84	860,432.88	970,137.90	941,518.79	753,215.03		97.05%
FEBRUARY	531,658.92	525,607.40	589,622.80	705,299.72	0.00	0.00		
	120,381.14	110,549.38	114,389.88	162,860.36	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL FEBRUARY	652,040.06	636,156.78	704,012.68	868,160.08	0.00	0.00		0.00%
MARCH	943,125.28	807,652.86	1,077,817.15	1,146,342.56	0.00	0.00		
	186,349.19	182,101.47	197,234.49	205,408.85	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL MARCH	1,129,474.47	989,754.33	1,275,051.64	1,351,751.41	0.00	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL 1ST QTR	2,536,169.71	2,287,395.95	2,839,497.20	3,190,049.39	941,518.79	753,215.03		29.51%
APRIL	436,312.75	489,384.52	873,257.11	868,601.68	0.00	0.00		
	92,322.65	182,371.08	238,536.75	198,033.92	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL APRIL	528,635.40	671,755.60	1,111,793.86	1,066,635.60	0.00	0.00		0.00%
MAY	406,016.39	686,125.88	944,058.70	864,137.28	0.00	0.00		
	66,709.96	159,819.72	194,564.24	159,137.44	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL MAY	472,726.35	845,945.60	1,138,622.94	1,023,274.72	0.00	0.00		0.00%
JUNE	508,947.07	1,076,835.78	314,795.80	573,161.66	0.00	0.00		
	395,682.86	533,181.99	607,301.59	699,011.94	0.00	0.00		
	232,372.92	391,048.01	327,715.56	426,471.84	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL JUNE	1,137,002.85	2,001,065.78	1,249,812.95	1,698,645.44	0.00	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL 2ND QTR	2,138,364.60	3,518,766.98	3,500,229.75	3,788,555.76	0.00	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	4,674,534.31	5,806,162.93	6,339,726.95	6,978,605.15	941,518.79	753,215.03		13.49%
JULY	794,749.56	972,868.87	1,173,270.69	1,219,946.30	0.00	0.00		
	185,877.02	213,151.73	265,372.37	302,360.58	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL JULY	980,626.58	1,186,020.60	1,438,643.06	1,522,306.88	0.00	0.00		0.00%
AUGUST	774,025.90	1,017,920.32	675,000.80	1,246,891.90	0.00	0.00		
	175,746.94	196,050.30	237,306.27	242,749.91	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL AUGUST	949,772.84	1,213,970.62	912,307.07	1,489,641.81	0.00	0.00		0.00%
SEPTEMBER	1,424,628.19	1,857,938.42	1,772,017.92	1,572,219.94	0.00	0.00		
	323,322.77	440,834.53	475,867.94	450,215.65	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL SEPTEMBER	1,747,950.96	2,298,772.95	2,247,885.86	2,022,435.59	0.00	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL 3RD QTR	3,678,350.38	4,698,764.17	4,598,835.99	5,034,384.28	0.00	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	8,352,884.69	10,504,927.10	10,938,562.94	12,012,989.43	941,518.79	753,215.03		7.84%
OCTOBER	697,766.37	797,708.03	966,366.55	1,010,953.10	0.00	0.00		
	151,756.31	159,877.20	193,390.62	186,665.96	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL OCTOBER	849,522.68	957,585.23	1,159,757.17	1,197,619.06	0.00	0.00		0.00%
NOVEMBER	617,726.28	731,337.42	892,928.35	1,021,426.67	0.00	0.00		
	147,371.29	178,670.68	223,569.44	218,156.33	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL NOVEMBER	765,097.57	910,008.10	1,116,497.79	1,239,583.00	0.00	0.00		0.00%
DECEMBER	923,244.23	998,827.89	867,680.22	846,273.05	0.00	0.00		
	330,166.24	388,069.74	388,941.58	482,318.29	0.00	0.00		
	303,359.66	317,876.36	459,199.68	384,816.80	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL DECEMBER	1,556,770.13	1,704,773.99	1,715,821.48	1,713,408.14	0.00	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL 4TH QTR	3,171,390.38	3,572,367.32	3,992,076.44	4,150,610.20	0.00	0.00		0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	11,524,275.07	14,077,294.42	14,930,639.38	16,163,599.63	941,518.79	753,215.03		5.82%
BUDGET ESTIMATE	11,900,000.00	11,000,000.00	12,900,000.00	14,100,000.00	16,400,000.00			
% OF GRAND TOTAL	96.84%	127.98%	115.74%	114.64%	5.74%			County Sales Tax Comparison

RE: AUTHORIZE THREE-YEAR RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH VALSOFT CORP D/BA COTT SYSTEMS FOR RESOLUTION3, RECORDS REPOSITORY AND LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT HOSTED SERVICES – COUNTY CLERK’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the County Clerk’s Department contracts with Cott Systems for numerous services, and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to add a Property Check service that will be available for free to customers along with the remaining Resolution3, Records Repository and Land Records Management Hosted Services for a new contract term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a three-year contract renewal with Valsoft Corp d/b/a Cott Systems for the County Clerk’s Department for the Resolution3, Records Repository and Land Records Management Hosted Services for the term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, for a one-time set up fee of \$700.00 and a monthly lease fee of \$1,686.00, which includes the \$25.00 monthly fee for the new Property Check service, plus binders/papers service, and microfilm service, funding available in the 2024 budget account no. 001.1410.428-Microfilming, contract approved as to form by the Schuyler County Attorney.

REPORT #5

2023 MAIL CHECK CERTIFICATION

COUNTY: Schuylers

DATE: 05/03/2023

Date Mail Check Cards were mailed: 4/17/2023

Total number of cards mailed out: 12,307

Do you send your mail check by household? YES NO OR

Do you send individual cards? YES NO

Total number of cards returned to your board: 69

Of this total number returned, how many represented:

Transfers (movers) within your county: 17

Moves outside your county: 40

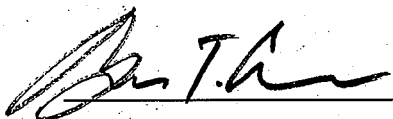
Undeliverable, non-forwardable, etc. 185

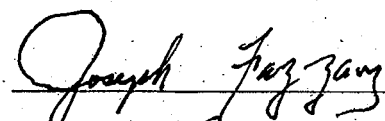
Miscellaneous returns (typo's, 911's, etc.) 162

Cards returned marked 'deceased' 1

Please share with us, in this space, comments or any particular problems or successes you experienced in the conduct of this year's mail check.

Failure to file this report creates a presumption that the Board did not mail the communication to the registered voters in the year specified. Any false information made in this statement may be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor under Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.


Commissioner


Commissioner

New York State Board of Elections
COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION ACTION PLAN
Election Law § 3-212.4

COUNTY Schuyler

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR YEAR 2023 WITH ACTION PLAN FOR YEAR 2024

To be submitted to State Board of Elections no later than January 31st of each year, pursuant to Election Law. Use additional pages, as necessary.

I. COORDINATOR(S) The Voter Registration Activities Coordinator(s) is (are)

Name/Title Brian Eslinger
Address 105 9th St Unit 13
 Watkins Glen, NY 14891
Phone/e-mail/FAX (607)535-8195, elections@co.schuyler.ny.us,
 (607)535-8364

II. VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS DISTRIBUTION – in 2023
REGISTRATION FORM INVENTORY

1. Number received from State Board 1600
2. Number printed by Board (if any) 0
3. Number remaining in supply 350

REGISTRATION FORMS DISTRIBUTED

1. Schools 58
2. Post Offices 450
3. Public Offices 300
4. Community Groups 100
5. Other (please describe) 50
 Republican Chair (25), Democrat Chair (25)
6. TOTAL 958

III. OUTREACH PROGRAMS – for 2023
POSTAL PROGRAM - § 5-210

1. Number of post-offices supplied with forms 18

2. Number of voter registration forms supplied to same 450
If you track these forms, how many persons registered to vote via this program? 7

SCHOOL PROGRAM - § 3-212.4b

1. Number of school districts, colleges and universities in county/city:
3
2. Number of entities included in #1 above, contacted by your board:
3
3. Number of corresponding designated liaisons in #1 above, to assist
2
4. Number of schools, colleges and universities conducting programs in which your board participates via on-site visits:
2
5. Number of schools, colleges and universities conducting programs on their own initiative, for which you only supply forms and instructions (no on-site visits):
1
6. Total number of students registered via this program:
22

If you do not currently track the return of forms you distribute, develop a process to do so, so that you can assess the impact of your various programs, and modify them to get more responses for your outreach efforts.

Please answer the questions below, using additional sheets if necessary:

I. **POSTAL PROGRAM.** Report your current method of monitoring program supplies at postal sites. What systems are in place to ensure an adequate supply of forms is available at all times? Include information on how you track your receipt of completed forms from this program.

II. **SCHOOLS PROGRAM.** Describe any school registration programs conducted in the past year.

- III. MEDIA.** Describe any media program, either paid or public service, involving Radio/TV/Print you have conducted. Provide any relevant statistics, where possible.
- IV. PRINT RESOURCES.** Describe how your board utilizes or creates any brochures or posters or other promotional/advisory/instructional pieces that you make available.

ACTION PLAN FOR YEAR 2024

Please describe your County Voter Registration Action Plan for the coming year. You should include information relating to your Postal, School, Media and Print Programs, as well as any other programs you may be considering. It is especially important to give a detailed description of your ideas for a school program pursuant to the requirements of § 3-212.4.

**For your reference, from Election Law § 3-212:
VOTER REGISTRATION ACTION PLAN (to accompany annual reports)**

(b) Said annual report, as required by paragraph (a) of this subdivision, shall include a detailed description of existing programs designed to enhance voter registration. Such report shall include a voter registration action plan which details the various activities and programs of each board, including a description of those steps which shall be taken in the future to increase registration opportunities, especially for those identifiable groups of persons historically underrepresented on the rolls of registered voters; and coordinate voter education programs with school districts, colleges and universities within the board's jurisdiction including voter registration of qualified applicants and instructional or extracurricular activities promoting participation in the electoral process.

(1) Each voter registration action plan shall provide for the designation by the board of a registration activities coordinator. Such designee shall be responsible for initiating contact with each school district, college and university within the area served by the board to request that such school district, college and university designate an administrative liaison who, together with the registration activities coordinator, shall plan, prepare and implement voter education and registration programs to enhance electoral participation. The state board of elections shall promulgate rules and regulations providing guidelines for county board of election assistance to school districts, colleges and universities in the establishment of electoral participation programs.

(2) Each voter registration action plan shall set forth existing activities and planned programs designed to insure compliance with the requirements of subdivision two of section 5-210 of this chapter regarding the distribution of registration application forms.

Schuyler County Board of Elections

I. **POSTAL PROGRAM**

Commissioners & Deputies reviewed the information, posters, change of address cards, and forms used for 2023. All registration forms were coded so we can monitor locations and activity. Registration forms were distributed to 18 Post Offices to include: Alpine, Beaver Dams, Burdett, Bradford, Cayuga, Dundee, Hector, Mecklenburg, Montour Falls, Millport, Odessa, Pine Valley, Reading Center, Rock Stream, Trumansburg, Tyrone, Watkins Glen, and Wayne. This was completed in the first quarter of 2023.

II. **TOWNHALLS**

Registration forms were distributed to 12 Town/Village halls to include: Catharine, Cayuga, Dix, Hector, Montour, Orange, Reading, Tyrone, Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and the Village of Watkins Glen. All registration forms were coded so we can monitor locations and activity. This was completed in the first quarter.

III. **RESIDENCE/NURSING FACILITIES**

Registration forms were distributed to 3 residence/nursing facilities to include: Schuyler Arc, Falls Residence, and the Seneca View Skilled Nursing facility. All registration forms were coded so we can monitor locations and activity. This was completed in the second quarter.

IV. **SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Schuyler County has three high schools. Watkins Glen Central High School, Odessa-Montour Central High School, and Bradford Central High School. Each high school had a school contact coordinator. Jim Murphy from the League of Woman Voters would coordinate a presentation and registration of all 17- and 18-year-old student in each High School. Jim is a retired history teacher. This was completed in the second quarter.

- a. Watkins Glen Central High School - Cindy Wood
- b. Odessa-Montour Central School - Sadie Halpin
- c. Bradford Central School – Jim Murphy
- d. League of Woman Voters – Jim Murphy

V. **MEDIA/PRINT**

In the January reorganization meeting we review all of our marketing, written communications, dates and programs. Our website is updated and is used as a community resource. We use the Highlites and the Review & Express for all our print information. The Highlites is a free publication distributed to every home in the county. The Review & Express is available for purchase throughout the County. These two are the leading papers in the Schuyler County. The Review & Express is Schuyler County's legal public notice paper.

2024 Voter Registration Action Plans

The Schuyler County Board of Elections is committed to our mandate of promoting voter registration. In 2024 we will continue to drive voter registration and education throughout our community.

In 2024 we will require the help of the Democratic and Republican party to register voters in a bipartisan program. We will work with the Office of the Aging and Office of Veterans Affairs to drive registration and encourage people to vote. We will continue to work with our local high schools and promote registration, voting and civic service.

VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS

We will continue the distribution of voting registration forms and public notices to Post Offices and Town Halls within the county by creating bipartisan teams to go out quarterly to ensure that voter registration forms are available. We will request any free marketing materials from the State to promote voting registrations.

1. Post Offices – 18
2. Town halls – 12

RESIDENCE/NURSING FACILITIES

We will work with Party Chairs and facility administrators to coordinate voting registrations dates. We will plan one of these per year.

1. Schuyler Arc
2. Falls Residence
3. Seneca View Skilled Nursing Home

OFFICE OF THE AGING & VETERIANS AFFAIRS

We will work with Party Chairs and Agency Administrators to coordinate voting registrations dates. We will plan one of these per year.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

High School

- Watkins Glen Central High School
- Odessa-Montour Central School
- Bradford Central School

We will work with the High School History departments to create a curriculum of study as follows

1. History of Voting in the United States and our Constitutional Rights.
2. New York State Voting Laws
3. Register 17- & 18-year-old students.
4. Train 17- & 18-year-old students to become Election Inspectors to work the Presidential Election.

Our goal will be to educate our youth on their constitutional right to vote, the history of voting in the United States and understand New York States Laws and how the state runs free and fair elections. At the end of the study students will pass a test to be certified Election Inspectors and will be able to civically serve the community as election Inspectors for the Presidential Election.

Colleges/Vocational Schools

1. Corning Community College
2. BOCES

We will work with Party Chairs and Director of Student Affairs to coordinate two Voting Registration days for Schuyler County.

RE: AUTHORIZE GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR A TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND ELECTION RESOURCE (TIER) GRANT PROGRAM BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Schuyler County Board of Elections was awarded a Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant from the New York State Board of Elections, Contract #BOE01-C004386-1110000, in the amount of \$38,179.34, and

WHEREAS, said grant program is intended to reimburse the County Board of Elections for local dollars spent related to distribution of funds to upgrade software, technology, equipment and broadband service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the grant contract with the New York State Board of Elections, in the amount of \$38,179.34, for the term January 28, 2023 through March 31, 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the Grant accordingly in cooperation with the Board of Elections Department.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE ABSENTEE BALLOT PRE-PAID POSTAGE GRANT AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Office received an Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant from the New York State Board of Elections, Contract #BOE01-T004612-1110000, in the amount of \$13,402.44 in 2022, and

WHEREAS, said grant expired December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections has authorized a contract extension through March 31, 2024 for an additional amount of \$13,402.44, and

WHEREAS, said grant program is intended to reimburse County Board of Elections for expenses related to pre-paid postage for absentee ballots envelopes and associated supplies and materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature is hereby authorized to execute said contract extension through March 31, 2024, for contract #BOE01-T004612-1110000, in the amount of \$13,402.44, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to extend the Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant funds accordingly in cooperation with the Board of Elections Department.

RE: AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION INSPECTORS, CHAIRPERSON, MACHINE TECHNICIANS, AND CHIEF TECHNICIANS – BOARD OF ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to raise the compensation for Election Inspectors to the New York State Minimum Wage (\$15.00 Per Hour) for Special, Primary, General Elections, and Training, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to raise the compensation for Election Inspectors to \$20.00 per hour for Early Voting sessions, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to set the compensation for the Election Inspector Chairperson an additional stipend of \$50.00 per election (Special, Primary & General Elections), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to raise the compensation of Machine Technicians to \$25.00 per hour to include four (4) Democratic Machine Technicians and four (4) Republican Machine Technicians, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners confirm the flat fee of \$100.00 annually, as a stipend, for the Chief Technician / Custodian, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to raise the compensation for LOCAL REGISTRATION (Every four (4) Years / Presidential Elections) to the New York State Minimum Wage (\$15.00 Per Hour), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections Commissioners wish to compensate Party Inspectors \$20.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuylar County Legislatures hereby authorizes the Board of Elections to Pay Election Inspectors (For Special, Primary & General Elections) and Local Registration (Presidential Elections Years) a rate of \$15.00 per Hour (New York State Minimum Wadge) ; Election Inspectors for Early Voting a rate of \$20.00 per hour; Machine Technicians a rate of \$25.00 per hour; Election Inspector Chairperson a stipend of \$50.00 per election (Special, Primary & General Elections); Chief Technician a stipend of \$100.00 annually; & Party Inspectors a rate of \$20.00 per hour, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution supersedes all other Resolutions from 2012 to 2023 and sets rates for all positions as follows:

ELECTION INSPECTORS

Early Voting 9 Days / 10 Hours Per Day +/- 1 Hour / \$20.00 Per Hour / Per Inspector
Special & Primary Elections 2024 / 2 Primaries @ 17 Hours Per Day +/- 1 Hour / 19 Districts / \$15.00 Per Hour
Per Inspector

General Elections 2024 / 1 @ 17 Hours Per day +/- 1 Hour / 19 Districts / \$15.00 Per Hour / Per Inspector
Chairperson / Special, Primary & General Elections 2024 / 19 Districts / 1 Per District / \$50.00 Per Election
Per Chairperson

Training / 3 hours per Election Inspector / \$15.00 Per Hour
LOCAL REGISTRATION / Presidential Years Only / \$15.00 Per Hour / Per Inspector
Party Inspectors \$20.00 Per Hour / 2 Hours Per Inspector

VOTING SYSTEMS TECHNICIANS / CUSTODIAN

Preparation, testing, transportation and maintenance of voting systems and equipment, and other related duties as assigned \$25.00 Per Hour. \$100.00 annual stipend for Chief Technician/Custodian.

RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL'S PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN FOUNDATION AID TO AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN SCHUYLER COUNTY

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has proposed reductions in the formula and calculation for distribution of Foundation Aid to local schools in her budget, and

WHEREAS, Watkins Glen Central School Superintendent Kai D'Alleva has advised school staff that initial readings of the governor's proposed budget indicated a \$1.9 million loss in aid to Watkins Glen Central School for the 2024-2025 school year, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent D'Alleva updated his report saying the figure was a 16.80% loss of Foundation Aid slightly less than 1.9 million initially reported but still a significant reduction in aid, and

WHEREAS, Bradford Central School Superintendent John Marshall has also reported that this proposal indicates a \$162,897.00 loss in Foundation Aid to Bradford Central School for the 2024-2025 school year, a 4.2% decrease from the prior year, and

WHEREAS, both Senator Thomas F. O'Mara and Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano have met with local school Superintendents regarding the impacts such huge reductions would have on our children's education in the upcoming school year should the Governor's proposed budget be passed as is, and they plan to voice opposition to such cuts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature formally and wholeheartedly opposes Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed reductions in Foundation Aid to affected School Districts within Schuyler County and requests the Foundation Aid be restored to previously calculated levels in the interests of providing quality education to our children without undue hardship on local taxpayers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblyman Philip A. Palmesano, Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Congressman Nicholas A. Langworthy, and any others deemed appropriate.