

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2020**

The January 2, 2020 Organizational Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Stacy B. Husted, Clerk, acting as Temporary Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Barnes and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present. County Administrator Timothy O’Hearn, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Acting Chair then opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Legislature for the year 2020.

MOTION by Legislator Barnes to nominate Legislator Blowers as Chairman, **SECOND** by Legislator Howell. The Acting Chair asked for other nominations and there were none.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 Motion by Barnes, Second by Howell.

RE: CLOSE NOMINATIONS - 2020 CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
BE IT RESOLVED, that the nominations for the 2020 Chairperson of the Schuyler County Legislature be closed.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 Motion by Barnes, Second by Howell.

RE: APPOINTMENT - CHAIR, SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE – 2020
BE IT RESOLVED, that Carl H. Blowers be Chairperson of the Schuyler County Legislature for the year 2020.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: "CONTINUITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT" FOR 2020
BE IT RESOLVED, that the duly authorized vice-chairman successors for "Continuity of Local Government", as prescribed by Schuyler County Local Law No. 1-1972, be adopted for the year 2020, as follows:

Chairman	<u>Carl. H. Blowers</u>
#1 Vice-Chairman	<u>Philip C. Barnes</u>
#2 Vice-Chairman	<u>Van A. Harp</u>
#3 Vice-Chairman	<u>Michael L. Lausell</u>
#4 Vice-Chairman	<u>James W. D. Howell, Jr.</u>
#5 Vice-Chairman	<u>Mark F. Rondinaro</u>
#6 Vice-Chairman	<u>David M. Reed</u>
#7 Vice-Chairman	<u>Gary L. Gray</u>

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 Motion by Barnes, Second by Barnes.

RE: CONFORM TO "RULES OF PROCEDURE" FOR 2020
BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Rules of Procedure", as adopted on January 13, 1992 to be effective January 13, 1992, as amended on October 12, 1999, as amended on May 10, 2004, as amended on June 12, 2006, as amended on January 1, 2007, and as amended on May 12, 2014, be conformed to.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHUYLER COUNTY FUNDS FOR 2020
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Depositories for Schuyler County funds be the following banks and for the following amounts:

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CHEMUNG CANAL TRUST COMPANY

Montour Falls or Watkins Glen Office
303 W. Main Street
Montour Falls, NY 14865 \$8,000,000.00

TOMPKINS TRUST COMPANY

Main Street
Odessa, NY 14869 \$8,000,000.00

CHASE

1 South Clinton Ave., Suite 700
Rochester, NY 14604 \$8,000,000.00

COMMUNITY BANK, N.A.

Watkins Glen Office
401 N. Franklin Street \$8,000,000.00
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

DISCUSSION: Legislator Rondinaro asked why Elmira Savings Bank is not listed as a depository versus Chase. The Treasurer was present and said she would look into this.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Harp.

RE: A RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLER, NEW YORK, THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE, ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2020, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000.00 OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES AND/OR REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID COUNTY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED, OR TO BE LEVIED, IN FISCAL YEAR 2020

BE IT RESOLVED by the affirmative vote of the County Legislature of the County of Schuyler, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The power to authorize, on an as needed basis during fiscal year 2020, the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,500,000.00 of tax anticipation notes and/or revenue anticipation notes of the County of Schuyler, New York, including renewals thereof, and any associated necessary costs, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied, or to be levied, for such fiscal year of said County, is hereby delegated to the County Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by said County Treasurer, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Harp.

RE: DELEGATE TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND PAYMENT OF TAX REFUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 FOR THE YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, the State of New York has, pursuant to Sections 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), authorized correction of errors and payment of tax refunds without prior audit for corrections for refunds not exceeding \$2,500, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County desires to delegate to the Real Property Tax Services Director (Director) the authority as stated under said law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby delegated to the Director the power to authorize the Schuyler County Treasurer to make payment of any refund or credit of taxes not exceeding the sum of \$2,500 without prior audit, as provided in Sections 554(9) and 556(8) of the RPTL for the calendar year

of 2020, with the following provisions:

1. That the Director shall comply with all provisions under RPTL Sections 554 and 556 relative to corrections of errors and the refund or credit of taxes.
2. That on or before the 15th day of each month the Director shall submit to the Legislature a report of the corrections, refunds and credits processed by such official during the month, embodying in that report the information as required under aforesaid statute.
3. That in no case shall the total amount of such refund or credit exceed the amount appropriated by the County Legislature.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Harp.

RE: DESIGNATION OF LEGAL COUNTY NEWSPAPER FOR 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that *The Review & Express* weekly newspaper within Schuyler County, be designated as the legal County paper to publish resolutions, election notices, official canvass and other notices.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINTMENT - CLERK TO THE LEGISLATURE – 2020-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that Stacy B. Husted be appointed Clerk of the Legislature for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINTMENT - COUNTY AUDITOR - 2020-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that Stacy B. Husted be appointed County Auditor for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, with a salary of \$7,000 annually.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINTMENT - SCHUYLER COUNTY ATTORNEY – 2020-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that Steven J. Getman be appointed County Attorney for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.

Vote 7-1. No: Lausell.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINTMENT - PUBLIC DEFENDER – 2020-2023

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby appoint Attorney Wesley A. Roe as Schuyler County Public Defender for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINTMENT – COUNTY HISTORIAN FOR 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gary M. Emerson be appointed as County Historian for the year 2020, with a salary of \$3,850.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 Motion by Barnes, Second by Rondinaro.

RE: APPOINTMENT – COUNTY CORONER FOR 2020

WHEREAS, Katherine L. Conroy, RN, was appointed Coroner by Resolution No. 199-19 to fill an unexpired vacancy with a term ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, due to a failure to elect that occurred during the November 5, 2019 general election, effective January 1, 2020, this particular position remains vacant, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of coroner is to be filled by the County Legislature by appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature hereby appoints Katherine L. Conroy, RN, as County Coroner to fill the current vacancy, effective January 1, 2020 through

December 31, 2020.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: APPROVE AND ADOPT UPDATED PURCHASING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2020 - PURCHASING

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Purchasing Policies and Procedures have been updated to reflect procedural changes and recent additions to General Municipal Law (GML) Section 103, and/or other applicable authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature approves and adopts the revised Purchasing Policies and Procedures for 2020, on file in the Legislative Office and the Purchasing Department, effective January 1, 2020.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: SCHEDULE OF SALARIES FOR 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schedule of Salaries for 2020, as attached hereto, be adopted, effective January 1, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Resources Department and the County Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay the County employees according to the 2020 Salary Schedule.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENT AND SET SALARY FOR FULL-TIME SECRETARY TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature acknowledge the appointment by Joseph G. Fazzary, Schuyler County District Attorney, of Aubrey Tomassi, as Secretary to the District Attorney, effective January 13, 2020, at an annual salary of \$37,000.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Howell.

RE: ACKNOWLEDGE APPOINTMENT AND SET SALARY OF REPUBLICAN DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Republican Deputy Commissioner retired effective December 27, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Joseph Fazzary, Republican Commissioner in the Board of Elections, has appointed Kristina A. Vondracek, to fill the unexpired term through December 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby acknowledge the appointment by Joseph Fazzary, Commissioner, Board of Elections, of Kristina A. Vondracek as Deputy Commissioner, Board of Elections, effective January 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020, full-time, at an annual salary of \$39,500.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Barnes said that he would be voting no on this Resolution as he wanted this referred back to the Management and Finance Committee for further discussion. He would like to suggest making some changes in that office. Legislator Rondinaro asked if Legislator Barnes wished to table the Resolution and he said yes. A motion was then made by Legislator Barnes and seconded by Legislator Howell. Administrator O'Hearn informed the Legislators that this is just acknowledging the Commissioner's appointment of his Deputy and that the Commissioner can appoint who he wants. The only thing that the Legislature can control is the funds, and with the 2020 Budget being adopted there are funds in their budget for this salary. He said he agrees with the salary because the Republican Commissioner consulted with him. Legislator Rondinaro asked if tabling the Resolution would prevent the position from being filled. Attorney Getman said that this is just a tradition in this County and a Resolution isn't required. Legally that department and the Commissioners can appoint who they want. The Legislature really has no say in this matter. Legislator Barnes said that he wants to discuss the terms and conditions, hours and expectations of that office. Administrator O'Hearn said in the future, you can make changes. Legislator Barnes withdrew his motion but requested that this be discussed at

the next Management and Finance Committee Meeting.

Vote 7-1. No: Barnes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.
Stacy B. Husted, Clerk
Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020**

The January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Blowers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legislator Harp and followed by a Moment of Silence. All Legislators were present. County Administrator Timothy O’Hearn, and County Attorney Steven Getman were also present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Alan Hurley questioned what kind of study Intro. 6 would be. Chairman Blowers explained that it was to continue the consultant work for a workforce development study, and Administrator O’Hearn informed Mr. Hurley that three counties are involved with this study, Schuyler, Chemung and Steuben Counties.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 Motion by Barnes, Second by Harp.

RE: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 17, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING, DECEMBER 30, 2019 YEAR END MEETING AND THE JANUARY 2, 2020 ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting, December 17, 2019 Special Meeting, December 30, 2019 Year End Meeting, and the January 2, 2020 Organizational Meeting of the Schuyler County Legislature be approved.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 20 Motion by Harp, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (NYSDCJS) FOR A “STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FORMULA PROGRAM GRANT” – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the District Attorney’s Office has been awarded a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) “STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant” #SV19-1024-R03, in the amount of \$47,466.66 to pay for a designated prosecutor to specifically target perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual abuse against women, and

WHEREAS, said grant requires a local match of 25%, in the amount of \$11,866.66, and

WHEREAS, said local match is budgeted in the 2020 budget account no. 1165.0100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature is hereby authorized to sign said grant contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS), in the amount of \$47,466.66 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, funding available in the 2020 budget for the 25% match, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish said grant, accordingly in cooperation with the District Attorney’s Office.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 Motion by Harp, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH T. MERRILL & ASSOCIATES LAND SURVEYING, DESIGN PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION (DPC) FOR SURVEYING A TOWER SITE ON BRADFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director has been negotiating a lease with the Bradford Central School District for property to place a new radio tower, and

WHEREAS, said property needs to be surveyed as part of said process, and

WHEREAS, the nature of said survey would be in the area of professional services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with T. Merrill & Associates Land Surveyor, DPC, in an amount not to exceed \$600.00 for the purpose of providing the aforesaid survey, funding available in the 2020 budget account no. 3020.400, effective immediately until the survey is completed and accepted, contract approved by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH STEUBEN CHURCH PEOPLE AGAINST POVERTY, INC. D.B.A. ARBOR DEVELOPMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES – SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services have set fourth new requirements under 19-OCFS-ADM-16 for the residential program for victims of domestic violence, which requirements became effective October 4, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Schuyler County Social Services needs to renew the contract with a not to exceed amount of \$20,000, for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, for the residential program for victims of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a new contract with Steuben Church People Against Poverty, Inc., d.b.a. Arbor Development, term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, at a not to exceed amount of \$20,000, funding available in the 2020 budget account no. 6140.400 and 6070.400 – Contractual Expense, contract approved by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 357-19 TITLED “AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE SENIOR DATA ENTRY OPERATOR POSITION IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT – COMMUNITY SERVICES”

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 357-19 authorized additional compensation for the Senior Data Entry Operator position in the Mental health Department, and

WHEREAS, the calculation done for the year 2020 rate was incorrect in the Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 357-19 be amended to change the last Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, clause to read as follows below with the correct rate in bold text:

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hourly rate for Administrative Assistant duties effective January 1, 2020 will be **\$24.19**, per the ratification of the 2020-2023 CSEA Administrative Unit Contract.*

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED STATE SUPPORT FOR CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension is a formal collaboration between the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA, New York State, County Governments and the Citizens of the State that has served to apply unbiased, research-based knowledge from Cornell, New York’s Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS, local extension educators are key community partners in helping to implement state initiatives including maximizing agriculture and local food systems, strengthening the economy, promoting healthier eating habits and access to good nutrition, fighting poverty particularly in rural areas, protecting water

quality and stewardship of New York's natural resources, building opportunity through STEM based youth education and leadership skills in 4-H, promoting renewable energy options while protecting farmland resources, and partnering where appropriate in Taste NY initiatives to promote tourism and local food and farm businesses, and

WHEREAS, support from Federal, State and County sources is essential to the continued success of locally-governed county cooperative extension associations, and

WHEREAS, state appropriations for county cooperative extension associations to match county government appropriations as authorized by Section 224 (8) of the County Law have remained stagnant for twenty years, and

WHEREAS, state funding is needed to ensure that the Cornell Cooperative Extension system can equitably work for all New York residents through increased resources to support rural, suburban, and urban community development needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Schuyler County Legislature supports increasing the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations to \$8 million, such funds to be distributed directly to the associations through Cornell University as agent for the state as provided by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Western Inter-County Association of New York and all others deemed necessary.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THREE RIVERS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR 2020

WHEREAS, Three Rivers Development Corporation has completed the Workforce Development Study and is requesting additional funding for additional consulting services in the amount of \$10,000 for the Year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature be hereby authorized to execute a contract with Three Rivers Development Corporation for additional consulting services, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$10,000, funding available in account no. 6989.0401, contract approved by the Schuyler County Attorney.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SCIDA)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby approves the appointment of the following individuals to the Schuyler County Industrial Development Agency (SCIDA) for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, to wit:

Margaret Lawrence

Chad Hendrickson

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuyler County Legislature hereby approves the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, to wit:

ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION ADVISORY BOARD

Van A. Harp, Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Philip C. Barnes, Management & Finance Committee

James W. D. Howell, Jr., Management & Finance Committee

Mark F. Rondinaro, Management & Finance Committee

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Michael L. Lausell, Management & Finance Committee

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Carl H. Blowers, Chairman of the Legislature

EMERGENCY MEDICAL & HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Carl H. Blowers, Chairman of the Legislature

Van A. Harp, Public Safety Committee Chairman

FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Philip C. Barnes, Legislator

Jason Kelly, Burdett Fire Department

Kent Thurston, Beaver Dams Fire Department

Mike Hicks, Hector Fire Department

Matthew Burns, Montour Falls Fire Department

Mike Tomassi, Odessa Fire Department

Judson Smith, Watkins Glen Fire Department

William Meehan, Tyrone Fire Department

William Kennedy, County Fire Coordinator

INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK

James W.D. Howell, Jr., Legislator

Mark F. Rondinaro, Legislator

Gary L. Gray, Legislator

OFFICE FOR THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Carl H. Blowers, Chairman of the Legislature

Van A. Harp, Legislator

David Moore, ARC of Schuyler

PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael L. Lausell, Legislator

Catie Kunecki, Common Ground

Deb Minor, Ex-Officio

Philip Cherry, Executive Director Cornell Cooperative Extension

JoAnn Kingsley, SUNY, Empire State College

Dr. Paul Donnelly, MD Arnot Health

Kristin VanHorn, Schuyler County Planning Director

Sarah Wunderlich, RN

Tamre Waite, Director, Office for the Aging

Deborah Bailey, RN, Schuyler Hospital

Kylie Rodriquez, HIICAP Coordinator, OFA

RURAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

James W. D. Howell. Jr., Chairman, Public Works Committee

SCHUYLER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Carl H. Blowers, Chairman of the Legislature

SCHUYLER COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carl H Blowers, Chairman of the Legislature

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

James W. D. Howell, Jr, Legislator

Gary L. Gray, Legislator

SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Carl H. Blowers, Chairman of the Legislature

YOUTH BOARD

Aiden Thurston, Youth Representative

Madilyn Williams. Youth Representative

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: TWO-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuylers County Legislature hereby approves the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, to wit:

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Martha Hawksworth, Town of Tyrone

Kate Bartholomew, Town of Montour

SCHUYLER COUNTY PARTNERSHIP ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SCOPED)

Mark F. Rondinaro, Community Development & Natural Resources Committee

YOUTH BOARD

Donna Tilden, District V

Chris Rosno, District VIII

Danielle Tilden, Member at Large

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: FOUR-YEAR APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuylers County Legislature hereby approves the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, to wit:

AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

John Murch, Agriculture Representative

Mike Bergen, Farmer

Walter Adam, Farmer

Ben Rawleigh, Farmer

Jerry Verrigni, Soil & Water Conservation

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Kristina Cummings, Physician

Riqui Hess, Community Member

LAMOKA/WANETA LAKES PROTECTION REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Gary L. Gray, Legislator

MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

Riqui Hess, Community Member

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 31 Motion by Howell, Second by Barnes.

RE: APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES WITH NO TERM

BE IT RESOLVED, the Schuylers County Legislature hereby approves the appointment of the following individuals to the below boards, committees, agencies, with no term.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Michael L. Lausell, Legislator

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Carl H. Blowers, Elected Official

Emily Warfle, Schuylers County Public Health

Misha Deutlick, Cargill Salt, EHS Professional

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gary L. Gray, Legislature Representative

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 32 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Barnes.

RE: MOTION TO BRING TWO (2) RESOLUTIONS TO THE FLOOR
BE IT RESOLVED, that two (2) Resolutions be brought to the floor.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 33 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR CORRECTED TAX ROLL TOWN OF
HECTOR – REAL PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, an application for corrected tax roll has been made in accordance with Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) for parcel 2.00-1-72 owned by Terman in the Town of Hector for the 2020 County/Town tax bill, and

WHEREAS, the tax bill of \$19,807.99 includes a relieved school tax in the amount of \$9,490.31 that was previously paid, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Real Property Tax Director to approve the application, and

WHEREAS, the amount of the credit exceeds the authority of the Director to approve without resolution pursuant to Resolution No. 7-20 of the Schuyler County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property owner shall receive a corrected tax bill in the amount of \$10,317.68, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to make the appropriate chargeback to the Watkins Glen Central School district.

Vote 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 34 Motion by Rondinaro, Second by Lausell.

RE: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR CORRECTED TAX ROLL TOWN OF
HECTOR – REAL PROPERTY TAX

WHEREAS, an application for corrected tax roll has been made in accordance with Section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) for parcel 33.05-1-3 owned by VanNostrand in the Town of Hector for the 2020 County/Town tax bill, and

WHEREAS, the current tax due of \$9,076.64 comes from an assessed value that is based on an incorrect acreage pursuant to a recently filed survey, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Real Property Tax Director to approve the application, and

WHEREAS, the amount of the credit exceeds the authority of the Director to approve without resolution pursuant to Resolution 7-20 of the Schuyler County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the application is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property owner shall receive a corrected tax bill in the amount of \$6,241.74, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to make the appropriate chargebacks to the Town of Hector and the Watkins Glen Central School district.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Rondinaro asked what happened with both of these corrections. Thomas Bloodgood, Real Property Tax Director, was present to explain. He stated both are above the amount he is authorized to correct, and these are both a good example of emergency resolutions. Both parcels are for the current tax bills that are due by the end of January, and that he had just received the requests late last week. He explained that the process is any unpaid school tax is relieved on the January bill. The school district in this case had been paid and had collected the taxes, but then reported it to the Treasurer's Office as being unpaid. He explained that the County is not losing any revenue, and nothing is going back to the school because they have already collected the tax. He explained that the second correction was based on a new survey that had been recorded, however the new survey was less land than originally taxed. Legislator Rondinaro asked about the acreage and wanted to be assured that the corresponding owner had been taxed. Mr. Bloodgood said that he would look into that and get back to the Legislature.

Vote 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk informed the Legislators of the annual Recognition Luncheon scheduled for noon on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Harp expressed his concerns with the Bail Reform Legislation and asked if anyone is tracking statistics. He asked if it would be worth us submitting a report to the State each time a situation arises in Schuyler County. Chairman Blowers said that we had previously adopted the Resolution in opposition to this Legislation, and that it was sent to about half a dozen groups. Legislator Rondinaro said that it will be discussed at the Inter-County meeting. Legislator Barnes informed the Legislature of a few situations he is aware of related to violent offenders, and some situations they created. The Clerk suggested it be discussed at this month's Public Safety/Criminal Justice Committee meeting.

Legislator Lausell reported that per Legislator Reed's request from the Board of Health meeting, he spoke with the Commissioner of Social Services, and she says that there is no correlation between the influx of that many people of minority status and social services and crime. Legislator Reed replied that there is no danger then.

Legislator Howell said that he attended the public information meeting held at the Town of Catharine Town Hall related to the project on County Road 6 and VanLoon Road. He said that this is a nice project, and that the informational meeting was sparsely attended.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The County Administrator O'Hearn said that he didn't have anything new to report on. He did say that the latest sales tax report shared by the Treasurer shows that we have had a very healthy fourth quarter with an increase of about 7%. He said that he wasn't sure if the figures reported includes the payment to the Towns. If not, he anticipates the amount to be about \$110,000 and could be reflected in the January report. Chairman Blowers said that this figure is on par with the State.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Stacy B. Husted, Clerk

Jamee L. Mack, Deputy Clerk

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