


# **Rensselaer County Legislature**

## **Clerk's Certification**

**I, Jessica L. Charette, Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature, do hereby CERTIFY that the attached is an official document of the Rensselaer County Legislature.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Rensselaer County Legislature of Troy, New York, this 3<sup>rd</sup> -day December, 2020.**

  
**Jessica L. Charette**  
**Clerk of the Legislature**  
**County of Rensselaer**  
**State of New York**

**Seal**

*Official Seal of the Rensselaer County Legislature*

**RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, November 30, 2020

Legislature called to order by Chairman Stammel at: 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: 17

Absent: 2 (Bayly, Peter)

Invocation Please: Mr. Grant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Please: Mr. Grimm

**NOTICE OF CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That pursuant to Rule No. 1C of the Rules of the Rensselaer County Legislature; I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Rensselaer County Legislature to be held on November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Rensselaer County Office Building, 1600 7th Avenue, Troy, New York.

The purpose of the meeting is to act upon:

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF RENSSELAER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2021**

and any other legislation filed in accordance with Rule 16C of the Rules of the Rensselaer County Legislature.

Please notify all members of the special meeting under the provisions of this rule.

/M/Michael Stammel  
Chairman of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Herrington, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2020 was dispensed with and approved as printed.

**MEETING AGENDA**

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:	(on file in Clerk's Office)
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:	on file in Clerk's Office)
LOCAL LAWS:	None
INDEX OF RESOLUTIONS:	Attached
LEGISLATOR'S PRIVILEGE:	None
ADJOURNMENT:	6:10 p.m.

"Say NO to Drugs"

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
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# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Stammel

Sent To: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date November 30, 2020

Resolution No. G/422/20

## RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF RENSSELAER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2021

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, All provisions of the Rensselaer County Charter pursuant to Article 5, Section 503 have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, The Tentative Budget has been changed, altered and revised by the Rensselaer County Legislature in accordance with Section 5.03 of the Rensselaer County Charter and Section 358 of the New York State County Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Tentative Budget, as amended, is hereby adopted as the financial plan for the County of Rensselaer for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

November 30, 2020

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 12/1/20

Received from County Executive 12/1/20

Jessica L. Chan  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ☒ Date 12/1/20

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

AL McCall  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Stammel

Sent To: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date November 30, 2020

Resolution No. G/423/20

## RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION TO CONDUCT RENSSELAER COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2021

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature has adopted the 2021 Tentative Budget as amended for Rensselaer County in accordance with Sections 356 and 360 of the County Law and Section 5.03 of the County Charter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the amount as specified in such annual budget as amended, be, and hereby are, appropriated for the objects, purposes and funds specified for the conduct of County Government effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 17  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0

November 30, 2020

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 12/1/20

Received from County Executive 12/1/20

Jessica L. Champ  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved ✓ Date 12/1/20

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

Al F. McEll  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Stammel

Sent To: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date November 30, 2020

Resolution No. G/424/20

## RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET

WHEREAS, This resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

### GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Buildings Department			
A.1620.30211 State Aid			
Courts - O & M	\$ 654,502.00	\$ (176,813.00)	\$ 477,689.00

### GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
District Attorney			
A.1165.01007			
Chief Assistant DA	\$ 119,872.00	\$ 5,128.00	\$ 125,000.00
A.1165.01007 Personnel			
Service Savings	\$ (84,411.00)	\$ (5,520.00)	\$ (89,931.00)
A.1165.08003			
Social Security	\$ 129,971.00	\$ 392.00	\$ 130,363.00
County Attorney			
A.1420.01007 Confidential Assistant			
to County Attorney	\$ 44,628.00	\$ (44,628.00)	\$ 0.00
A.1420.01007 Confidential Assistant -			
Family Court/Property	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Department of Engineering			
A.1440.01007 Buildings &			
Code Inspector	\$ 26,465.00	\$ 3,535.00	\$ 30,000.00
A.1440.08003			
Social Security	\$ 13,938.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 14,210.00
Buildings Department			
A.1620.04501 Special Departmental			
Supplies (Alt #1)	\$ 196,813.00	\$ (176,813.00)	\$ 20,000.00
Contingent			
A.1990.04999			
Contingent	\$ 684,406.00	\$ (59,948.00)	\$ 624,458.00

## GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Community Program Grants			
A.6310.04810			
Cooperative Extension	\$ 437,544.00	\$ 48,616.00	\$ 486,160.00
Unified Family Services - Aging Central Office			
A.6771.01007			
Confidential Assistant	\$ 44,555.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 46,555.00
A.6771.08003			
Social Security	\$ 19,383.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 19,536.00
Total General Fund Appropriations: \$(176,813.00)			

## HOSPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ADOPTED</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Skilled Nursing Facility			
EH.06020.08006			
Medical Insurance	\$1,928,363.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 2,118,363.00
Non-Medical Education			
EH.08110.08006			
Medical Insurance	\$ 211,132.00	\$ (190,000.00)	\$ 21,132.00
Administrative Office			
EH.08351.1			
Executive Director	\$ 106,899.00	\$ 8,101.00	\$ 115,000.00
EH.08351.08003			
Social Security	\$ 18,699.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 19,319.00
Employee Benefits			
EH.08460.18			
Group Health	\$ 312,755.00	\$ (8,721.00)	\$ 304,034.00
Total Hospital Fund Appropriations:	\$	0.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

November 30, 2020

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 12/1/20Received from County Executive 12/1/20

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved ☒

Date

12/1/20Disapproved ☐

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive





# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Stammel, Loveridge, Hoffman, Herrington, Bayly, Bendett, Casale, Fiacco, Grant, Patire, Peter, Tesman, Wysocki, Grimm, Doran, Burns, Fleming, Sullivan-Teta, Weaver

Sent To: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date November 30, 2020

Resolution No. P/425/20

## RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING IN MEMORY OF FORMER NEW YORK STATE SENATOR JOSEPH L. BRUNO

WHEREAS, It is consistent with the duty of this Legislative Body to honor and respect those persons who have had a great impact and influence on Rensselaer County during their lifetime, and we remember with deepest respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example improved the lives of his family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its longstanding tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize with profound sorrow and deep regret, the death of Joseph L. Bruno, who passed away on the Sixth day of October, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty; and

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bruno was first elected to the New York State Senate in 1976, and served as Senate Majority Leader for 14 years until his retirement in 2008, during which time he used his political clout to help deliver unprecedented economic growth and development to Rensselaer County and the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno was known for his strong work ethic, forthright manner, positive outlook, and genuine kindness towards friends and strangers, all traits acquired from his humble beginnings; and

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bruno was born in Glens Falls on April 8, 1929 to Italian immigrants Vitaliano and Rachael Catherine (Ricciardelli) Bruno, the third oldest of eight children; and

WHEREAS, At the age of eight, Joseph began delivering pastries before school to earn money for his family, and later began selling newspapers on street corners where he was paid three cents for every paper he sold; and

WHEREAS, Joseph earned a business degree from Skidmore College before valiantly serving his country as a member of the United States Army in the Korean War, where he was promoted to Sergeant First Class, received a Bronze Service Star, and other honors; and

WHEREAS, During his brave service overseas, Joseph became the undefeated light heavyweight boxing champion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, After completing military service, Joseph worked as a salesman before founding a company called Coradian which successfully marketed the first digital phone systems and intercoms to government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's interaction with government officials introduced him to his political career that began when he joined the campaign staff of Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1966, and later as a special assistant to Assembly Speaker Perry Duryea; in 1976 Joseph was elected to the New York State Senate, representing Rensselaer and a part of Saratoga Counties; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno quickly established himself as a leader who was not afraid to speak up for what he believed in and stand up to those who challenged him; traits that earned him respects from both sides of the political aisle; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno championed many important pieces of legislation including the Lemon Law for automobiles, tougher penalties for violent criminals, tax cuts, and indoor smoking bans; he was best known for his tireless efforts to attract and promote economic development projects in the Capital District; and

WHEREAS, The partial list of projects supported by the Senator include the Rensselaer Train Station, the Albany Airport expansions, Global Foundries, Biotech and Nanotechnology projects at SUNY Albany and RPI in Troy, the new Riverfront Park in Troy, and his namesake baseball stadium at Hudson Valley Community College that we fondly call, "The Joe"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno's efforts improved the quality of life of area residents in smaller and less notable ways by providing funding to rural fire and ambulance companies, countless not for profit organizations, little leagues and sports organizations, schools, and dozens of other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno's genuine kindness and respect for others made everyone feel important and special, and earned him the affectionate nickname, "Uncle Joe"; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Barbara "Bobbie" Bruno, Joseph is survived by his loving partner, Kay Stafford; four children, Joseph, Susan, Kenneth, and Catherine; seven grandchildren, Rachel, Nicholas, Richard, Elizabeth, Anna, Victoria and Aiden; and one great-grandchild, Alessandra; as well as his sister, Florence, and four brothers, Vitaliano, Arthur, Tony, and Robert; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Bruno will be greatly missed by his family, his friends, his colleagues, and the scores of people who have fond memories of him during his time on earth; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body pauses to recognize the distinguished life of Joseph Louis Bruno and the immeasurable contributions he made to our community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby pause in its deliberations in memory of Joseph Louis Bruno, and to extend its deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to his community will live on to serve as a legacy for all to remember him by; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Legislature transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to the family of Joseph L. Bruno.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 17

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

November 30, 2020