


# **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 East Greenbush, New York, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.**

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

**Seal**

**RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Legislature called to order by Chairwoman Hoffman at: **6:47 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Present: 16  
Absent: 3 Gendron, Maloney, Rutecki

**Invocation:** Mr. Grant

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Mr. Fleming

On motion of Mr. Bayly, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026 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:** Sabo, Loveridge, Herrington, Grant, Zalewski  
**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:37 p.m.

"Say NO to Drugs"

RENSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, May 12, 2026

RESOLUTION	TITLE
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G/194/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VALSOFT CORPORATION INC. DBA HYPER-REACH TECHNOLOGY FOR AN INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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G/196/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RETIREMENTHOMETV CORPORATION FOR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES AT VAN RENSSELAER MANOR - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR
G/197/26	RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES ON STATEWIDE TARGETED REDUCTIONS IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (STRIVE) GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED RENSSELAER COUNTY BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION
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	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
G/203/26	RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING 2025 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BALANCES TO BE DESIGNATED FOR THE RENSSELAER COUNTY "TAX STABILIZATION FUND" - RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
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G/205/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH AVERILL PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A DEPUTY SHERIFF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF
G/206/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A DEPUTY SHERIFF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF
G/207/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS - DEPARTMENTS OF AGING, SHERIFF AND VAN RENSSELAER MANOR NURSING HOME - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES
G/208/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY
G/209/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE STATEWIDE TARGETED REDUCTIONS IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (STRIVE) PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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G/215/26	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CR 144 (NORTH LAKE AVENUE) LARGE CULVERT OVER THE VANDERHEYDEN RESERVOIR DAM SPILLWAY - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
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P/229/26	RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CONGREGATION BERITH SHOLOM RABBI DEBORA GORDON UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

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P/235/26	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.6707 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.4847 TO ELIMINATE SERVICE FEES FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO VETERANS
P/236/26	RESOLUTION URGING AN AMENDMENT TO NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.6543 AND SENATE BILL S.5684 TO EXPAND THE NEW YORK BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL AND OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN THE BOTTLE DEPOSIT FEE
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# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/193/26

## RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 AND 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGETS -- DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/107/24 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("NYSDCJS") for Pre-Trial Services, in the amount of \$314,288.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Such funding is to be used to offset the costs associated with the provision of certified pre-trial services for Rensselaer County, including but not limited to screening, assessment, supervision, and reporting; and

**WHEREAS**, This program has no defined term for spending the grant funds, but the Department must provide an overview of their spending plan to NYSDCJS within 60 days of receiving the award; and

**WHEREAS**, The total grant award has been received by the County as of January 12, 2024 with the Department budgeting \$314,288.00 of those grant monies in fiscal year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/85/25 authorized the Department to roll over \$169,101.00 of unused funds from 2024 to the program's 2025 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, There are funds that were unused in 2025 which need to be rolled into the program's 2026 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, This program is fully funded by New York State monies and will produce no fiscal impact on Rensselaer County; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures, and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this Resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140.33108	\$169,101.00	(\$91,211.00)	\$77,890.00
.PRETRIAL.2023.33108			
Probation - Pre-trial State Grants			

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140 Department of Probation			
.01007.PRETRIAL	\$ 22,749.00	(\$ 6.00)	\$22,743.00
.2023.01007 Overtime			
.02100.PRETRIAL	\$ 7,221.00	(\$ 6,221.00)	\$ 1,000.00
.2023.02100 Furniture			
.02400.PRETRIAL	\$ 14,543.00	(\$11,574.00)	\$ 2,969.00
.2023.02400 Other Equipment			
.04050.PRETRIAL	\$ 3,000.00	(\$ 695.00)	\$ 2,305.00
.2023.04050 Auto Maintenance			
.04051.PRETRIAL	\$ 2,500.00	(\$ 1,078.00)	\$ 1,422.00
.2023.04051 Gasoline			
.04200.PRETRIAL	\$ 1,103.00	(\$ 128.00)	\$ 975.00
.2023.04200 Insurance			
.04500.PRETRIAL	\$ 38,285.00	(\$ 60.00)	\$38,225.00
.2023.04500 Spec. Dept. Supplies			
.04540.PRETRIAL	\$ 7,790.00	(\$ 6,961.00)	\$ 829.00
.2023.04540 Publications			
.04550.PRETRIAL	\$ 9,150.00	(\$ 7,176.00)	\$ 1,974.00
.2023.04550 Office Supplies			
.04560.PRETRIAL	\$ 38,475.00	(\$33,367.00)	\$ 5,108.00
.2023.04560 Training			
.04700.PRETRIAL	\$ 9,610.00	(\$ 9,530.00)	\$ 80.00
.2023.04700 Program Expenditures			
.04900.PRETRIAL	\$ 14,675.00	(\$14,415.00)	\$ 260.00
.2023.04900 Professional Services			

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: (\$91,211.00)**

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140.33108	\$ 0.00	\$91,211.00	\$91,211.00
.PRETRIAL.2023.33108			
Probation - Pre-trial State Grants			

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140 Department of Probation			
.02400.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$13,698.00	\$ 13,698.00
.2023.02400 Other Equipment			
.04050.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
.2023.04050 Auto Maintenance			
.04051.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
.2023.04051 Gasoline			
.04200.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,103.00	\$ 1,103.00
.2023.04200 Insurance			
.04500.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$22,131.00	\$ 22,131.00
.2023.04500 Spec. Dept. Supplies			
.04550.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,882.00	\$ 5,882.00
.2023.04550 Office Supplies			
.04560.PRETRIAL	\$ 0.00	\$42,897.00	\$ 42,897.00
.2023.04560 Training			
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>		\$91,211.00	

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

[Signature]  
Clerk of the Legislature

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/194/26

## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VALSOFT CORPORATION INC. DBA HYPER-REACH TECHNOLOGY FOR AN INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Bureau of Public Safety ("BPS") operates Rensselaer County's Emergency Communications (911) Center and is responsible for providing timely, reliable emergency notification and staff recall capabilities to support public safety operations across the County; and

**WHEREAS**, BPS seeks Legislative approval to enter into an agreement with Valsoft Corporation Inc. dba Hyper-Reach Technology for an Integrated Public Alert and Warning System ("IPAWS") compliant Emergency Public Notification software platform for a one (1) year term at a cost not to exceed \$32,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Valsoft Corporation dba Hyper-Reach Technology located at 7405 Rte. Trancanadienne, Suite 100, Saint-Laurent, QC. H4T 1Z2, Canada, is a Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") IPAWS-compliant vendor, enabling Rensselaer County to issue both internal and public-facing emergency alerts rapidly and in accordance with federal standards; and

**WHEREAS**; BPS evaluated available vendors and proposals of these services with Valsoft Corporation Inc. dba Hyper-Reach Technology, an IPAWS and GSA Contract Vendor, contract GS-35F-072CA being selected as the most qualified provider which allows Rensselaer County's Emergency Communication Center to make instant internal team level and public mass notification emergency alerts as the need arises; and

**WHEREAS**, Hyper-Reach Technology is the only known vendor that provides direct integration with the Amazon Alexa application, allowing the County to expand emergency alerting capabilities into residents' home through voice-enabled devices, thereby improving the speed, reach and effectiveness of public notifications; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hyper-Reach system is currently utilized by the Rensselaer County Emergency Communications Center for dispatch center staff recall and emergency alerting, significantly improving operational efficiency by reducing the time required to notify and recall personnel from several hours to a matter of minutes; and

**WHEREAS,** This enhanced recall capability is critical during large-scale or prolonged incidents requiring immediate staffing adjustments, ensuring continuity of operations and improved response times; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Troy Fire Department currently relies on Rensselaer County's 911 Center to initiate staff recall during significant incidents, and the implementation of this software will further enhance and streamline that process, providing a faster, more reliable method for recalling fire personnel when needed; and

**WHEREAS,** The Hyper-Reach notification system will also be made available to local municipalities within Rensselaer County, enabling them to deliver mass notifications for priority non-emergency messaging—such as public safety advisories, service disruptions, weather-related updates, and community alerts to residents who voluntarily subscribe to the service, thereby enhancing communication and coordination between County and municipal Governments; and

**WHEREAS,** Funding for this agreement will be provided through the New York State Statewide Homeland Security Grant, as appropriated in the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget under appropriation codes A.3640.02400.SHS.2023.02400 and A.3640.02400.SHS.2024.02400; and

**WHEREAS,** The start and end date of this agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION/ DATES</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Hyper-Reach	Valsoft Corporation	A.3640.02400.SHS.2023.02400	\$15,610.00
One Year	DBA - HYPER-REACH		
Term	Technology		
Dates Based	7405 Rte.	A.3640.02400.SHS.2024.02400	\$16,390.00
On Contract	Trancanadienne #100		
Signing	Saint-Laurent, QC.		
	H4T 1Z2, Canada		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>

; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this Resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Alexandra Housman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/13/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/195/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENSSELAER COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO RESERVE THE INTEREST INCOME OF THE EH FUND TO THE NURSING HOME EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR YEAR 2025 - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR

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

**WHEREAS**, An element of Rensselaer County's dedication to providing the highest level of care possible for the elderly population residing in the Van Rensselaer Manor is routine acquisition and replacement of equipment for nursing home daily operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Rensselaer Manor was authorized by annual Resolutions to reserve monies from interest income earned from interest-bearing deposits belonging to the EH Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Rensselaer Manor requests to reserve the interest earned in 2025 to the Nursing Home Equipment Capital Reserve Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Earned interest consists of \$1,801,506.68 general interest income earned from an interest-bearing account; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive is authorized to reserve the money referenced above to the Nursing Home Equipment Capital Reserve Fund at end of year 2025 and the fund balance shall be and hereby amended as follows:

### HOSPITAL FUND OTHER SOURCES

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
EH.2291.00 Capital Reserve	\$3,467,786.25	\$1,801,506.68	\$5,269,293.93

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Debra Messinger  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/196/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RETIREMENTHOMETV CORPORATION FOR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES AT VAN RENSSELAER MANOR - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR

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

**WHEREAS**, Van Rensselaer Manor is seeking Legislative approval to enter into a five-year agreement with RetirementHomeTV Corporation, 4604 Arden Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804-4451, for the facility's bulk cable television services; and

**WHEREAS**, As part of the Van Rensselaer Manor facility renovation, Cable TV Services are being upgraded/replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, RetirementHomeTV Corporation will provide the nursing home with installation and cable television services over the course of each of the five phases of the renovation project simultaneously with each completed wing of the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, The Facility is seeking approval to enter into Phase 1 (of 5) agreement which covers Wing no. 1 and Wing no. 2 for the period commencing May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2031 for a cost of \$79,890.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Funding for the expense is built into the Facility's daily room rates (revenue) and budgeted through 2026 and future adopted budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end date of this agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cable television services Phase I - Wings 1 and 2 05/01/2026 - 04/30/2031	RetirementHomeTV Corporation 4604 Arden Drive Fort Wayne IN 46804-4451	EH.07260.67	\$79,890.00

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

Debra Messinger  
Clerk of the Legislature

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/197/26

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES ON STATEWIDE TARGETED REDUCTIONS IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (STRIVE) GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED RENSSELAER COUNTY BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Department of Probation has been awarded a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Initiative in the amount of \$193,240.00 for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, Of the total grant award, \$154,451.00 will be allocated within the 2026 Rensselaer County Budget, and the remainder will be allocated within the Department's 2027 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, The primary focus of this grant will be the prevention of - and intervention (e.g., enforcement, prosecution) in - incidences of intimate partner violence through evidence-based, survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, The grant award will provide for program expenses including salary and fringe benefits for a Probation Officer (STRIVE Officer), other Probation Officers' overtime, personnel expenses (stipends) related to department operations, support programs targeting areas of most risk toward violent crime, and training; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures, and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the County Executive, or his designee, shall be and hereby is authorized to execute the grant agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, subject to approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140.33107.STRIVE.2026 Misc. Probation Grants - STRIVE Initiative	\$ 0.00	\$154,451.00	\$154,451.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
<u>A.3140 Department of Probation</u>			
.01007.STRIVE.2026 On-call Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
01007.STRIVE.2026 Program Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
.01007.STRIVE.2026 Overtime	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,750.00	\$ 33,750.00
.01007.STRIVE.2026 Probation Officer	\$ 0.00	\$ 51,320.00	\$ 51,320.00
.02400.STRIVE.2026 Other Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,481.00	\$ 27,481.00
.04300.STRIVE.2026 Telephone	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 1,188.00
.04500.STRIVE.2026 Special Dept. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 790.00
.04560.STRIVE.2026 Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,652.00	\$ 8,652.00
.04700.STRIVE.2026 Program Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
.08008.STRIVE.2026 Employee Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,270.00	\$ 25,270.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>		\$154,451.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026



Teresa Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashely, Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/198/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE METRO GROUP, INC. FOR COOLING TOWER WATER TREATMENT SERVICES AT THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING 99 TROY ROAD - BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Buildings Department (County Office Building, 99 Troy Road) seeks Legislative approval to enter into a contract renewal with The Metro Group, Inc. for water treatment services for a five-year term commencing June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2031 at a cost not to exceed \$24,730.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Said annual cooling tower water treatment services at the County Office Building, 99 Troy Road help ensure the safety of the public and employees against bacteria such as those causing Legionnaires' disease; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department has previously utilized The Metro Group, Inc., 650 Mile Crossing Blvd, Suite 4, Rochester, NY 14624, for said water treatment services at this location; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department has budgeted the necessary funds within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.1621.04420; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end date of such agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water treatment services 6/1/2026 - 5/31/2031	The Metro Group, Inc. 650 Mile Crossing Blvd., Suite 4 Rochester, NY 14624	A.1621.04420	Year 1 - \$4,655.00 Year 2 - \$4,800.00 Year 3 - \$4,940.00 Year 4 - \$5,090.00 Year 5 - \$5,245.00

; now, therefore, be

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above described contract, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Alexandra Messinger  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashely, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/199/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NON-OUTFITTED SHERIFF VEHICLES - OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff") seeks Legislative approval for the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford Explorer Utility Police Interceptor non-outfitted vehicles, which will replace existing vehicles within the Sheriff's current fleet of vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff has solicited New York State contract number PC69492 (Mini-Bid #OGS 23166-31720262) and received bids for the purpose of purchasing the Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicles with Scorpio Motors, LLC dba Greenwich Ford, 1111 State Route 29, Greenwich, New York 12834 providing the most advantageous bid; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Rensselaer County Vehicle Usage and Drivers Policy, the County Fleet Manager has reviewed and approved the addition of these vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff will utilize funds available within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation account A.3110.02300 (Automobile); and

**WHEREAS**, This purchase is being made in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Rensselaer County Purchasing Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Two (2) 2026 Ford Explorer Utility Police Interceptor Vehicles (not outfitted)	Scorpio Motors LLC dba Greenwich Ford 1111 State Route 29 Greenwich, NY 12834	A.3110.02300	\$88,947.18

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to a sign purchase order for the above purchase.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 11, 2026

Verese Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/200/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE STATEWIDE TARGETED REDUCTIONS IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (STRIVE) PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Office of the Sheriff has been awarded a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) program in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the period from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, This grant award will provide funding for the purpose of reimbursement of overtime to support initiatives and strategies in the enforcement and investigative component of Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) program; and

**WHEREAS**, The funding shall be used for the prevention of, and intervention in, incidences of intimate partner violence through evidence-based, survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive strategies; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above referenced grant award, together with any and all documents for such grant award, including any and all no cost extensions of such grant award, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Sheriff-Operation Impact A.3110.33152	\$27,025.00	\$25,000.00	\$52,025.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Sheriff 01007 A.3110.01007 Overtime (5410)	\$444,575.00	\$25,000.00	\$469,575.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
 Nays: 0  
 Abstain: 0  
 May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
 County Executive

[Signature]  
Clerk of the Legislature

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Public Works

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/201/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPANE TANK REPLACEMENT AT SCHODACK SENIOR CENTER-BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, The propane tank at the Schodack Senior Center facility is in need of replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, The Buildings Department has received a proposal from Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc., P.O. Box 280, Ravena, NY 12143, to dig up the existing tank, remove, disconnect from existing line, install new 1000 UG tank, connect the gas line, back filling around tank at a total cost of \$10,500; and

**WHEREAS**, Nolan Bottle Gas Co., Inc. is the current supplier of propane for the Schodack Senior Center and is familiar with the center; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department has budgeted the necessary funds for this expense within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via the Department's appropriation code A.1620.04420; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign a purchase order for the afore-mentioned project.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 12, 2026

Debra Herrington  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Herrington, Bayly, Sabo

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/202/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RENTAL WITHOUT OPERATOR - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, Bids for highway equipment rental without operator have been solicited and are acceptable based upon the specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, The resulting agreements would be in effect through May 31, 2027 with a one-year extension clause if mutually agreeable, provided the vendor continues to meet specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, Selection of each vendor is based upon lowest cost and availability to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end dates of such agreements, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the names and address of the contracting parties are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION AND DATES</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT</u>
Bid No. RBF-26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Items 1,4,5,6,9,11,17, 19,20,22,25,27,33 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	Alta Construction Equipment 5985 Court Street Syracuse, N.Y.13206	D.5110.04500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$10,000
Bid No. 26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Items 2,3,4,5,6,8,9, 11,12,19,20,21,22,23,24,25 ,31,32a,32b,33,39,40,42 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	Abele Tractor, Inc. 72 Everett Road Albany, N.Y. 12205	D.5110.04500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$25,000

<u>DESCRIPTION AND DATES</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT</u>
Bid No. 26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Items 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,19,20,22,23,25,26,27,28,29,31,32a,32b,33,35,37,42 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	Robert Finke and Sons, Inc. P.O. Box 127 Selkirk, N.Y. 12158	D.5110.04500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$40,000
Bid No. 26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Items 17,18,19,20,26,27 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	Stephenson Equipment Inc. 3 Industry Drive Waterford, N.Y. 12188	D.5110.04500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$10,000
Bid No. 26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Items 1,18 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	Yacano's Enterprises LLC P.O. Box 1049 Norwich, N.Y. 13815	D.5110.04500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$50,000
Bid No. 26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Items 3,4,5,8,9,11,20,22,23,31,33,39,40 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	A Montano CO 571 Route 212 Saugerties, N.Y. 12477	D.5110.04500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$25,000
Bid No. 26-10 Rental of Heavy Equipment without operator Item 43 (6/1/26 - 5/31/27)	Crafco Inc. 14415 South 50 <sup>th</sup> Street Suite 100 Phoenix, AZ. 85044	D.5110.4500 D.5112.04500 D.5120.04500	\$15,000

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders for above equipment.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 14, 2026

Alexandra Morosina  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Budget & Finance

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/203/26

## RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING 2025 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BALANCES TO BE DESIGNATED FOR THE RENSSELAER COUNTY "TAX STABILIZATION FUND" - RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**WHEREAS,** As a result of the adoption of Resolution No. G/119/10, the Legislature established a dedicated fund named the "Tax Stabilization Fund" which became part of the unappropriated fund balance within the Rensselaer County General Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the diligence and prudence of the Rensselaer County Legislative Board, the Rensselaer County Auditor and the Environmental Management Council, a savings of \$277,240.93 exists in the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget in the following appropriation codes of these departments:

### 2025

<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>
<b>A 1010 Legislative Board</b>	
01007 Personnel Services	\$118,804.96
04011 Travel (Alt #1)	1,948.11
04300 Telephone	\$ 1,080.00
04450 Rental Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 515.33
04500 Special Dept. Supplies	\$ 326.95
04501 Special Dept. Supplies (Alt #1)	\$ 290.00
04540 Publications	\$ 2,140.89
04550 Office Supplies	\$ 3,031.30
04551 Office Supplies (Alt #1)	\$ 139.38
08001 State Retirement	\$ 7,453.21
08002 Vision	\$ 376.24
08003 Social Services	\$ 13,480.44
08806 Medical Insurance	\$ 11,131.70
08007 Dental	\$ 166.20
	<u>\$160,884.71</u>
<b>A 1040 Clerk of the Legislature</b>	
01007 Personnel Services	\$ (351.10)
04010 Travel	\$ 2,000.00
04540 Publications	\$ 1,200.00
04550 Office Supplies	\$ 592.72
08001 State Retirement	\$ (19,181.46)
08002 Vision	\$ 82.32
08003 Social Security	\$ 1,213.43
08006 Medical Insurance	\$ 314.30
08007 Dental	\$ 51.76
	<u>\$(14,078.03)</u>

2025

<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>
<b>A 1320 Auditor</b>	
01007 Personnel Services	\$ 80,866.85
04500 Special Departmental Supplies	\$ 425.00
04550 Office Supplies	\$ 600.00
08001 State Retirement	\$ 10,074.07
08002 Vision	\$ 43.00
08003 Social Security	\$ 6,574.12
08006 Medical Insurance	\$ 6,451.48
08007 Dental	\$ 22.32
	<u>\$105,056.84</u>
<b>A 8090 Environment Management Council</b>	
01007 Personnel Savings	\$ 1,323.80
04010 Travel	\$ 400.00
04500 Special Departmental Supplies	\$ 8,540.42
04800 Contractual Agency	\$ 15,647.24
08001 State Retirement	\$ (3,469.01)
08002 Vision	\$ 7.38
08003 Social Security	\$ 590.92
08006 Medical Insurance	\$ 2,336.10
08007 Dental	\$ .56
	<u>\$ 25,377.41</u>
<b>Total Savings:</b>	<b>\$277,240.93</b>

; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the desire of the Rensselaer County Legislature to add this savings to the "Tax Stabilization" fund; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the savings of \$277,240.93 realized by Rensselaer County Legislative Board, the Rensselaer County Auditor and the Environmental Management Council in the 2025 appropriation budget codes listed above was rolled into General Fund unappropriated fund balance on December 31, 2025 is also hereby designated for purposes of a "Tax Stabilization" fund.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Verona Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved

Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/204/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) OUTFITTED PATROL VEHICLES - OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff") seeks Legislative approval for the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford Utility Police Interceptor outfitted vehicles, which will replace existing vehicles within the Sheriff's current fleet of vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff has solicited New York State contract number PC69492 (Mini-Bid #OGS 23166-3172026) and received bids for the purpose of purchasing the Ford Utility Police Interceptor vehicles with Van Bortel Ford, Inc., 71 Marsh Road, East Rochester, New York 14445 providing the most advantageous bid; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Rensselaer County Vehicle Usage and Drivers Policy, the County Fleet Manager has reviewed and approved the addition of these vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff will utilize funds available within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation account A.3110.02300 (Automobile); and

**WHEREAS**, This purchase is being made in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Rensselaer County Purchasing Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Three (3) 2026 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Vehicles (Outfitted)	VanBortel Ford, Inc. 71 Marsh Road East Rochester, NY 14445	A.3110.02300	\$217,015.17

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign a purchase order for the above purchase.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 12, 2026

Heresa Merriman

spaty Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]

County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/205/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH AVERILL PARK  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A DEPUTY SHERIFF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER  
POSITION AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET -  
OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF**

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/323/17 authorized the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Averill Park Central School District ("APCSD") for the period of September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolutions G/272/20 and G/219/23 extended said agreement through June 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff's Office and APCSD have determined it would be mutually beneficial to continue to have one (1) Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer ("SRO") to be assigned to work within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, The SRO has day-to-day contact with students, faculty and parents in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment within the school and is available for students to assist in defusing and solving problems before they become a detriment to the learning environment and the health, safety and welfare of the students and faculty of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, APCSD will reimburse Rensselaer County One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$118,200.00) annually for a three (3) year period, payable in equal installments of \$39,400.00 every January 15, April 15 and June 15 for the school years 2026-2027, 2027-28 and 2028-2029, providing no fiscal impact to the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff's Office is not seeking to increase the number of Deputy Sheriff's as this position already exists and there is funding within the personnel line item due to several vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end date of this agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REVENUE CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Inter-municipal Agreement (09/01/2026 - 06/30/2029)	Averill Park Central School District 146 Gettle Road Averill Park, NY 12018	A.3110.22601	\$118,200.00 Annually

; and

**WHEREAS,** The above referenced inter-municipal agreement is dependent on the approval of the APCSD's annual budget by the residents of the district; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above referenced agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Sheriff			
A.3110.22601 Police Services,			
Other Governments	\$679,000.00	\$39,400.00	\$718,400.00

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Sheriff			
A.3110.01007			
Personnel Service Savings	\$(236,317.00)	\$39,400.00	\$(196,917.00)

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Shera Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/206/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WYNANTSKILL UNION  
FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A DEPUTY SHERIFF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITION  
AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET -  
OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF**

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/230/23 authorized the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Wynantskill Union Free School District ("WUFSD") for the period of September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff's Office and the WUFSD have determined it would be mutually beneficial to continue to have one (1) Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer ("SRO") to be assigned to work within the District; and

**WHEREAS**, The SRO has day-to-day contact with students, faculty and parents in order to provide a safe and comfortable environment within the school; and is available for students to assist in defusing and solving problems before they become a detriment to the learning environment and the health, safety and welfare of the students and faculty of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, WUFSD will reimburse Rensselaer County One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$118,200.00) for a one (1) year period, payable in equal installments of \$39,400.00 January 15, April 15 and June 15 for the school year 2026-2027, providing no fiscal impact to the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sheriff's Office is not seeking to increase the number of Deputy Sheriff's as this position already exists and there is funding within the personnel line item due to several vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end date of this agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REVENUE CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Inter-municipal Agreement (09/01/2026 - (06/30/2027)	Wynantskill Union Free School District 25 East Avenue Troy, NY 12180	A.3110.22601	\$118,200.00

; and

**WHEREAS**, The above referenced inter-municipal agreement is dependent on the approval of the WUFSD's annual budget by the residents of the district; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above referenced agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Sheriff			
A.3110.22601 Police Services, Other Governments	\$718,400.00	\$ 39,400.00	\$757,800.00

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Sheriff			
A.3110.01007 Personnel Service Savings	\$(196,917.00)	\$39,400.00	\$(157,517.00)

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026



Alicia Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/207/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS - DEPARTMENTS OF AGING, SHERIFF AND VAN RENSSELAER MANOR NURSING HOME - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Budget provides appropriations for the purchase of dairy products & eggs and, following evaluation of bids submitted in response to RFB-26-11, award is recommended to the below-listed vendor based upon the lowest aggregate net total bid meeting specifications:

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT</u>
RFB-26-11 Dairy Products & Eggs	Dzembo's Dairy, Inc. PO Box 38 48 Lincoln Ave Watervliet, NY 12189	\$152,442.47

; and

**WHEREAS**, The contract period will be effective from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That all County departments may purchase from the above-referenced bid, provided expenditures do not exceed budgetary appropriations; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders from said vendor for products listed within the above-referenced bid.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Chessa Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/208/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

**WHEREAS**, The Bureau of Public Safety ("Bureau") seeks Legislative approval for the purchase of one (1) new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado for use by the Bureau for emergency responses across the County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bureau has budgeted funding within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.3640.02300 (Automobile), specifically requested and approved for the purchase of an emergency response vehicle for Bureau field response; and

**WHEREAS**, The New York State Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace was utilized and vendors were solicited for bids (Mini-Bid #OGS 23166-26-BPS02) and received bids for the purpose of purchasing the Chevrolet Silverado vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, The purchase of this vehicle shall not exceed \$56,383.63 through New York State contract number PC69382 through G&H Auto Group DBA Mohawk Chevrolet 639 State Route 67, Ballston Spa, NY 12020; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the County Vehicle Usage and Drivers Policy, the County Fleet Manager has reviewed and approved the Bureau's purchase request; and

**WHEREAS**, The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations is as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Emergency Response Vehicle	Mohawk Chevrolet 639 State Route 67 Ballston Spa, NY 12020	A.3640.02300	\$ 56,383.63

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services, is authorized to sign a purchase order for the above purchase.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Cheresa Ursinano  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/209/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE STATEWIDE TARGETED REDUCTIONS IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (STRIVE) PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office has been awarded a one-year grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the 2026 Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (STRIVE) in the amount of \$284,167.00 for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, The grant award will provide seventy-five percent (75%) funding (\$231,594) in the 2026 Rensselaer County Budget, with the remaining balance (\$52,573.00) of the grant to be budgeted within the department's 2027 budget for a portion of salaries and fringe benefits for one (1) STRIVE Administrator Coordinator, one (1) Investigator, three (3) Assistant District Attorneys and two (2) staff; and

**WHEREAS**, The primary focus of this grant will be to enhance our office's ability to effectively prosecute cases, support victims, and implement evidence-based strategies to reduce domestic violence in our community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this Resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<b><u>ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT CODE</u></b>	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>CHANGE</u></b>	<b><u>REVISED</u></b>
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>				
DA-DCJS-STRIVE				
A.1165.33901	STRIVE.2026 33901	\$0.00	\$231,594	\$231,594

**2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>				
Personnel Services				
STRIVE Administrator Coordinator				
A.1165.01007	STRIVE.2026 01007	\$0	\$ 63,750	\$ 63,750
Stipend				
A.1165.01007	STRIVE.2026 01007	\$0	\$ 64,500	\$ 64,500
Other Equipment				
A.1165.02400	STRIVE.2026 02400	\$0	\$ 3,625	\$ 3,625
Travel				
A.1165.04010	STRIVE.2026 04010	\$0	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Telephone				
A.1165.04300	STRIVE.2026 04300	\$0	\$ 281	\$ 281
Program Expenditures				
A.1165.04700	STRIVE.2026 04700	\$0	\$ 23,750	\$ 23,750
Contractual				
A.1165.04800	STRIVE.2026 04800	\$0	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Employee Benefits				
A.1165.08008	STRIVE.2026 08008	\$0	\$ 29,188	\$ 29,188
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$231,594</b>	<b>\$231,594</b>

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above referenced grant award, together with any and all documents for such grant award, including any and all no cost extensions of such grant award, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**  
**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive Apr 13, 2026

Received from County Executive Apr 17, 2026

Alexa Morrison  
 Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
 Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
 County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/210/26

## AMENDING RESOLUTION G/225/25 AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - OFFICE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY SHERIFF

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/225/25 authorized the extension of an agreement with the Brunswick Central School District ("BCSD") for a Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer (SRO) to be assigned to work within the District for the period of September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 in the amount of \$114,600.00 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, The BCSD would like to amend the term of the agreement to end one year early, covering the 2026-2027 school year at an increased amount of \$118,200.00; and

**WHEREAS**, The BCSD will reimburse Rensselaer County One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$118,200.00) per year for a one (1) year period, payable in equal installments of \$39,400.00 January 15, April 15 and June 15 for the school year 2026-2027; and

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Sheriff is not seeking to increase the number of Deputy Sheriff's as the position already exists and there is funding available within the personnel line due to several vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end dates end dates of the agreement, and the name and address of the contracting party is as follows:

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REVENUE CODE</u>	<u>REVISED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT</u>
Inter-municipal Agreement (09/01/2026 - (06/30/2027)	Brunswick Central School District 3992 NY 2 Troy, NY 12180	A.3110.22601	\$118,200.00

; and

**WHEREAS**, The above referenced inter-municipal agreement is dependent on the approval of the Brunswick Central School District's budget by the residents of the district; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above amended agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3110.22601 Police Services, Other Governments	\$757,800.00	\$39,400.00	\$797,200.00

**GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3110.01007 Personnel Service Savings	\$(157,517.00)	\$39,400.00	\$(118,117.00)

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 14, 2026



Leresa Merrima  
Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/211/26

## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH FISCAL ADVISORS AND MARKETING, INC. FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES - BUREAU OF FINANCE**

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution numbers G/189/20 and G/290/23 authorized a contract with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing, Inc., for financial advisory services for a three-year period ending May 31, 2023 and extended to 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, The original Request for Proposals (RFP) No.20-22 issued to select this firm, allowed for a three-year term and additional two-year contract extension; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bureau of Finance is seeking to amend Resolution G/189/20, pursuant to Section 10 of the Purchasing Policy, to extend the contract for an additional term without the need to issue a new RFP; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County is satisfied with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing's performance to date, with mutual desire of extending the contract for the additional term; and

**WHEREAS**, Expenses related to these services on most occasions will typically be paid with premium from bond, other charges will be charged either the applicable capital projects as authorized by the County Legislature, or to cost center A.1325.04900 for certain advisory and disclosure services or to A.1380.04900 for services related to note issuances; and

**WHEREAS**, The start and end date of this agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>(NOT TO EXCEED)</u>
Financial Advisory Services 1/1/2026-5/31/2028	Fiscal Advisors & Marketing 250 South Clinton Street Suite 502 Syracuse, N.Y. 13202	\$50,000.00

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That for the purposes of Section 3.03 of the Rensselaer County Charter, the authorization hereby provided shall be retroactive to the actual date that materials and/or services were provided.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

*Loren Desjardins*  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

*[Signature]*  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/212/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND UPFITTING SERVICES - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Public Safety ("Bureau") seeks approval to equip one (1) newly purchased 2026 Chevrolet Silverado and one (1) newly purchased 2026 Ford F-450 with emergency lighting, warning systems and related vehicle upfitting necessary to place these units into operational service for emergency response across the Rensselaer County; and

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau has solicited quotes in accordance with the Rensselaer County purchasing policies and procedures, with Specialized Vehicle Uplifting, Inc., 475 Harlem Street, Schenectady, New York 12306 providing the most advantageous quote totaling \$20,333.20 for the purchase and installation for both vehicles; and

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau will utilize funds available within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget for these purchases via appropriation code A.3640.02300 (Automobile), and H.3097.02500 H1227 which specifically provide for the purchase and outfitting of emergency response vehicles for Bureau field operations; and

**WHEREAS,** The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations is as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Emergency Response Vehicle upfitting and lighting installation services	Specialized Vehicle Upfitting, Inc. 475 Harlem Street Schenectady, N.Y. 12306	A.3640.02300  H.3097.02500 H1227	\$10,334.10  <u>\$9,999.10</u>  <b>\$20,333.20</b>

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders for this purchase.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Patricia Hernandez  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Casale, Galuski

Sent To: Veterans & Youth

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/213/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EVENT FOR COUNTY VETERANS - UNIFIED FAMILY SERVICES - VETERANS

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

**WHEREAS,** The Unified Family Services Veterans Service Agency ("Department") is organizing a bus trip for sixty (60) county veterans to attend a New York Yankees baseball game; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department received a quote from TicketEvents.com/Luxury VIP Suites.com for 60 tickets with food and beverages included at a group rate of \$15,600.00; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department will utilize funds available within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget to support outreach events and services for Rensselaer County Veterans via appropriation code A.6510.04800 (Contractual Agency); and

**WHEREAS,** This purchase is being made in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Rensselaer County Purchasing Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS,** The name and address of the vendor, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
(60)NY Yankees Tickets, and food	TicketEvents.com Luxury VIP Suits.com 466 Germantown Pike Lafayette Hill, PA 19444	A.6510.04800	\$15,600

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign a purchase order for the above purchase.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
May 12, 2026

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

*Theresa Ferrina*  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

*[Signature]*  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/214/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL SALARY AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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

**WHEREAS**, The New York State Office of Court Administration has confirmed an increase of the County Court Judge salary, effective April 1, 2026, from \$221,600 to \$225,600 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Judiciary Law - § 183-a ties the Rensselaer County District Attorney annual salary to the County Court Judge annual salary, and therefore, the District Attorney salary is also increased to \$225,600 effective April 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, This increase in annual salary of \$4,500 applies to three-quarters of the current budget year, resulting in a net impact of \$3,375 in 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2026 New York State budget does not provide funding for this increase; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget for the Office of the District Attorney reflects personnel service savings due to vacant Assistant District Attorney positions, which will fund this increase; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That in accordance with New York State Judiciary Law § 183-a, the District Attorney's annual salary shall be increased from \$221,100 to \$225,600 effective April 1, 2026; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

**2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
DISTRICT ATTORNEY Personnel Services District Attorney Personnel Service Savings	A.1165.01007	\$221,100.00	\$ 3,375.00	\$224,475.00
	A.1165.01007	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$3,375.00)</u>	<u>(\$3,375.00)</u>

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 16  
 Nays: 0  
 Abstain: 0  
 May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive 4 May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive 4 May 19, 2026

Cleresa Herriman  
 Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
 County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Public Works

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/215/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CR 144 (NORTH LAKE AVENUE) LARGE CULVERT OVER THE VANDERHEYDEN RESERVOIR DAM SPILLWAY - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**WHEREAS**, Resolution G/277/24 authorized a Capital project (H1226) for the replacement of County owned large culverts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Brunswick recently completed work on the rehabilitation of the Vanderheyden Reservoir Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, A significant portion of the project involved the construction of a cast in-place concrete spillway; and

**WHEREAS**, An existing concrete box culvert, estimated to be at least 50 years old, owned and maintained by the County, carries County Route 144 (North Lake Avenue) over the concrete spillway; and

**WHEREAS**, The construction of the new concrete spillway, while maintaining the existing concrete box culvert, would most likely undermine and jeopardize the stability County Route 144 (North Lake Avenue); and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Brunswick and the County concur that the removal and replacement of the large culvert owned by the County is necessary for the successful construction of the concrete spillway and the rehabilitation of the Vanderheyden Reservoir Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, The name and address of the contracting party, the source of funding for this purchase, and the total amount to be expended for this purchase, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF EXPENSE</u>
Purchase and Installation of a 14'-3" x 5'-10" Precast Concrete Box Culvert	Town of Brunswick 336 Town Office Road Troy, NY 12180-8809	H.5120.02500 (H1226)	\$349,322.00

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services is authorized to sign purchase orders for the above-described project.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Yvonne Messina  
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/216/26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE BALLOT PACKETS

**WHEREAS,** This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Elections seeks to enter into an agreement for the election vote by mail packets for the primary and general election; and

**WHEREAS,** An RFQ was done and provided to three vendors, requesting quotes for an Estimated annual quantity of 12,000 Clear Ballot Election Vote by Mail packets, including 3 envelope set, 1 Ballot, and instruction sheet (postage to be separately billed), to be produced following Clear Ballot System production guidelines, with Ballot (as approved by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections) with mail drop to be completed by on or before deadline to transmit Election Ballots to Eligible Military, Special Federal, UOCAVA Voters for each election. County BOE will provide ballot files and mail data. Vendor to provide secure file transfer, envelope proofs to County BOE. Vendor to process the mail data and create USPS paperwork. Vendor to perform production sample testing and delivery of mail packets within 48 hours of County BOE approval to the USPS; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Election would recommend the second lowest bidder(difference of .20 per ballot, or \$2,400 per election) to ensure no differences in the ballots throughout the elections; and

**WHEREAS** The term of the agreement effective as of May 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029; and

**WHEREAS,** Phoenix Graphics is qualified, and the Board of Elections requests approval to award a contract to Phoenix Graphics for **approximately** 12,000 ballot packets; and

**WHEREAS,** The start and dates of the agreements, the sources of funding being limited to the budget appropriation codes A.1450.04100, the total amount to be expended over the life the same, which shall not exceed budgetary appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	EST. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT
Ballot Packets 5/1/2026 - 12/31/2029	Phoenix Graphics 1525 Emerson Street Rochester, NY 14606	\$23,400 per year/\$1.95 per ballot pack Postage

; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Bureau of Central Services shall be authorized to execute purchase orders with Phoenix Graphics for the above described materials and services; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Executive be, and hereby is authorized to execute the above-referenced agreements, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Veronica Ferriman  
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Budget & Finance

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/217/26

## RESOLUTION AMENDING G/310/14 ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING FOR RENSSELAER COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature, as stated in the past by Resolution No. G/273/92 and Resolution No. G/274/92, established a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the County of Rensselaer hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reported to the New York State Local Employees Retirement System; and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities or time worked maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Rensselaer County Legislature:

Title	Standard Work Day Hours/Day	Name of Employee	SS Number (Last 4)	Registration Number	Tier 1	Term Begins/Ends	Days/Month (Based on record of activities)	Participates in Time System	Received Logs
Legislator	6	Bayly, Robert			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	13.94
Legislator	6	Casale, Dan			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	9.72
Legislator	6	Choquette, Thomas			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	RS2419 Form
Legislator	6	Gendron, Wayne			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	RS2419 Form
Legislator	6	Hoffman, Kelly			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	RS2419 Form
Legislator	6	Nichols, Nina			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	RS2419 Form
Chairwomen	6	Patire, Bruce,			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	8.22
Legislator	6	Rutecki, Lark			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	6.75
Legislator	6	Wysocki, Jeffrey			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	7.5
Legislator	6	Zalewski, Ken			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	6	No	RS2419 Form
County Executive	7	McLaughlin, Steve			N/A	1/1/26 -12/31/28	7	No	19.30

; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That upon final passage of this resolution, the Clerk of the Legislature shall post this resolution on the website for thirty days and submit an affidavit of posting, along with a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the State Comptroller within forty-five days.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Yvesa Perreira  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Bayly, Hoffman, Fleming

Sent To: Budget & Finance

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/218/26

## RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MORTGAGE TAX

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Clerk has paid the Chief Fiscal Officer the sum of one million, nine hundred sixty thousand, five hundred nineteen dollars, and thirteen cents (\$1,960,519.13); and

**WHEREAS**, The sum represents the local share of mortgage tax collection for the period October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 pursuant to and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, The sum is due and owing to the cities, towns and villages of Rensselaer County in accordance with Section 261 of the Tax Law of the State of New York as follows:

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
Berlin	\$22,673.51
Brunswick	\$191,155.68
East Greenbush	\$227,890.43
Grafton	\$21,568.53
Hoosick	\$47,519.87
Village of Hoosick Falls	\$14,410.46
Nassau	\$45,083.05
*Village of Nassau	\$7,625.06
Village of East Nassau	\$4,494.28
North Greenbush	\$225,877.12
Petersburg	\$9,426.21
Pittstown	\$65,388.45
**Village of Valley Falls	\$1,691.50
Poestenkill	\$67,956.26
City of Rensselaer	\$110,604.30
Sand Lake	\$103,896.51
Schaghticoke	\$79,171.53
Village of Schaghticoke	\$3,619.19
**Village of Valley Falls	\$224.75
Schodack	\$194,094.95
Village of Castleton	\$7,317.41
*Village of Nassau	\$460.38
Stephentown	\$22,396.52
City of Troy	<u>\$485,973.17</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,960,519.13</b>

\* Village of Nassau Total \$8,085.44

\*\*Village of Valley Falls Total \$1,916.25

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Chief Fiscal Officer be and is hereby ordered and directed to pay such monies as set forth in the above apportionment schedule.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Jerena Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/219/26

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE RENSSELAER COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD - MENTAL HEALTH

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

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Section 41.11 of the Mental Hygiene Law of the State of New York, the following individual have been recommended for service on the Community Services Board; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the following individual is and hereby appointed, confirmed, and ratified in all respects to serve on the Rensselaer County Community Services Board for a term to begins and to ends as stated:

Name	Address	Term
Agnes Zink (N)	105 Hill Street, Troy, NY 12180	5/01/26-12/31/29

(R) Re-appointment  
(N) New member

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Veronica Messima  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Wysocki, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/220/26

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, The commemoration of Dairy Month was established in 1937 by grocer organizations as a way to distribute extra milk during the warm months. By 1939, June became the official dairy month; and

**WHEREAS**, According to the New York State Agriculture and Markets, the dairy industry is the largest single segment of New Yorks' agricultural industry; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State has nearly 3,200 dairy farms that produce 15.7 billion pounds of milk annually, making New York the nations fifth largest dairy state; and

**WHEREAS**, Beyond the farm gate, the dairy industry supports a vast network of local businesses, from processors and transporters to equipment dealers and veterinarians, ensuring the continued economic vitality of our rural landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, Everyone benefits from dairy products or by-products including the obvious nutritional foods such as milk, cream, cheese, butter and ice cream and the less obvious items like leather for shoes and belts, adhesives, cleaners, cosmetics and fertilizers to name just a few; and

**WHEREAS**, The fat in milk is very important in the development of the brain in young children, providing calcium and vitamin D which are essential to build strong bones; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body does hereby honor the important contributions of Dairy Farmers in Rensselaer County as we celebrate the eighty-ninth anniversary of National Dairy Month; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby distinguish the month of June in the year 2026 to be National Dairy Month in Rensselaer County.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Maloney, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/221/26

## A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month was originally launched by the American Motorcyclist Association in the early 1980's to highlight the need for increased vigilance on the road as riding season begins; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) designate May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage motorists to "Look Twice - Save A Life"; and

**WHEREAS**, This annual campaign reminds drivers of the need to respect and share the road, check blind spots, and practice increased vigilance at intersections to protect motorcyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, Motorcycles are a common and economical means of transportation for many citizens, and motorcycling is a popular form of recreation for thousands of people across our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, motorcycles in the U.S. travel almost 22 million miles. Unlike car drivers, motorcyclists don't have seat belts, airbags, or the relative safety of an enclosed vehicle. Besides helmets, nothing is protecting the riders should an accident happen. Motorcycle riders and their passengers are at a high risk of serious, sometimes critical injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, The safety of all motorists is a major concern, and it is especially important for drivers of cars and trucks to be aware of motorcycles, which are smaller and more difficult to see in traffic and at intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, Motorcyclists have the same rights and privileges as any other motor vehicle driver on the roadway, and all road users must work together to reduce the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Rensselaer County and urges all citizens to become more aware of the presence of motorcycles on our roads, to practice safety and courtesy when driving, and to join in this effort to keep our community safe for everyone.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/222/26

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a persons brain loses connection with the muscles, slowly taking away their ability to walk, talk, eat and eventually breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, Every 90 minutes someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, On average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS has no cure; and

**WHEREAS**, People who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

**WHEREAS**, Securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment and communication technologies are of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

**WHEREAS**, The ALS Association, as the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally, has committed over \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Our commitment to accelerating the pace of discovery remains unwavering, fueled by the hope that one day ALS will be a livable disease for everyone, everywhere, until we can cure it; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of people with ALS' dire circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has, not only on the person but on his or her family and the community, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this disease; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month and calls upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Casale, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

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Resolution No. P/223/26

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, National Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Month is a campaign supported by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that's triggered by a terrifying event - either experiencing it or witnessing it; and

**WHEREAS**, Widespread awareness can reduce associated stigma and help ensure individuals receive proper treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Men, women and children can experience PTSD and symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares and severe anxiety as well as uncontrollable thoughts about the event affecting a persons ability to work, perform day to day activities or relate to family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, An estimate of 10 percent of men and 19 percent women of serving in combat zones were diagnosed with PTSD. One reason PTSD may be more common in women is military sexual trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, PTSD can sometimes go unreported, undiagnosed, and untreated due to a lack of awareness, concerns about repercussions, and persistent stigma associated with this and other mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, PTSD significantly increases a person's risk for depression, suicide, drug and alcohol related disorders, as well as difficulties in maintaining interpersonal relationships and increased levels of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Perceived or actual symptoms of post traumatic stress create challenges unique to Veterans related to social situations, successfully reintegrating following deployment, and obtaining and maintaining employment; and

**WHEREAS**, The brave men and women of our military have made tremendous sacrifices and have taken great risk to protect our freedoms, and deserve our resources and support to ensure their safety, and their physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, In a personal context a set of Smart (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time Bound) Goals are designed to regain control over ones life:

**Establish Safety:** Practice grounding techniques, such as the "5-4-3-2-1" method, for 5 minutes daily to manage acute anxiety.

**Commit to Action:** Dedicate 15 minutes each evening to journaling to process emotions and identify triggers.

**Build a Routine:** Maintain a regular sleep schedule and engage in 30 minutes of physical activity at least three times a week to improve emotional regulation.

**Stay Connected:** Commit to attending a weekly support group or reaching out to a trusted friend to reduce isolation.

; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That Rensselaer County recognizes June 2026 as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month in Rensselaer County to help educate the community and bring awareness about issues related to PTSD, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD, and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive the treatment and attention they deserve; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to the Rensselaer County Heroes at Home Program.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Weaver, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/224/26

## A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE AS UTERINE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Uterine cancer is the most common gynecologic cancer in the United States and one of the few cancers with both rising incidence and mortality rates, particularly among women of color; and

**WHEREAS**, It is estimated that tens of thousands of individuals will be diagnosed with uterine cancer this year, and early detection remains the most critical factor in improving survival rates; and

**WHEREAS**, The color peach serves as the official symbol of uterine cancer awareness, representing the courage of survivors and the memory of those lost to the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2026 theme for Uterine Cancer Awareness Month is "Leap into Action" focuses on breaking down barriers to early detection, improving treatment access and accelerating open conversations; and

**WHEREAS**, Increased public awareness regarding symptoms—such as abnormal vaginal bleeding and risk factors—including genetics, obesity, and diabetes can empower individuals to seek medical care earlier; and

**WHEREAS**, The month of June is designated globally as Uterine Cancer Awareness Month to unite patients, advocates, and healthcare professionals in a common goal of education and advocacy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body does hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as Uterine Cancer Awareness Month in Rensselaer County and encourages all citizens to learn the signs and symptoms of Uterine Cancer and help spread awareness throughout the community.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/225/26

## RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth - also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day - is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it is now celebrated annually on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June throughout the United States, with varying official recognition. It is commemorated on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865 announcement by Union Army General Gordon Granger, proclaiming freedom from slavery in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Early celebrations involved church centered community gatherings, which spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s. When the Great Depression forced many Black people off their farms and into cities to find work, African Americans had difficulty taking the day off to celebrate. During the 1950s and 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement focused its attention on expanding freedom and integration for African Americans, and as a result Juneteenth celebrations dwindled again; and

**WHEREAS**, In the late 1970s the Texas Legislature declared Juneteenth a "holiday of significance (...) particularly for the Blacks of Texas," and Texas became the first state to establish Juneteenth as a state holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, In the meantime all 50 States and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth as a holiday or day of observance, with 31 States designating Juneteenth a permanent paid legal holiday through legislation or executive order; and

**WHEREAS**, The Juneteenth holiday is considered the "longest-running African-American holiday" and has been called "America's Second Independence Day". Juneteenth is usually celebrated on the third Saturday in June. Historian Mitch Kachun considers the end of slavery celebrations to have three goals: "to celebrate, to educate, and to agitate." The modern holiday places much emphasis on teaching about African-American heritage and instills a sense of heritage and pride in Black youth; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2020 New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an Executive Order and declared Juneteenth as a holiday for state employees; and

**WHEREAS,** On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act (P.L.117-71) into law, which designates June 19 as a federal holiday; and

**WHEREAS,** Rensselaer County is proud of its history and being at the forefront in supporting, honoring and celebrating civil rights and freedoms; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Legislature is in support of the Juneteenth holiday and recognizes June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth Day in Rensselaer County.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Grant, Casale, Rogers

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/226/26

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026 AS PRIDE MONTH IN RENSSELAER COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, June 28, 2026 marks the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, when patrons of New York City's Stonewall Inn resisted police harassment and brutality, resulting in six nights of protests and serving as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, On the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, thousands of people marched in the streets of Manhattan from the Stonewall Inn to Central Park in what was then called "Christopher Street Liberation Day", becoming America's first gay pride parade; and

**WHEREAS**, The decades since have been a time of both struggle and celebration for the LGBTQ+ community. Despite increased support and acceptance, young LGBTQ+ people still face many challenges. Without accepting families, they are 140 percent more likely to experience homelessness and nearly five times more likely to attempt suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of bullying and discrimination, many LGBTQ+ middle and high school students avoid school activities or miss school entirely, which affects their academic success and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes the urgency of its charge to foster a responsive, caring, and inclusive culture where all feel valued, supported, and hopeful; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County has a richly diverse LGBTQ+ community that includes people from all walks of life who should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, or violence; and

**WHEREAS**, The struggle for acceptance, simple human dignity, and equality under the law for LGBTQ+ people is evidenced by the dedicated advocates and allies who endeavor to create a more inclusive society; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the LGBTQ+ community have made important and lasting contributions to Rensselaer County, to our great State, and to our Nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month celebrates the positive contributions that members of the LGBTQ+ community have made to the world and to our collective struggles against prejudice and discrimination; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby proclaim June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Rensselaer County and urges all to respect and honor our diverse community, and to build a culture of inclusivity and equity, not only during LGBTQ+ Pride Month, but also throughout the entire year.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/227/26

## RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES WALSH FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073 AS EXALTED RULER

**WHEREAS**, As it is the sense of our unique society to recognize the contributions and achievements of the citizens of Rensselaer County, this Legislative Body acknowledges with profound respect and admiration, an individual who has shown distinctive personal achievements in their professional career other endeavors or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with our longstanding traditions, it is the intent of the Rensselaer County Legislature to convey its compliments to James Walsh; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 has over 900 members and focuses on aiding the less fortunate, building a stronger community, supporting our troops and veterans, promoting youth activities and scholarships and inspiring patriotism, Americanism and respect for the United States flag; and

**WHEREAS**, The Exalted Ruler is the President and Executive Officer of the Lodge responsible for overseeing all lodge activities, ensuring they align with the Elks mission and values; and

**WHEREAS**, James Walsh served with distinction as the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 Exalted Ruler; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim is deserving of the accolades of all members for the successful why in which he handled his duties during his time as Exalted Ruler; and

**WHEREAS**, The work that was accomplished is a tribute to Jim's leadership and effort; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body most joyously commends James Walsh for his dedicated service to the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to past Exalted Ruler James Walsh.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/228/26

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING GERALD J. WENDEL UPON BEING INSTALLED AS THE RENSSELAER ELKS LODGE #2073 NEW EXALTED RULER

**WHEREAS,** As it is the sense of our unique society to recognize the contributions and achievements of the citizens of Rensselaer County, this Legislative Body acknowledges with profound respect and admiration, an individual who has shown distinctive personal achievements in their professional career other endeavors or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with our longstanding traditions, it is the intent of the Rensselaer County Legislature to convey its compliments and congratulations to Gerald Wendel; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 has over 900 members and focuses on aiding the less fortunate and building a stronger community, supporting our troops and veterans, promoting youth activities and scholarships and inspiring patriotism, Americanism and respect for the United States flag; and

**WHEREAS,** Jerry Wendel, a longtime East Greenbush resident, has been installed as the new Exalted Ruler of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073; and

**WHEREAS,** The Exalted Ruler is the President and Executive Officer of the Lodge responsible for overseeing all lodge activities, ensuring they align with the Elks mission and values; and

**WHEREAS,** Jerry has been a valued member of the Lodge having served as a Loyal Knight, the key officer assisting the Exalted Ruler; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body most joyously commends Jerry Wendel upon being installed as the new Exalted Ruler of the Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073; and

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Exalted Ruler Gerald Wendel.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

May 12, 2026

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Sabo, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

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Resolution No. P/229/26

## RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CONGREGATION BERITH SHOLOM RABBI DEBORA GORDON UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**WHEREAS**, Consistent with the duty of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals and institutions who have contributed to the vitality of Rensselaer County, we recognize with profound respect and admiration an important figure in the history of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its longstanding traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to convey its compliments and felicitations to longtime Congregation Berith Sholom Rabbi Debora Gordon upon the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Deborah Gordon was raised in the Midwest in a family where Judaism was deeply embedded. She inherited a deep appreciation and tradition of Jewish music from her paternal grandfather, also a rabbi, and a love of Torah (the Jewish bible) stories from her maternal grandfather; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Gordon was ordained at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in 1997 and came directly to Congregation Berith Sholom, where she has now served for over 29 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Congregation Berith Sholom is a progressive Reform congregation; a warm, open, caring and diverse community, welcoming traditional and non-traditional families to worship, learn and share acts of loving kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, Congregation Berith Sholom has a long and proud history. After the Civil War, "men of full age" gathered in their homes to worship. In 1870 they purchased land and built their congregation at their present site on Third and Division Street in Troy, NY. It is currently the oldest New York State synagogue building still in continuous use; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Rabbi Gordon's leadership, Berith Sholom developed a choir and a liturgy combining centuries old musical classics with modern compositions from Jewish communities around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Gordon has provided outstanding Jewish leadership for both Congregation Berith Sholom and to the Capital District's Jewish community as a whole for 30 years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and most joyously commends Rabbi Debora Gordon upon the occasion of her retirement; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, to Rabbi Debora Gordon.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

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Resolution No. P/230/26

## RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF THE HONORABLE JAMES BRIAN CANFIELD

**WHEREAS**, It is customary for this Legislative Body to pay honor and respect to persons who have had a great impact and influence on the citizens of this county during their lifetime. We remember with deep respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example enriched the lives of their family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to express sincerest sorrow upon the death of James Brian Canfield, which occurred on Monday, the Thirteenth day of April, of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected and admired by all, it is the collective sense of this Legislature that the life of James Brian Canfield be memorialized and eulogized; and

**WHEREAS**, James Canfield was born in Utica, NY on August 11, 1940 to Frank and Catherine Murnaghan Canfield. Shortly after his birth, the family returned to their hometown of Troy, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1958, Siena College in 1962, and Albany Law School in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon his graduation from Albany Law School, Jim began his legal career as Assistant District Attorney for Rensselaer County before entering into private practice in downtown Troy, where he practiced law for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1985 Jim won the election for Rensselaer County District Attorney, a position he held for six years, before winning his election to the New York State Supreme Court in 1991, where he served with distinction for 14 years before retiring in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim was an avid traveler exploring many countries and continents, but his favorite destination was always Ireland, where he held deep family roots and connections; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim was an avid sports fan and loyal supporter of the New York Giants as a 30-year long season ticket holder; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim is survived by his daughter Catherine Canfield Calomeni and her husband, Chris; his granddaughters, Casey Wilson and her husband, Brian, and Kayla Elise Browder and her husband, Coleman; his great-granddaughter, Nina Wilson; his brother, Robert F. Canfield and his wife, Alice Lee Walukas Canfield; his nephew, Matthew P. Canfield and his wife, Lauren Marcus Canfield; and his grandnieces and nephew, Taylor, Shea, and Hayden Canfield; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as by our community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the members of the Rensselaer County Legislature adjourn this meeting in memory of the Honorable James Brian Canfield, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to this community will live on to serve as a legacy to all; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed, to the family of the Honorable James Brian Canfield.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Rutecki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/231/26

## RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF KEITH D. WHEELER

**WHEREAS**, It is customary for this Legislative Body to pay honor and respect to persons who have had a great impact and influence on the citizens of this county during their lifetime. We remember with deep respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example enriched the lives of their family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to express sincerest sorrow upon the death of Keith D. Wheeler, which occurred on Sunday, the Nineteenth day of April, of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected and admired by all, it is the collective sense of this Legislature that the life of Keith Wheeler be memorialized and eulogized; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith was born in Albany, New York on April 15, 1960 to the late Kenneth Wheeler and Gwendolyn (Winnie) Wheeler; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith was raised in in the City of Rensselaer, attended Rensselaer High School, and started his career with the Rensselaer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith was a dedicated firefighter from 1986 - 2008, retiring after 22 years of service. He was a member of James Hill Hook and Ladder, Chemical Hose #4, Rensselaer Volunteer Ambulance, International Association of Firefighters, NY State Professional Firefighters and Rensselaer Professional Firefighters #L2643 as Union President and Treasurer. As SCBA Maintenance Guy, Keith established this position and the current system they use today; and

**WHEREAS**, After his retirement as a firefighter, Keith began his Amtrak Railroad career as a Ticket Agent, a position he held from 2008 until 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith was also a Maplewood Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Certified from October 2017-2020 and 2022-2024; and

**WHEREAS,** Keith loved spending his free time with his wife vacationing, cruising, and attending country music concerts. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Longhorns, Boston Bruins and Red Sox and proudly wore his teams' t-shirts; and

**WHEREAS,** Keith is survived by his wife Sandra; his daughters, Christa (John) Murray and Lauren (Andrew) Gould; and sons, Bryan and Tommy E; his grandchildren, Camden, Cora, Liam, Ava, Alexander, and Thomas; and

**WHEREAS,** Keith will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as by our community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the members of the Rensselaer County Legislature adjourn this meeting in memory of Keith D. Wheeler, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to this community will live on to serve as a legacy to all; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed, to the family of Keith D. Wheeler.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Sabo, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

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Resolution No. P/232/26

## RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE MAY 12, 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING IN MEMORY OF JAMES "JIM" FLANIGAN

**WHEREAS**, It is customary for this Legislative Body to pay honor and respect to persons who have had a great impact and influence on the citizens of this county during their lifetime. We remember with deep respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example enriched the lives of their family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to express sincerest sorrow upon the death of James "Jim" Flanigan, which occurred on Monday, the Thirteenth day of April, of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected and admired by all, it is the collective sense of this Legislature that the life of James Flanigan be memorialized and eulogized; and

**WHEREAS**, James Flanigan was born in Troy, NY on July 10, 1944 to the late Harry Flanigan, Sr. and Alice Barrows Flanigan; and

**WHEREAS**, After moving from South Troy to Wynantskill at the age of five, Jim attended Wynantskill School and graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1962. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in Educational Psychology and Statistics from the University of Albany; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim had a huge array of accomplishments, he taught mathematics at Colonie Central High School and psychology at Schenectady County Community College, followed by a 30-year career as the Executive Director of the Rensselaer County Chapter ARC; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim also served for 24 years as a member of the North Greenbush Town Board, first as Councilman and later as Town Supervisor. He was a 35-year long member of the North Greenbush Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and played a major role in the development of the Rensselaer Technology Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim's contribution to the Town of North Greenbush transformed the lives of its residents and businesses. He spearheaded the proliferation of water and sewer utilities, the development of appropriate recreational facilities and activities for youth, including Classie Lassies, and lead the earliest push for aesthetically suitable commercial development standards on Main Avenue and North Greenbush Road; and

**WHEREAS,** After his retirement Jim participated in a writing group at the Sand Lake Library and published four books: "*Up from Second Street*", "*The Great 2020 Paper Chase*", "*People, Places, and Politics*" and "*One Block from Main Avenue*"; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim was also an avid sports fan and enjoyed the horse track, baseball - especially the Boston Red Sox and the New York Giants and watching his grandson's soccer and basketball competitions; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim is survived by his wife Marilyn of 58 years; his daughters Theresa and Lisa; and grandsons Aidan, Jack and James; and two step grandsons Riley and Cole; his brothers Harry (Cathy) and Ed (Barbara); and eight nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Vince (Johanna), nephew Shawn and niece Colleen; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as by our community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the members of the Rensselaer County Legislature adjourn this meeting in memory of James Flanigan, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to this community will live on to serve as a legacy to all; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed, to the family of James Flanigan.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Weaver, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

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Resolution No. P/233/26

## RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF CARMINO "CARM" N. BASILE

**WHEREAS**, It is customary for this Legislative Body to pay honor and respect to persons who have had a great impact and influence on the citizens of this county during their lifetime. We remember with deep respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example enriched the lives of their family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to express sincerest sorrow upon the death of Carmino "Carm" Basile, which occurred on Thursday, the Twenty-third Day of April, of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected and admired by all, it is the collective sense of this Legislature that the life of Carmino "Carm" Basile be memorialized and eulogized; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on January 31, 1957 to Pasquale and Gaetana (Santaniello) Basile; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm attended Cathedral High School and Worcester State University, where he earned a degree in Urban Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm's life was defined by service, generosity, and an unwavering devotion to the people he loved. Much of his life was dedicated to public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm recently retired from the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) after 43 years of working for the company and 15 years in the capacity as their CEO. In 1981 he started his career as Transportation Planner, being promoted several times, accepting more and more responsibility, until being named CEO in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm was an essential force in creating a transformative partnership with Capital District Physicians Health Plan (CDPHP) and launched "CDPHP Cycle!" A bike-sharing program, celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2026. This program connects our Capital Region communities, by providing a flexible, sustainable option of transportation, and improve the quality of life for our residents. To date 600 bikes are available at more than 120 stations across the Capital Region and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Other innovations include bringing electric buses online, creating three Bus Rapid Transit lines and launching the electric car share program called DRIVE, as well as a micro-transit service called FLEX. All these programs were unique to CDTA and became instrumental in transforming CDTA from a bus company to a regional mobility manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm also provided bus service within the City of Troy to Grafton Lakes State Park, therefore creating opportunities for our children and families in the Troy community to access one of Rensselaer County's gems; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm was a tireless advocate for the State Mass Transportation Operating Assistance Program (STOA), which provides financial support and assistance from the State's General Fund to local communities, based on ridership numbers and vehicles miles traveled; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm is survived by his wife Sheila; his mother, Gaetana Basile; his two sons Daniel (Merritt) and Stephen (Emily); his grand-daughter Evelyn; his siblings Diana Izzo, Antonio Basile, Mario Basile (Maddie), Lisa Nettis (John), Donald Shea, Robert (Maureen) Shea, Mary Lou (Thomas) Crowley, Daniel (Susan) Shea, Philip (Karen) Shea and Martha (Cornelius) Crowley. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm was a quintessential family man, who loved his family and friends. He had the gift of making you feel like you were the most important person in the room. He was authentic, nurturing and always there for anyone in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Carm will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as by our community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the members of the Rensselaer County Legislature adjourn this meeting in memory of Carmino "Carm" Basile, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to this community will live on to serve as a legacy to all; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed, to the family of Carmino "Carm" Basile.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski, Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

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Resolution No. P/234/26

## RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE MAY 12, 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MEETING IN MEMORY OF OWEN GOLDFARB

**WHEREAS**, It is customary for this Legislative Body to pay honor and respect to persons who have had a great impact and influence on the citizens of this county during their lifetime. We remember with deep respect and admiration the life of an individual whose singular example enriched the lives of their family, friends, and fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Attendant to such duty and fully in accord with its long-standing tradition, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to express sincerest sorrow upon the death of Owen Goldfarb, which occurred on Friday, the Third day of April, of the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS**, Respected and admired by all, it is the collective sense of this Legislature that the life of Owen Goldfarb be memorialized and eulogized; and

**WHEREAS**, Owen Goldfarb was born in Seattle, Washington and grew up in Long Island before settling in Troy, New York to study engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, Owen became the Rensselaer County Budget Director under then County Treasurer Ned Pattison. Upon Ned Pattison's election to Congress in 1974, Owen followed him and became Assistant Director of Planning and Budget at the United States House Information Services; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1980, Owen took a position in the private sector and moved to Palo Alto, California, where he was responsible for building business relations with China, South America and Europe for Stanford Research Institute International; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1994, back in Rensselaer County, Owen worked for Governor Mario Cuomo for the State Science and Technology Foundation, while continuing his international business affairs and traveling the world for different projects, from US-AID funded projects in Turkmenistan and Bosnia, to rebuilding war-torn Afghanistan during the 2000s; and

**WHEREAS,** When Mark Pattison was elected in 1995 as the first full-time mayor in three decades, and the City of Troy was facing a fiscal disaster, Owen joined the administration as Financial Consultant and within four years, he re-balanced the city's spending plan, increased Troy's bond rating and renegotiated the mortgage for City Hall. He had an uncanny gift for math and money and was able to fix a multimillion-dollar deficit; and

**WHEREAS,** Owen is survived by his wife, Priscilla Fairbank and his three children; Alice, William and Grace; and

**WHEREAS,** Owen was an outstanding individual, whose many talents took him from the halls of Congress, to work in many countries, to helping restore fiscal soundness to Troy. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, as well as by our community as a whole; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the members of the Rensselaer County Legislature adjourn this meeting in memory of Owen Goldfarb, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, fully confident that his contributions to this community will live on to serve as a legacy to all; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed, to the family of Owen Goldfarb.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Casale, Hoffman, Bayly, Loveridge, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki, Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/235/26

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S.6707 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.4847 TO ELIMINATE SERVICE FEES FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO VETERANS

**WHEREAS**, The men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces have demonstrated extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and dedication in defense of our nation and the freedoms we hold dear; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of New York offers distinctive license plates to veterans to recognize their honorable service and to allow them to display their pride in military service; and

**WHEREAS**, These distinctive license plates serve as a visible tribute to the service and sacrifice of veterans and promote public awareness and appreciation of their contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, Current law imposes additional service fees on veterans who wish to obtain and maintain these distinctive license plates; and

**WHEREAS**, Such service fees create an unnecessary financial burden on veterans, many of whom are living on fixed incomes or face financial challenges following their service; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Senate Bill S.6707 and Assembly Bill A.4847 seek to eliminate service fees associated with distinctive license plates issued to veterans, thereby ensuring that recognition of their service is not conditioned upon their ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Removing these fees would be a meaningful gesture of gratitude and respect, ensuring that all eligible veterans have equal access to this recognition without financial hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature has long demonstrated its commitment to honoring and supporting veterans through programs such as the "Honor a Deceased Veteran" ceremonies and other initiatives recognizing military service; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby supports New York State Senate Bill S.6707 and Assembly Bill A.4847, which would eliminate service fees for distinctive license plates issued to veterans; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Wysocki

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/236/26

**RESOLUTION URGING AN AMENDMENT TO NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.6543 AND SENATE BILL S.5684 TO EXPAND THE NEW YORK BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL AND OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN THE BOTTLE DEPOSIT FEE**

**WHEREAS**, We all share a responsibility for keeping our communities clean and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, This year marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Bottle Bill. Signed into law by then-Governor Hugh Carey, it is New York's most effective recycling and litter reduction program; and

**WHEREAS**, The original Bottle Bill covered beer and soda containers only; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bottle Bill was updated in 2009 to include bottled water among the list of returnable containers; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684 seeks to further expand the list of returnable containers to include containers such as sports drinks, non-carbonated drinks, juices, teas, wine and spirits; and

**WHEREAS**, The expansion would allow a large number of containers that are currently sent to landfills to be recycled at redemption centers, as many landfills are approaching full capacity; recycling these containers would reduce the amount of trash going to those facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, This legislation would cut collection, sorting and disposal costs, and save local governments millions of dollars a year; and

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of bottle redemption centers in the state have closed, because they weren't able to sustain the operation of their business. While adjustments to the handling fee may be warranted to support these businesses, the proposed 10 cent deposit fee would increase upfront costs to consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684 seeks to increase the deposit fee for returnable containers from 5 cents to 10 cents, which has been stagnant since 1983; however, such an increase would place an additional financial burden on consumers, particularly during a time of rising costs; and while higher deposits may encourage returns, the Rensselaer County Legislature finds that doubling the deposit is not warranted; and

**WHEREAS,** The deposit is not a tax, as opponents like to suggest, as the deposit is returned by voluntarily bringing the containers back to the redemption center. It also helps informal recycling collectors who rely on deposit fees for their income, however, the initial out-of-pocket cost may still present a hardship for many residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Over its 40+ year history, New York's Bottle Bill has had a tremendous and positive impact on the environment, reducing roadside container litter by 70% and removing billions of cans and bottles from the waste stream; and

**WHEREAS,** States with bottle deposit laws have better recycling rates than non-deposit states. According to the Container Recycling Institute, states with bottle deposit laws have a beverage container recycling rate of 65%, while non-deposit states only reach about 24%; and

**WHEREAS,** Modernizing the Bottle Bill will reduce litter, increase recycling rates, reduce carbon emissions, and bring jobs to New York State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Rensselaer County Legislature supports the expansion of returnable containers as proposed by New York State Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684 and expressly opposes the provision increasing the deposit fee from 5 cents to 10 cents; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, NYS Senators Rachel May and Jake Ashby, NYS Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, NYS Assemblymen John McDonald and Scott Bendett, as well as New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

**A motion to Amend P/236/26 was made by Mark Fleming, with a second by Nina Nichols, to amend the resolution as attached.**

**Motion to Amend DEFEATED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7  
**Nays:** 9 (Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Grant, Patire, Wysocki)  
**Abstain:** 0

**Resolution DEFEATED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9  
**Nays:** 7 (Fleming, Nichols, Ashley, Galuski, Rutecki, Sabo, Weaver, Zalewski)

**Abstain:** 0  
**May 12, 2026**

**MINORITY OFFICE AMENDMENTS: to P/236/26**

**Minority Title:**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.6543 AND SENATE BILL S.5684 TO EXPAND THE NEW YORK BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL

**Majority Title:**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A.6543 AND SENATE BILL S.5684 TO EXPAND THE NEW YORK BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL AND OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN THE BOTTLE BILL FEE

**Minority:**

8<sup>th</sup> -- **WHEREAS**, Hundreds of bottle redemption centers in the state have closed, because they weren't able to sustain the operation of their business. The 10 cents deposit fee would boost their revenue by gradually increasing their handling fee to 6.5 cents, which has stayed at 3.5 cents per container; and

**Majority:**

8<sup>th</sup> - **WHEREAS**: Hundreds of bottle redemption centers in the state have closed, because they weren't able to sustain the operation of their business. While adjustments to the handling fee may be warranted to support these businesses, the proposed 10 cent deposit fee would increase upfront costs to consumers; and

**Minority:**

9<sup>th</sup> -- **WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684 seeks to increase the deposit fee for returnable containers from 5 cents to 10 cents, which has been stagnant since 1983; and which will further encourage consumers to return and recycle these containers; and

**Majority:**

9<sup>th</sup> -- **WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684 seeks to increase the deposit fee for returnable containers from 5 cents to 10 cents, which has been stagnant since 1983; however such an increase would place an additional financial burden on consumers, particularly during a timing of rising costs; and while higher deposits may encourage returns, the Rensselaer County Legislature finds that doubling the deposit is not warranted; and

**Minority:**

10<sup>th</sup> -- **WHEREAS** - Remove completely.

**Minority:**

12<sup>th</sup> - **WHEREAS**, States with bottle deposit laws have better recycling rates than non-deposit states. According to the Container Recycling Institute, states with bottle deposit laws have a beverage container recycling rate of 65%, while non-deposit states only reach about 24%. Increasing the bottle deposit to 10 cents has shown a redemption rate of 90%; and

**Majority:**

12<sup>th</sup> - **WHEREAS**, States with bottle deposit laws have better recycling rates than non-deposit states. According to the Container Recycling Institute, states with bottle deposit laws have a beverage container recycling rate of 65%, while non-deposit states only reach about 24%; and

**Minority:**

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature supports New York State Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684; and, be it further

**Majority:**

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature supports New York State Assembly Bill A.6543 and Senate Bill S.5684; and expressly opposes the provision increasing the deposit fee from 5 cents to 10 cents; and, be it further

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/237/26

## RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT AS TYPE II ACTION NOT SUBJECT TO SEQR REVIEW - BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES

**WHEREAS**, The County of Rensselaer (the "County") desires to undertake building, energy performance and related improvements for certain County facilities, including the Hoosick Falls Senior Center, Schodack Senior Center, Schodack Storage Facility, and Fire Training Tower, including, but not limited to, installation of a new AC unit, plumbing, electrical upgrades, and interior upgrades including doors and frames, along with exterior upgrades including security access (collectively the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended, (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended, (the "Regulations"), the County desires to comply with the SEQR Act and the Regulations with respect to the Project; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Project and expenditures therefor constitute a "Type II Action" as defined in Regulation 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(29) and no further action under the SEQR Act and the Regulations is required.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 16

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Maura Messina  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

Disapproved   
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

Alan M. Hoff  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. G/238/26

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED AMENDMENT TO ENERGY  
PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC. -  
BUREAU OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, Article 9 of the New York Energy Law (the "Act") authorizes municipalities and school districts to enter into contracts ("Energy Performance Contracts") for the provision of energy services, including but not limited to, electricity, heating, ventilation, cooling, steam or hot water, in which a person agrees to install, maintain, or manage energy systems or equipment to improve the energy efficiency of, or produce energy in connection with, a building or facility in exchange for a portion of the energy savings or revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County (the "County") issued a Request for Proposals (RFP-13-37) for a performance-based energy savings and operations plan for various county facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Based on the evaluation of the proposals, Siemens Industry, Inc. ("Siemens Industry") was selected to develop and implement a performance-based energy savings and operations plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Siemens Industry has provided or will provide the County with certain energy performance and related facility improvement measures for certain County facilities, including the Hoosick Falls Senior Center, Schodack Senior Center, Schodack Storage Facility, and Fire Training Center, including installation of a new AC unit, plumbing, electrical upgrades, and interior upgrades including doors and frames, along with exterior upgrades including security access ("Work"); and

**WHEREAS**, The County seeks to authorize the negotiation, execution and delivery of the Second Amended and Restated Amendment No. 11 to Performance Contracting Agreement with Siemens Industry, in the additional not to exceed of \$614,701.00 ("Second Amended and Restated Amendment No. 11"); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the County Legislature of Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with Section 9-103 of the Act, the County is hereby authorized to enter into, in the form subject to the approval of the County Attorney, a Second Amended and Restated Amendment No. 11 with Siemens Industry with respect to the Work related to County facilities.

Section 2. The Chief Fiscal Officer, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the County, is hereby authorized to negotiate and deliver on behalf of the County a Second Amended and Restated Amendment No. 11 and all other certificates or instruments required in connection therewith, provided, however, that all amounts payable by the County shall be subject to annual appropriation of such payments by the County Legislature. The power to prescribe the terms, forms and covenants of the Second Amended and Restated Amendment No. 11 and all other certificates or instruments required in connection therewith is hereby delegated to the Fiscal Officer, as Chief Fiscal Officer.

Section 3. This Resolution is not subject to a mandatory or permissive referendum.

Section 4. The County hereby determines that the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder have previously been satisfied with respect to the expenditures authorized by this Resolution.

Section 5. All acts previously taken by the County with respect to the execution and delivery of the Second Amended and Restated Amendment No. 11 are hereby further authorized, with the assistance of, and subject to the approval of the County Attorney, ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 16**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**May 12, 2026**

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive May 13, 2026

Received from County Executive May 19, 2026

Cherese Merriman  
Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved  Date 5/19/26

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

[Signature]  
County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules

Committee

Date May 12, 2026

Resolution No. P/239/26

## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO REVIEW ENERGY PERFORMANCE PROJECTS AND OTHER COUNTY PROJECTS EXPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring transparency, accountability, and fiscal stewardship in the expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, The County regularly undertakes capital projects, including but not limited to Energy Performance Contracts and other large-scale initiatives, which involve significant public investment and long-term financial obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, The complexity and scope of such projects warrant enhanced legislative review, oversight, and evaluation to ensure that all proposals are in the best interest of Rensselaer County taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the Rules of the Rensselaer County Legislature, the Legislature has the authority to establish special committees as it may deem necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, The creation of a Special Project Review Committee will provide a focused and structured forum for the review, analysis, and discussion of such projects subject to legislative action; and

**WHEREAS**, Such a committee will strengthen communication between the Legislature, County departments, and external partners, and promote informed decision-making; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby establishes a Special Project Review Committee (the "Committee") for the purpose of reviewing Energy Performance Projects and any other County projects that expend public funds; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Committee shall consist of members of the Rensselaer County Legislature, to be appointed by the Chair of the Legislature, and shall include representation from both Majority and Minority caucuses; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Chair of the Legislature shall designate a Chair of the Committee, who shall be responsible for convening meetings and coordinating the work of the Committee; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Committee is directed and authorized to review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding proposed Energy Performance Contracts, capital projects, infrastructure investments, and any other initiatives involving the expenditure of County funds, including but not limited to reviewing financial terms, change orders, projected savings, procurement methods, and long-term impacts *prior to* submission of such matters to the Legislature for review and approval; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That County department heads, staff, consultants, and vendors involved in such projects shall, upon request, appear before the Committee to provide information, answer questions, and assist in the Committee's review; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the full Legislature, and may issue written reports as it deems appropriate; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this Committee shall remain in effect until such time as it is dissolved by resolution of the Legislature, or until its work is deemed complete by the Chairwoman; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following ROLL CALL vote:**

**Ayes: 16**  
**Nays: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**  
**May 12, 2026**