

**RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Legislature called to order by Chairwoman Hoffman at:

Roll Call: Present:

Absent:

Invocation: Mr. Grant

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mr. Fleming

On motion of Mr. Herrington, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025 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:

ADJOURNMENT:

"Say NO to Drugs"

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

RESOLUTION	TITLE
G/266/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION FOR THE HEARTSAVER DIRECT TRAINING PROGRAM - VAN RENSSELAER MANOR
G/267/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR REGIONAL BUSINESS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UNDER THE CAPITAL REGION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
G/268/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE PLANS WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR CARE COORDINATORS AND ON CALL STAFF - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
G/269/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
G/270/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDED AGREEMENTS AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
G/271/25	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE
G/272/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF 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 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION
G/273/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAMBOLL AMERICAS ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR DYKEN POND DAM, TOWNS OF BERLIN AND GRAFTON - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
G/274/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
G/275/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION -

	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
G/276/25	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
G/277/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CR 36 (PARK AVENUE) BRIDGE OVER THE LITTLE HOOSIC RIVER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
G/278/258	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
G/279/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
G/280/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO ISSUE IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE SURPLUS FUNDS TO PRIOR OWNER - COUNTY ATTORNEY
G/281/25	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY
G/282/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF BUDGET FOR RAISE THE AGE AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION, RENSSELAER COUNTY JAIL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES
G/283/25	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DISTRICT ATTORNEY
G/284/25	RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGETS - PUBLIC DEFENDER, CONFLICT DEFENDER AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
G/285/25	RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS SANTANDERA AS RENSSELAER COUNTY CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER - COUNTY EXECUTIVE
G/286/25	RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD CLAUS AS RENSSELAER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR - COUNTY EXECUTIVE
G/287/25	RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

P/288/25	RESOLUTION COMMENDING HERRINGTON FARMS FOR HAVING THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN FORAGE PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE 2025 EDITION OF THE MILKWEED
P/289/25	RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CITY OF RENSSELAER ON RECEIVING A BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA DESIGNATION AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE BROWNFIELDS AND THE HUDSON RIVERFRONT
P/290/25	A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARK MANN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
P/291/25	RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE RENSSELAER COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
P/292/25	RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUNNYSIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
P/293/25	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH
P/294/25	RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO REVERSE HER DECISION TO ALLOCATE \$50 MILLION IN TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR LEGAL EXPENSES OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY
P/295/25	RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC MARTIN DUNHAM RESERVOIR AND DAM IN GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/266/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
FOR THE HEARTSAVER DIRECT TRAINING PROGRAM -
VAN RENSSELAER MANOR**

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

WHEREAS, The Van Rensselaer Manor ("VRM") is required to provide annual CPR/AED training to all of its Nursing staff; and

WHEREAS, In order to safely comply with this mandate, VRM seeks to transition to an online training approach; and

WHEREAS, VRM is seeking Legislative authorization to enter into an agreement with the American Heart Association ("AHA"), 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231 for the Heartsaver Direct Training Program for the period of April 28, 2025 through May 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The AHA, through their Heartsaver Direct Training Program, provides digital courses and Skills Testing Stations for emergency cardiovascular care and health and safety training including online CPR/AED training services; and

WHEREAS, The agreement will provide access to staff for the Heartsaver Direct CPR/AED Training Program including program fees, training stations and maintenance supplies at a cost of \$15,030.00; and

WHEREAS, VRM will utilize funds available within the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code EH.06012.91; and

WHEREAS, The start and end dates 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 budgetary 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>
CPR/AED Online Training 04/28/2025 - 05/28/2027	American Heart Association 7272 Greenville Avenue Dallas, TX 75231-5129	EH.06012.91	\$15,030.00

; now, therefore, be it

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

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Wysocki, Patire, Zalewski

Sent To: Personnel

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/267/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR
REGIONAL BUSINESS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UNDER THE
CAPITAL REGION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD -
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

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

WHEREAS, The Department of Employment and Training ("Department") as the Grant Recipient for the Capital Region Workforce Development Board, is required under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide business workforce development services to area employers; and

WHEREAS, Business workforce development services include, but are not limited to, performing a variety of attraction, placement, retention, and training services for businesses located in the Capital Region focusing on design and development of program services that will be effective in working with employers and job seekers, including specific target populations; and

WHEREAS, The Department is seeking Legislative authorization to enter into an agreement with the Center for Economic Growth, 5 Computer Drive S, Albany, New York 12205 to provide these coordinated services to serve businesses with their workforce development needs for the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The amount required to fund the program are entirely Federal monies; and

WHEREAS, The start and end dates of such agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgetary 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>
Business Workforce Development Services (07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026)	Center for Economic Growth (CEG) 5 Computer Drive S Albany, NY 12205	CD.6291.04900	\$ 112,000.00

; 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 described agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/268/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE PLANS
WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR CARE COORDINATORS AND ON CALL STAFF -
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

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

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health ("Department") is provided with an appropriation for cellular telephone service plans to maintain communication and enhance safety between the care coordinators, on call and satellite staff with other State agencies, etc. while assisting with patient treatment and care coordination; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to utilize the New York State Office of General Services contract award number 23100 Telecommunication Connectivity Services, contract PS68692 Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for the purchase of thirty-seven (37) monthly cellular telephones plans; 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 is as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cellular Telephone Plans (Quantity 37)	Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless One Verizon Way Basking Ridge, NJ 07920	A.4320.04300 A.4321.04300 A.4323.04300 A.4325.04300	\$ 5,321.65 \$17,960.58 \$ 665.21 \$ 665.21
		TOTAL	\$24,612.65

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or the Director of the Bureau of Central Services, is authorized to sign purchase orders for the above described purchase.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/269/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health ("Department") has been awarded a grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health ("OMH") for the OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program ("OMH CMHLRP") in the amount of \$26,250.00 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028, to be paid in three annual installments of \$8,750; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the grant is to support licensed community mental health programs in the recruitment and retention of Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to amend its budget in order to accept said grant award from OMH and to expend the funds during the term of the grant to the award recipient, employee Kelley Elizabeth Nash, NP; and

WHEREAS, The start and end dates of such agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended of the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the award recipient is as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION/ DATES</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
OMH CMHLRP - Tuition Loan Repayment Award 1/1/2025-12/31/2028	Kelley Elizabeth Nash RCDMH, 1600 7 th Ave Troy NY 12180	A.4320.04500	\$26,250.00

; 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 described agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

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

2025 REVENUE

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
NYS OMH General Grant Revenue	A.4320.34910	\$0.00	\$26,250.00	\$26,250.00

2025 APPROPRIATIONS

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Special Departmental Supplies	A.4320.04500	\$46,072.00	\$26,250.00	\$72,322.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/270/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDED AGREEMENTS AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health (“Department”) acts as a conduit for monies from New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Services (“OASAS”) and various service providers operating in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Department received notice from OASAS of an additional 2.6% Targeted Inflation Increase (“TII”) for the 2025-26 period which will be applied to certain State Aid crisis, inpatient, residential, outpatient, gambling, prevention, recovery, and treatment and program support services; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to accept new program funding for the purchase of FDA-approved formulations of naltrexone and buprenorphine-naloxone used to treat county jail inmates with opioid use disorder under Opioid Stewardship Funds and to amend agreements to reflect approved 2025 funding levels from the respective state funding agencies with the following providers for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025; and

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

<u>DESCRIPTION AND DATES</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Residential Housing (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)	Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc. 90 McCarty Avenue Albany NY 12202	A.4322.04837	\$290,409.00
Drug Free Prevention RCDA (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)	Albany Diocesan School Board 40 North Main Avenue Albany NY 12203	A.4322.04884	\$ 33,127.00

<u>DESCRIPTION AND DATES</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supportive Apartments (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)	Hope House, Inc. 877 Madison Avenue Albany NY 12208	A.4230.04868	\$150,284.00
Women's MICA (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)		A.4250.04894	\$442,950.00
Clinical (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)		A.4250.04820	\$470,485.00
RCJ Drug Education (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)		A.4250.04890	\$ 12,977.00
Vocational Rehabilitation (01/01/2025-12/31/2025)	Unity House of Troy, Inc. 2431 Sixth Avenue Troy NY 12180	A.4322.04838	\$234,310.00

; 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 amended agreements, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, That the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget be amended as follows:

2025 REVENUES

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4230.34918 OASAS Apts Hope House	\$190,476.00	(\$ 40,192.00)	\$150,284.00
A.4230.34939 OASAS Womens Housing-Hope	\$579,857.00	(\$136,907.00)	\$442,950.00
A.4250.34923 OASAS Hope House Clinical	\$266,497.00	\$203,988.00	\$470,485.00

2025 REVENUES (continued)

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4250.34977 RCJ Drug Education Counselor	\$ 11,979.00	\$ 998.00	\$ 12,977.00
A.4250.34981 OASAS RCJ Opioid Treatment	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,512.00	\$ 18,512.00
A.4322.34928 OASAS Residential	\$281,232.00	\$ 9,177.00	\$290,409.00
A.4322.34943 OASAS Voc Training Unity House	\$117,155.00	\$117,155.00	\$234,310.00
A.4322.34971 Drug Free Prevention RCDA	\$ 32,269.00	\$ <u>858.00</u>	\$ 33,127.00
	TOTAL REVENUE:	\$173,589.00	

2025 APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4230.04868 OASAS Apts Hope House	\$190,476.00	(\$ 40,192.00)	\$150,284.00
A.4230.04879 OASAS Womens Housing-Hope	\$579,857.00	(\$136,907.00)	\$442,950.00
A.4250.04820 OASAS Hope House Clinical	\$266,497.00	\$203,988.00	\$470,485.00
A.4250.04890 RCJ Drug Education Counselor	\$ 11,979.00	\$ 998.00	\$ 12,977.00
A.4250.04895 OASAS RCJ Opioid Treatment	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,512.00	\$ 18,512.00
A.4322.04837 OASAS Residential	\$281,232.00	\$ 9,177.00	\$290,409.00

2025 APPROPRIATIONS (continued)

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4322.04838 OASAS Voc Training Unity House	\$117,155.00	\$117,155.00	\$234,310.00
A.4322.04884 Drug Free Prevention RCDA	\$ 32,269.00	\$ <u>858.00</u>	\$ 33,127.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:			\$173,589.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Public Works

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/271/25

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE

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

WHEREAS, Throughout 2025 multiple fleet vehicles were in accidents which required repairs necessary for those vehicles to return to service; and

WHEREAS, Insurance settlement checks related to those accidents in the amount of \$12,643.81 have been received by Rensselaer County and deposited into the Automotive Maintenance Insurance Recoveries revenue account (A.1640.26801); and

WHEREAS, The Automotive Maintenance Department would like to use those funds to replenish the budget appropriations account (A.1640.04500, Special Departmental Supplies) used for the above-noted repairs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 2025 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.1640.26801 Insurance Recoveries	\$ 0.00	\$12,643.00	\$ 12,643.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1640.04500 Automotive Maintenance Special Dept. Supplies	\$140,000.00	\$12,643.00	\$152,643.00

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature

Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive



RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/272/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF 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 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED 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 \$191,615.00 for the period of March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Of the total grant award, \$153,341.00 will be allocated within the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget, and the remainder will be allocated within the Department's 2026 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 Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above described grant agreement, subject to approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; 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</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140.33107.STRIVE Misc. Probation Grants - STRIVE Initiative	\$ 0.00	\$153,341.00	\$153,341.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
<u>A.3140 Department of Probation</u>			
.01007.STRIVE On-call Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,630.00	\$ 2,630.00
.01007.STRIVE Overtime	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
.01007.STRIVE Probation Officer	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,697.00	\$ 50,697.00
.02400.STRIVE Other Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,474.00	\$ 22,474.00
.04300.STRIVE Telephone	\$ 0.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
.04450.STRIVE Rental - Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
.04500.STRIVE Special Dept. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
.04560.STRIVE Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3140 Department of Probation			
.04700.STRIVE Program Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 4,015.00
.08008.STRIVE Employee Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ <u>27,825.00</u>	\$ 27,825.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		\$153,341.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/273/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RAMBOLL AMERICAS ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR DYKEN POND DAM, TOWNS OF BERLIN AND GRAFTON - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, The Highway Department seeks Legislative approval to enter into an agreement with Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. for engineering design services for the Dyken Pond Dam, in the Towns of Berlin and Grafton; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/29/18 authorized a capital project for engineering services related to the Dyken Pond Dam; and

WHEREAS, Request for Proposals (RFP) for the noted project have been solicited and ranked according to cost, approach, experience, quality, and familiarity; and

WHEREAS, The County Engineer, following an inclusive review and scoring of the submitted responses to the RFP, has designated Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc., 333 West Washington Street, Syracuse, New York 13202, to provide design services for Dyken Pond Dam; and

WHEREAS, The name and address of the contracting party, the funding appropriation code, and the amount to be expended over the life of the agreement are as follows:

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
RFP 25-19 Engineering Design Services for Dyken Pond Dam	Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. 333 West Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202	H.5110.02500.H1187	\$39,510.00

; 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 described agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/274/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Bids for tree and stump removal have been solicited and are acceptable based upon the specifications; and

WHEREAS, The desired agreements would be in effect through July 31, 2026, with two (2) one-year extension clauses, if mutually agreeable, provided the vendor continues to meet specifications; and

WHEREAS, Selection of the contractor is based upon lowest cost to the County and location; and

WHEREAS, The start and end dates of the contracts, the designated sources of funding being limited to budget appropriation codes D.5110.04500 and D.5112.04500, the total amount to be expended over the life of the contracts, which shall not exceed budgetary appropriations, and the names and addresses of the contracting parties are as follows:

DESCRIPTION/DATES

VENDOR

ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

Bid No. 25-20
Tree and Stump Removal
Category A
Standard Removal
(8/1/25 - 7/31/26)

Helmer's Complete Tree
Service, LLC
3849 Sconodoa Road
Oneida, NY 13421

Local Address:
1470 Schodack Landing Rd.
Schodack Landing, NY 12156

\$87,900.00

Bid No. 25-20
Tree and Stump Removal
Category B
Emergency Tree Removal
(8/1/25 - 7/31/26)

Lewis Tree Service, Inc.
300 Lucius Gordon Drive
West Henrietta, NY 14586

Local Address:
1 Barney Road, Suite 210
Clifton Park, NY 12065

\$27,091.60

; now, therefore, be it

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

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/275/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health seeks Legislative authorization to enter into agreements with various school districts to provide prevention staff and substance abuse prevention services for the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, The revenue Rensselaer County receives represents the school districts share of the expenses to provide these services and has been approved by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services ("OASAS"); and

WHEREAS, The total amount to be received over the life of the agreement and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REVENUE CODE</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
Student Assistance Programs Algonquin Middle School and Averill Park High School (07/01/25-06/30/26)	Averill Park Central School District 146 Gettle Road Averill Park NY 12018	A.4323.16301	\$97,542.00
Student Assistance Programs Berlin Jr/Sr High School (07/01/25-06/30/26)	Berlin Central School District 17400 NY 22 Cherry Plain NY 12040	A.4323.16301	\$48,771.00
Student Assistance Programs Columbia High School & Goff Middle School (07/01/25-06/30/26)	East Greenbush Central School District 29 Englewood Ave East Greenbush NY 12061	A.4323.16301	\$48,771.00

<u>CONTRACT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>REVENUE CODE</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
Student Assistance Programs Turnpike Elementary & Lansingburgh Middle & High School (07/01/25-06/30/26)	Lansingburgh Central School District 55 New Turnpike Road Troy NY 12182	A.4323.16301	\$192,301.00
Student Assistance Programs Rensselaer City Schools (07/01/25-06/30/26)	Rensselaer City School District 25 Van Rensselaer Drive Rensselaer NY 12144	A.4323.16301	\$97,603.00
Student Assistance Programs Troy High School (07/01/25-06/30/26)	Troy City School District 475 First Street Troy NY 12180	A.4323.16301	\$48,771.00

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, program, 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 agreements subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Public Works

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/276/25

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Funding for Capital Project H1213 - CR36 Bridge will be supplemented with capital funds available within project H1226 - Culvert Replacement Program in order to account for the results of the bid opening for construction services; now, therefore, be it

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

2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Culvert Replacement Program H.5120.50311.H1226	\$2,000,000.00	\$ (80,400.00)	\$1,919,600.00
Interfund Transfers - General			
CR36 Bridge H.5120.50311.H1213	\$ 850,000.00	<u>\$80,400.00</u>	\$930,400.00
Interfund Transfers - General			
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS REVENUE:		\$0.00	

2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Culvert Replacement Program H.5120.02500.H1226 General Capital Expenditures	\$2,000,000.00	\$(80,400.00)	\$1,919,600.00
CR36 Bridge H.5120.02500.H1213 General Capital Expenditures	\$ 850,000.00	<u>\$80,400.00</u>	\$930,400.00
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROPRIATIONS:		\$0.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive

Received from County Executive

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/277/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE CR 36 (PARK AVENUE) BRIDGE OVER THE LITTLE HOOSIC RIVER - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/265/22 authorized a capital project (H1213) for the rehabilitation of the CR 36 (Park Avenue) Bridge over the Little Hoosic River ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, Plans and specifications for this work were prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, P.C., and bids for the Project were received on June 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The selection of the contractor to execute the construction of the Project is based on capability and the lowest cost to the County, and

WHEREAS, The source of funding, the total amount to be expended over the life of the contract, which shall not exceed budgetary appropriations and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
RFB 25-21 CR 36 (Park Avenue) over the Little Hoosic River Bridge Rehabilitation - Construction Services	ING Civil, Inc. 11 Arch Street Watervliet, NY 12189	H.5120.02500.H1213	\$834,400.00

; now, therefore, be it

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

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Engineer is authorized to approve change orders to the above contract, providing the dollar total does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the original contract amount.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Herrington, Bayly, Fleming

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/278/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/330/24 authorized an agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to provide engineering services relating to the rehabilitation of the CR 36 (Park Avenue) Bridge over the Little Hoosic River; and

WHEREAS, In order to advance the project through construction, the Highway Department seeks Legislative approval to enter into a supplemental agreement with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to cover the costs of construction inspection services; and

WHEREAS, The source of funding, the total amount to be expended over the life of the contract, which shall not exceed budgetary appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>AMOUNT OF</u> <u>CONTRACT</u>
Construction Inspection Services for CR 36 Bridge Rehabilitation	Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. 80 Wolf Road, Suite 600 Albany, NY 12205	H.5120.02500.H1213	\$20,000.00

; now, therefore, be it

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

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Weaver, Gendron, Rogers, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/279/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Health ("RCDOH") has been awarded a grant from the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") through the Public Health Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$207,665.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, This program is essential for planning and implementing various public health preparedness initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Should the needs of RCDOH change, the grant budget would be modified as required by NYSDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 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 described grant agreement, 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 the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4017.34026 Public Health - Bioterrorism Response	\$133,503.00	\$95,126.00	\$228,629.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
<u>A.4017 Department of Health - Division of Nursing</u>			
A.4017.01007 Local Public Health Educator	\$147,870.00	\$29,574.00	\$177,444.00
A.4017.01007 Public Health Aide	\$ 20,622.00	\$20,621.00	\$ 41,243.00
A.4017.01007 Public Health Preparedness Coordinator	\$ 36,814.00	\$36,813.00	\$ 73,627.00
A.4017.04503 Special Dept. Supplies (Alt #3)	\$ 46,493.00	<u>\$ 8,118.00</u>	\$ 54,611.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		\$95,126.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive_____

Received from County Executive_____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved_____ Date_____

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Bayly, Hoffman, Grimm

Sent To: Budget & Finance

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/280/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER TO ISSUE IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE SURPLUS FUNDS TO PRIOR OWNER - COUNTY ATTORNEY

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

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer's Chief Fiscal Officer commenced an In Rem Tax Foreclosure proceeding, list number 2 for the year 2023, whereby pursuant to the Judgment and Foreclosure in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §1136, the property described as 1230 Burden Lake Road, Sand Lake, New York bearing tax map number 158.4-5-9, was sold at auction; and

WHEREAS, The tax auction realized monies (surplus) over and above the tax penalties, interest and other administrative charges due to Rensselaer County; and

WHEREAS, The surplus monies have been deposited into a court and trust account held by the Rensselaer County Treasurer pursuant to RPTL §1197(4) pending any subsequent distribution in accordance with further order of the Court; and

WHEREAS, The former owner of the subject property, Janet Oliver, submitted a claim for reimbursement of surplus funds pursuant to the applicable provisions of RPTL §1135, §1142, and §1197; and

WHEREAS, Based on a recent amendment to the RPTL by the NYS Legislature in response to issues arising from the U.S. Supreme Court holding in *Tyler vs. Hennepin County*, 598 U.S. 631(2023), the County of Rensselaer and the former owner have mutually agreed that said distribution of the court and trust funds held by the County Treasurer consisting of surplus after public auction sale, the former owner has the right to tax surplus; and

WHEREAS, The County of Rensselaer and the former owner have entered into a Stipulated Order for Distribution and Joint Stipulated Order of Opt Out and Waiver; and

WHEREAS, Subject to the approval of the Rensselaer County Legislature, the Rensselaer County Treasurer is directed to pay out of the court and trust account held for the subject property's sale the approximate sum of \$185,060.02, with the subtraction of any judgments or liens as disclosed in the claimants' motion papers, less any applicable statutory fees as set forth under the applicable provisions of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue in rem tax surplus funds as set forth in this Resolution to the claimant/former owner of the subject property.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive_____

Received from County Executive_____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved_____ Date_____

Disapproved_____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Maloney, Weaver

Sent To: Judiciary & Public Safety

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/281/25

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/491/22 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP 2022) contract C190166 for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Public Safety received notification that the SHSP grant has been extended for one additional year through August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to fully expend all available funds, the following amendments to the 2025 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget are requested; now, therefore be it

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

2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3640.43880.SHS.2022.43880 Other Public Safety Grants	\$58,103.00	<u>\$73,111.00</u>	\$122,097.00
	TOTAL REVENUE:	\$73,111.00	

2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.3640.02400.SHS.2022.02400 Equipment	\$7,500.00	\$38,794.00	\$46,294.00
A.3640.04420.SHS.2022.04420 Maintenance	\$324.00	<u>\$34,317.00</u>	\$34,641.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$73,111.00			

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grant, Loveridge, Weaver

Sent To: Social Services

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/282/25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF BUDGET FOR RAISE THE AGE AND AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET – DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION, RENSSELAER COUNTY JAIL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, Part WWW of Chapter 59 of the New York State Laws of 2017 increased the age of criminal responsibility for non-violent crimes to 17 years of age effective October 1, 2018 and to 18 years of age effective October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, New York State recently notified Rensselaer County that its 2024-2025 Raise the Age (RTA) plan was approved; and

WHEREAS, The plan approved funding for personnel and benefits within Probation and Jail, and electronic monitoring, secure, specialized secure, and non-secure detention and detention transports; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County is eligible for reimbursement of incremental RTA costs incurred in calendar years 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, For the purpose of claiming reimbursement, an RTA eligible youth means, effective October 1, 2018, a 16-year old who commits an act that results in the youth being at risk of becoming or results in the youth being an alleged or adjudicated delinquent, and effective October 1, 2019, a 16 or 17-year old who commits such an act, and the youth is receiving services solely as a result of committing such an act; 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:

2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>ACCOUNT CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Raise The Age - Probation A.3140.33906	RTA.2019.PROB.33906	\$0	\$520,464	\$520,464
Raise The Age - Jail A.3150.33906	RTA.2019.JAIL.33906	\$0	\$104,454	\$104,454
Raise The Age - Social Services A.6010.33906	RTA.2019.DSS.33906	\$0	\$3,787,657	\$3,787,657
	TOTAL:	\$0	\$4,412,575	\$4,412,575

2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
PROBATION				
Personnel Services				
A.3140.01007				
<i>Senior Probation Officer</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$76,363	\$76,363
<i>Probation Officer</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$132,026	\$132,026
<i>On Call Stipend</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
<i>Overtime</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$5,872	\$5,872
<i>Employment Program (PEP)</i>	RTA.2019.PROB 01007	\$0	\$31,000	\$31,000
Rental -				
Equipment/Maintenance/Facilities				
A.3140.04450	RTA.2019.PROB 04450	\$0	\$12,960	\$12,960
Special Departmental Supplies				
A.3140.04500	RTA.2019.PROB.04500	\$0	\$400	\$400
Office Supplies				
A.3140.04550	RTA.2019.PROB.04550	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Contractual Agency				
A.3140.04700	RTA.2019.PROB 04700	\$0	\$159,177	\$159,177
Professional Services				
A.3140.04900	RTA.2019.PROB 04900	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Employee Benefits				
A.3140.08008	RTA.2019.PROB 08008	\$0	\$97,166	\$97,166
JAIL				
Personnel Services				
A.3150.01007				
<i>Overtime</i>	RTA.2019.JAIL 01007	\$0	\$72,500	\$72,500
<i>Transfers Out</i>	RTA.2019.JAIL 01007	\$0	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)
Travel				
A.3150.04010	RTA.2019.JAIL 04010	\$0	\$32,830	\$32,830
Employee Benefits				
A.3150.08008	RTA.2019.JAIL 08008	\$0	\$34,124	\$34,124
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Program Expenditures				
A.6123.04700	RTA.2019.DSS.04700	\$0	\$3,787,657	\$3,787,657
TOTAL:		\$0	\$4,412,575	\$4,412,575

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/283/25

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW YORK STATE
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2025 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 2025 Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence Initiative (STRIVE) in the amount of \$173,748.00 for the period March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The grant award will provide seventy-five percent (75%) funding (\$129,965.00) in 2025, with the remaining balance (\$43,783.00) of the grant to be budgeted within the 2026 Rensselaer County Budget for a portion of salaries and fringe benefits for one (1) STRIVE Administrator, one (1) Investigator and three (3) Assistant District Attorneys; 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 Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above-referenced grant award agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

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

2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>ACCOUNT ODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
DA - Misc. Grants A.1165.33901	STRIVEDA.2025 33901	\$0	\$129,965	\$129,965
TOTAL:		\$0	\$129,965	\$129,965

2025 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PROJECT CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Personnel Services A.1165.01007				
Assistant District Attorney	STRIVEDA.2025 01007	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Assistant District Attorney	STRIVEDA.2025 01007	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Assistant District Attorney	STRIVEDA.2025 01007	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Special Investigator (Confidential)	STRIVEDA.2025 01007	\$0	\$7,500	\$7,500
STRIVE Administrator	STRIVEDA.2025 01007	\$0	\$46,274	\$46,274
Telephone A.1165.02300	STRIVEDA.2025 02300	\$0	\$185	\$185
Other Equipment A.1165.02400	STRIVEDA.2025 02400	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Travel A.1165.04010	STRIVEDA.2025 04010	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
Office Supplies A.1165.04550	STRIVEDA.2025 04550	\$0	\$720	\$720
Employee Benefits A.1165.08008	STRIVEDA.2025 08008	\$0	\$27,786	\$27,786
TOTAL:		\$0	\$129,965	\$129,965

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/284/25

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGETS - PUBLIC DEFENDER, CONFLICT DEFENDER AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

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

WHEREAS, Resolution G/468/24 authorized the acceptance of a grant award (Distribution #14 - Contract Number C140038) from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, in the amount of \$544,146.00, for the period commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services has increased the total amount of the contract to \$816,219.00, merging \$90,691.00 in Year 2 and \$181,382.00 in Year 3 from the annual budgets in Distribution #12 Resolution No. G/526/24 and Distribution #13 Resolution No. G/216/23 accordingly; and

WHEREAS, The Resolution will increase the 2025 Year 2 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget by \$90,691.00 for the Office of the Public Defender, the Office of the Conflict Defender and the Office of the Public Administrator; and

WHEREAS, All purchases, made under this grant, will be done under the purchasing guidelines set forth in the Purchasing Policies and Procedures of the County of Rensselaer; 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

CODE/DESCRIPTION

PRESENT

CHANGE

REVISED

Distribution #14

A.1175.30250 ILS.D14Y2.30250

Indigent Legal Services

\$360,252.00

\$ 90,691.00

\$450,943.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Public Defender - Distribution #14			
A.1170.01007 ILS.D14Y2.PD 01007 Public Defender	\$ 9,633.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,633.00
A.1170.01007 ILS.D14Y2.PD 01007 Assistant Public Defender	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,279.00	\$ 58,279.00
A.1170.01007 ILS.D14Y2.PD 01007 Salary Adjustments-Secretary	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,654.00	\$ 5,654.00
A.1170.01007 ILS.D14Y2.PD 01007 Temporary Services	\$ 63,510.00	\$ (2,995.00)	\$ 60,515.00
A.1170.04540 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04540 Publications	\$ 8,598.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,598.00
A.1170.04550 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04550 Office Supplies	\$ 3,416.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,416.00
A.1170.04560 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04560 Training	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
A.1170.04700 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04700 Program Expenditures	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
A.1170.04900 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04900 Professional Services	\$ 12,226.00	\$ (2,380.00)	\$ 9,846.00
A.1170.04902 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04902 Expert Testimony	\$ 13,020.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,020.00
A.1170.04930 ILS.D14Y2.PD 04930 Transcripts	\$ 3,159.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,159.00
A.1170.08008 ILS.D14Y2.PD 08008 Employee Benefits	\$ 7,572.00	\$ 26,226.00	\$ 33,798.00
Public Defender - Family Court - Distribution #14			
A.1172.01007 ILS.D14Y2.PDFC 01007 Assistant Public Defender	\$ 68,950.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 69,228.00
A.1172.08008 ILS.D14Y2.PDFC 08008 Employee Benefits	\$ 46,724.00	\$ 497.00	\$ 47,221.00
Conflict Defender - Distribution #14			
A.1174.01007 ILS.D14Y2.CD 01007 Assistant Conflict Defender	\$ 63,378.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 63,378.00
A.1174.04520 ILS.D14Y2.CD 04520 Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
A.1174.04540 ILS.D14Y2.CD 04540 Publications	\$ 392.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 392.00
A.1174.04560 ILS.D14Y2.CD 04560 Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
A.1174.04900 ILS.D14Y2.CD 04900 Professional Services	\$ 347.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 347.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS (continued)

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1174.04980 ILS.D14Y2.CD 04980 Computer Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,632.00	\$ 4,632.00
A.1174.08008 ILS.D14Y2.CD 08008 Employee Benefits	\$ 44,327.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,327.00
Public Administrator - Distribution #14			
A.1175.02100 ILS.D14Y2.PA 02100 Furniture	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
A.1175.02400 ILS.D14Y2.PA 02400 Other Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
A.1175.04550 ILS.D14Y2.PA 04550 Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
A.1175.04560 ILS.D14Y2.PA 04560 Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ <u>500.00</u>	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS:		\$ 90,691.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Bayly, Hoffman, Grimm

Sent To: Budget & Finance

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/285/25

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS SANTANDERA AS
RENSSELAER COUNTY CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER – COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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

WHEREAS, Section 6.01 of the Rensselaer County Charter provides that the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance shall be administered by a Chief Fiscal Officer appointed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Santandera currently serves as Acting Chief Fiscal Officer for Rensselaer County, as designated by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 6.01 of the Rensselaer County Charter, the Rensselaer County Executive has appointed Thomas Santandera to serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer for Rensselaer County; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the appointment of Thomas Santandera, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance, shall be and the same hereby is confirmed.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive

Received from County Executive

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Gendron, Rogers, Nichols

Sent To: Health

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/286/25

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF LEONARD CLAUS AS RENSSELAER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR – COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

WHEREAS, Section 8.00 of the Rensselaer County Charter provides that the Rensselaer County Department of Health shall be administered by a Public Health Director appointed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Claus currently serves as Interim Public Health Director for Rensselaer County, as designated by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 8.00 of the Rensselaer County Charter, the Rensselaer County Executive has appointed Leonard Claus to serve as the Public Health Director for Rensselaer County; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the appointment of Leonard Claus, as Public Health Director of the Rensselaer County Department of Health, shall be and the same hereby is confirmed.

Resolution **ADOPTED** by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Casale, Gendron, Nichols

Sent To: Education

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. G/287/25

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

WHEREAS, The Officer in Charge of Hudson Valley Community College has submitted a budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, as approved by the College's Board of Trustees for enactment by the Rensselaer County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, In compliance with Section 6304 of the Education Law and Section 359 of County Law, a public hearing will be conducted for the purpose of reviewing the tentative budget of Hudson Valley Community College for the fiscal year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, The College's Board of Trustees, at their meeting of June 24, 2025, approved an operating budget for Hudson Valley Community College for the period September 1, 2025 and concluding August 31, 2026 totaling \$111,593,770; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6304 of the Education Law of the State of New York, a budget in the amount of \$111,593,770 be and the same is hereby adopted for Hudson Valley Community College, for the period beginning September 1, 2025 and concluding on August 31, 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Rensselaer, as the sponsor of Hudson Valley Community College, shall contribute \$5,475,900 to said budget with payment made on or before August 31, 2026.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P/288/25

RESOLUTION COMMENDING HERRINGTON FARMS FOR HAVING THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN FORAGE PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE 2025 EDITION OF THE MILKWEED

WHEREAS, Herrington Farms, Inc., located in Troy, New York, has operated as a fourth-generation family-run dairy farm dedicated to excellence in agricultural production and innovation; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2021, Herrington Farms earned unprecedented recognition by achieving a rare "double win" at the World Dairy Expo (WDE) Forage Analysis Superbowl, placing first in both the BMR corn silage and conventional corn haylage competitions – the first time a single farm has won both categories in the same year; and

WHEREAS, These achievements gained recognition in the June 2025 edition of the Milkweed, dairy's best source for news and analysis; and

WHEREAS, The family's award-winning BMR corn silage scored highest among 342 entries, with superior digestibility and nutrition that support exceptional milk production; and

WHEREAS, Herrington Farms was also recognized for their alfalfa haylage sample, showcasing their commitment to producing high-quality forage using a blend of progressive and traditional methods, including precision management, sustainability, and responsible nutrient input strategies; and

WHEREAS, The success of Herrington Farms is attributed to the dedication of Jason Herrington, who tragically passed away in March 2025, as well as to the commitment of his family members Ken, Phil, and Jessica Herrington, and their loyal employees, who continue to advance the legacy of this family farm; and

WHEREAS, Herrington Farms manages approximately 2,000 acres of crops, provides nutrient-dense feed to its herd of over 700 Holstein dairy cows, and maintains an impressive standard of production and herd health while implementing conservation-minded practices such as nutrient recycling and soil health management; and

WHEREAS, Herrington Farms exemplifies agricultural excellence, innovation, and community values, and serves as a model of family farming success in Rensselaer County and beyond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby commends and congratulates Herrington Farms for their outstanding achievements in forage production, their commitment to sustainable and effective farm management, and their positive contributions to the agricultural legacy of Rensselaer County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Herrington family in recognition of their dedication, innovation, and accomplishments.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P/289/25

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CITY OF RENSSELAER ON RECEIVING A BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA DESIGNATION AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE BROWNFIELDS AND THE HUDSON RIVERFRONT

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer was recently designated a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) by the New York State Department of State, following years of planning and the successful completion of a comprehensive application process; and

WHEREAS, The Brownfield Opportunity Area designation will allow the City of Rensselaer to access critical state resources, including technical assistance, grants, and tax incentives, to identify, assess, and redevelop underutilized, abandoned, or environmentally challenged properties, including former industrial and transportation sites; and

WHEREAS, The designation includes 29 potential redevelopment sites in Rensselaer's downtown and riverfront corridors, and is a vital step in attracting new investment, expanding housing and commercial opportunities, and improving quality of life for city residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes the importance of redeveloping the Hudson River waterfront in a way that supports both economic development and public access, and believes the BOA designation will help further these goals; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature also recognizes the opportunity presented by the planned reconstruction of the Livingston Avenue Bridge, which connects the City of Rensselaer to the City of Albany, and supports the incorporation of pedestrian and bicycle access into the bridge's final design; and

WHEREAS, The County strongly supports the completion and integration of a continuous riverfront trail between the cities of Rensselaer and Troy, which would provide recreational and transportation benefits for residents throughout the region and further enhance the redevelopment potential of waterfront brownfield sites; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby commends Mayor Michael Stammel and the City of Rensselaer on achieving a Brownfield Opportunity Area designation from New York State, and offers its full support for the city's ongoing efforts to redevelop brownfield sites and revitalize the waterfront by including riverfront trail access in those areas ; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature encourages the City of Rensselaer and relevant state and federal agencies to continue working toward the creation of a riverfront trail connecting Rensselaer to Troy and to ensure that pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure is included in the final design of the new Livingston Avenue Bridge, thereby promoting accessibility, connectivity, and regional growth.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P/290/25

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARK MANN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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 such an individual; 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 Mark Mann upon the occasion of his retirement from the East Greenbush School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mark Mann has served the East Greenbush Central School District Board of Education with distinction for 17 years, beginning with his election in 2008, and will officially retire from the board on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mann has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the students, faculty, and residents of the East Greenbush community through his tireless volunteerism, thoughtful leadership, and steadfast advocacy for educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, the East Greenbush Central School District has achieved numerous accolades, including the designation of two National Blue Ribbon Schools, repeated inclusion in the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Schools rankings, and consistent recognition as the Best School District in the Capital Region over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Mann's stewardship, the district successfully initiated and completed four capital improvement projects, maintained consistent voter support for all school budgets, and expanded student programs and learning opportunities for all levels of learners; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service on the Board of Education, Mr. Mann served the Town of East Greenbush as a dedicated member of the Police Department, working as a DARE Officer and School Resource Officer at Columbia High School from 1994 to 2008, and retiring from the force in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mann has continued his public service through military duty in the New York Air National Guard, exemplifying a life of dedication to country and community; and

WHEREAS, Mark Mann has expressed deep pride in the district's progress and his role in its growth, stating his appreciation for a strong board, dedicated staff, and the opportunities created for students of all backgrounds and abilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature hereby commends Mark Mann for his exemplary service, leadership, and dedication to the East Greenbush Central School District and the wider Rensselaer County community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be presented to Mark Mann in honor of his retirement and in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, public safety, and civic life.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P/291/25

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE RENSSELAER COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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 milestone in the history of our 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 the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce (RCRCC) on the occasion of its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce serves to assist in the growth and development of businesses all throughout Rensselaer County. With the Chamber's support, the County has been able to grow into a modern hub for global information businesses; and

WHEREAS, In addition to continuing to aid businesses in their growth and development, the Chamber actively advocates on public policy issues and is one of three founders for the Tech Valley Chamber Coalition; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber also holds events to support marketing opportunities, such as speaker engagement series, group meetings, and showcase events. These opportunities are what make the Chamber and the businesses it supports thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and most joyously commends the staff and all members of the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of their one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary; 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 Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P/292/25

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SUNNYSIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

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 milestone in the history of our 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 the Sunnyside Child Development Center on the occasion of their one hundredth anniversary of their founding through the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Sunnyside Child Development Center provides a summer day camp, a daycare program, and an after-school program, allowing children to have an environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing childcare services, the Sunnyside Child Development Center remains a safe and enriching environment for children, allowing them to learn and enhance skills that may not be available elsewhere. Due to the programs and services that the Sunnyside Child Development Center offers, they remain an important institution for the Capital Region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and most joyously commends the staff and all members of the Sunnyside Child Development Center upon the occasion of their one hundredth anniversary 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 Sunnyside Child Development Center.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Grimm, Nichols, Fleming, Galuski, Weaver, Zalewski

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P293/25

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH

WHEREAS, Access to clean water is a basic human right and we all share responsibility for keeping our communities' waterways clean and healthy; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations has declared August to be National Water Quality Month in order to bring awareness to the importance of water as people enjoy lakes, rivers and ocean waters during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, In 2005 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declared August as National Water Quality Month after the Clean Water Act (1972) and the Safe Water Drinking Act (1974) were passed and supported by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, According to the most recent National Rivers and Streams Assessment and National Lakes Assessment from the EPA, 35-40% of the nation's waterways are in "poor biological condition" due to phosphorus, nitrogen, mercury, heavy metals, vegetation removal and sediments; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 provides \$5 billion towards eliminating contaminants in our waterways and drinking water across the United States over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, Water quality is a global problem as well as a local problem, as Rensselaer County has had ground water contamination. Understanding, awareness, and becoming involved in the protection of our waterways are key to keeping our water free of widespread contaminants; and

WHEREAS, Everyone can help by participating in National Water Quality Month by understanding the economic value of water, addressing pollution issues and contaminants, and getting involved in their community by taking steps towards cleaning up waterways and conserving water; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature does hereby recognize August 2025 as National Water Quality Month in Rensselaer County.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Date: July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: Rules & Legislative Operations

Committee

Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P294/25

RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO REVERSE HER DECISION TO ALLOCATE \$50 MILLION IN TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR LEGAL EXPENSES OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY

WHEREAS, The primary responsibility of government is to protect the safety, welfare, and interests of its law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, New York Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced the allocation of \$50 million in state funds to pay for legal services for individuals who are in the United States illegally and are facing deportation for violating federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, Just hours after this announcement, a tragic and deeply troubling incident occurred in Albany where U.S. Attorney John Sarcone III was attacked by a knife-wielding man while walking in Downtown Albany; and

WHEREAS, The suspect charged with menacing of U.S. Attorney Sarcone is reportedly a man who is in the country illegally, had been previously deported, and had criminal charges pending in at least three different states; and

WHEREAS, This disturbing incident highlights the serious public safety risks posed by the intentional disregard and failure to enforce existing immigration laws, risks which are further compounded by the Governor's decision to provide taxpayer-funded legal assistance to individuals who are in the country unlawfully; and

WHEREAS, The \$50 million earmarked for legal defense of non-citizens facing deportation could be far better spent addressing critical needs within New York State, including funding for children's programs, senior services, veteran support, mental health initiatives, infrastructure, crime victims, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Rensselaer County and New York State overwhelmingly expect their tax dollars to be used responsibly and to benefit law-abiding residents and communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature strongly urges Governor Kathy Hochul to immediately reverse her decision to allocate \$50 million for legal aid to individuals who are in the United States illegally and facing deportation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature calls upon the Governor and state lawmakers to redirect those funds to essential services that benefit New York's law-abiding citizens, including children, seniors, veterans, mental health initiatives, infrastructure, public safety, crime victims, and those in need of public assistance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, the leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly, and all members of the Rensselaer County state legislative delegation.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Sent To: _____ Committee _____ Date July 8, 2025

Resolution No. P/295/25

RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC MARTIN DUNHAM RESERVOIR AND DAM IN GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

WHEREAS, The Martin Dunham Reservoir, located in the Town of Grafton, Rensselaer County, was constructed beginning in 1911 as a critical water supply for the City of Troy, reflecting the ambitious planning and regional importance of the project; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, the dam and reservoir have evolved into a central feature of Grafton Lakes State Park, now owned and operated by New York State, and remains a valued environmental, recreational, and historical asset for residents of Rensselaer County and visitors from across the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Following an engineering analysis of the dam's condition, the structure was designated a High Hazard Dam, prompting the State to evaluate potential future actions, including the troubling option of decommissioning the dam, an action that would drain the reservoir and permanently alter the landscape and recreational opportunities of the area; and

WHEREAS, At the request of Legislators Bruce Patire and Jeff Wysocki, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation hosted a public information meeting on June 11, 2025, at Tamarac High School to share findings, provide updates, and solicit public feedback regarding the dam's future; and

WHEREAS, A standing-room-only crowd of more than 200 residents attended the meeting and expressed overwhelming support for preserving the reservoir, citing its importance for kayaking, fishing, hiking, and peaceful enjoyment, as well as the popularity of its surrounding trail system with families and nature enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, New York State has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into recreational complexes, stadiums, and various economic development initiatives, while a treasured and historically significant site like the Dunham Reservoir faces an uncertain future; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Legislature believes that preserving the Martin Dunham Reservoir and its dam is essential to honoring the region's history, protecting the environment, and maintaining access to quality outdoor recreation for current and future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Legislature strongly urges Governor Kathy Hochul and Commissioner Pro-Tem Randy Simons of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to take all necessary steps to preserve the Martin Dunham Reservoir and Dam and to reject any proposal that would result in its decommissioning or draining; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature calls upon state officials to ensure transparency and robust public engagement in all future decisions concerning this historic and cherished site; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Kathy Hochul, Commissioner Pro-Tem Randy Simons, State Senator Jake Ashby, Assemblyman Scott Bendett, and all others deemed necessary by the Clerk of the Legislature.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 8, 2025