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LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Presentation of Ceremonial Resolutions
6. Presentation of Awards
7. Meeting of the Rules Committee
8. Privilege of the Floor
9. Communications from the Chair

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

10. Call to Order of Regular Monthly Meeting
11. Roll Call
12. Approval of the Minutes
13. Reports
14. Communications
15. Reports from Standing Committees
16. Certificates and Awards
17. Ceremonial Resolutions

18. Resolution 1-21 The Committee on Rules (R1) A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY FOR A LEAD HAZARD DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

19. Resolution 2-21 The Committee on Rules (R2) A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM CDPHP AND TO APPROVE BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS

20. Resolution 3-21 The Committee on Rules (R3) A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

21. Resolution 4-21 Legislator Ostrelich (HHS1) A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COMBATING OPIOID
AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

22. Resolution 5-21 Legislator Constantine (PSF1) A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES
23. Resolution 6-21 Legislator Constantine (PSF2) A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT PROGRAM
24. Resolution 7-21 Legislator Fields (WM1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGEBACK OF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES TO CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS
25. Resolution 8-21 Legislator Fields (WM2) A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF REAL PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR
26. Resolution 9-21 Legislator Fields (WM3) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 185-20 REGARDING SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX LEVIES
27. Resolution 10-21 The Committee on Rules (R4) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2021
28. Adjournment



RESOLUTION 1-21

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE CITY OF SCHENECTADY FOR A LEAD HAZARD DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Interim Public Health Director by memorandum dated December 31, 2020 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded funds from the City of Schenectady through the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Public Health Director further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$624,157.00 in funding over three and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Public Health Director further advises that the aforesaid monies will be allocated to help provide property owners with lead-safe housing for units occupied by low income families with children; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 5, 2021 recommends the acceptance of \$624,157.00 in grant monies from the City of Schenectady; and that corresponding budget amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby

accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the City of Schenectady, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the City of Schenectady.

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Appropriation Code by:

A4012.415131 – Public Health Preventive Svcs --- Lead Hazard Reduction Demo Grant	\$ 11,069.
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Decrease Revenue Code by:

A2307 – Intergovernmental Charges – City HUD Grant	\$ 7,116.
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Establish and Increase Revenue Code by:

A1600.17 – Departmental Income – Emergency Solutions Grant – SCAP	\$ 18,185.
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RESOLUTION 2-21

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM CDPHP AND TO APPROVE BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Glendale Nursing Home by memorandum dated January 4, 2021 advises that the Glendale Nursing Home was recently awarded a donation from the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP); and

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Glendale Nursing Home further advise that the Glendale Nursing Home is to receive \$35,000.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated January 5, 2021 recommends the acceptance of \$35,000.00 from CDPHP to be used for the purchase of technology and related equipment; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid monies from CDPHP, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, receipts and releases for the acceptance of such monies from CDPHP; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Appropriation Code by:

C6030.204 – Glendale Home – Office and Service Equipment	\$ 35,000.
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Increase Revenue Code by:

C2705 – Miscellaneous -- Gifts and Donations	\$ 35,000.
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RESOLUTION 3-21

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County District Attorney by memorandum dated January 4, 2021 requests that a position of Senior Bureau Chief Assistant District Attorney (JC-15) in the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney be abolished, and that a position of Bureau Chief District Attorney be created in the same Office; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County District Attorney further states that there will be budgetary savings resulting from these requested changes; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County District Attorney further states that the proposed changes will better meet the current operational needs of the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources by memorandum dated January 7, 2021 recommends the creation of a position of Bureau Chief District Attorney in the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney, and states that there is no action necessary on behalf of the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Resources further recommends that the position of Bureau Chief District Attorney be classified at JC-10; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated January 5, 2021 recommends that a position of Senior Bureau Chief Assistant District Attorney be eliminated, and that a position of Bureau Chief District Attorney be created at the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following position in the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney be and it hereby is created as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Bureau Chief District Attorney	JC-10

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid position of Senior Bureau Chief Assistant District Attorney in the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney be and it hereby is eliminated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Appropriation Codes by:

A1165.111 – District Attorney’s Office – Bureau Chief District Attorney	\$ 96,772.
A1165.406 – District Attorney’s Office – Equipment Repair and Maintenance	\$ 10,717.

Decrease Appropriation Code by:

A1165.111 – District Attorney’s Office – Senior Bureau Chief Assistant District Attorney	\$ 107,489.
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RESOLUTION 4-21

Sponsored by Legislator Ostrellich:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COMBATTING OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Interim Public Health Director by memorandum dated December 28, 2020 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded an additional grant from the NYS Department of Health that will be used to increase media attention on treatment options in an effort to decrease overdose deaths related to opioid and substance use disorders in Schenectady County; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Public Health Director further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$25,231 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Director, OSP & Subcontract Unit, of Health Research Incorporated by letter dated December 24, 2020 advises that Schenectady County has been awarded an additional \$25,231 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated December 29, 2020 recommends the acceptance of the grant from the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Department of Health, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be

it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the NYS Department of Health, or its grant administrator; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Operating Budget be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Increase Appropriation Code by:

A4012.415609 – Public Health Patient and Prevention Services – Overdose Data to Action	\$ 25,231.
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Increase Revenue Code by:

A4401.47 – Federal Aid – Overdose Data to Action	\$ 25,231.
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RESOLUTION 5-21

Sponsored by Legislator Constantine:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff by memorandum dated December 29, 2020 advises that Schenectady County was recently awarded a grant from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to provide pedestrian safety education and enforcement along the NYS Route 5 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff further advises that Schenectady County is projected to receive \$16,500.00 in funding; and

WHEREAS, The Assistant Commissioner of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee by letter dated July 3, 2020 advises that Schenectady County has been awarded \$16,500.00 to participate in NYS's Highway Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Manager by memorandum dated December 29, 2020 recommends the acceptance of monies from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady hereby accepts the aforesaid grant monies from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, and authorizes the utilization of such monies for the aforesaid purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into any necessary agreements, certifications, or reimbursement requests for the acceptance of such grant monies from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.



RESOLUTION 6-21

Sponsored by Legislator Constantine:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF MONIES FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff by memorandum dated December 29, 2020 advises that Schenectady County has been approved for a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); and

WHEREAS, the Schenectady County Sheriff further advises that Schenectady County has been approved for a \$15,900.00 grant to purchase and install Livescan equipment, which is used to transmit fingerprints to DCJS; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager by memorandum dated December 29, 2020 recommends the acceptance of grant monies from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, and that corresponding budget amendments be approved; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of these grant monies and utilization of these funds needs to be reflected in a resolution of this Legislature accepting the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Schenectady does hereby accept the aforesaid grant monies for the aforesaid purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Manager be and he hereby is authorized, after approval of the County Attorney as to form and content, to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding the aforesaid grant monies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Capital Improvement Program be and it hereby is amended as follows:

Capital Budget

For Capital Project H3150-2020/48 – Full Body Security Scanning System

Establish and Increase Revenue Code by:

H3397.03 – State – Live Scan Equipment Program \$ 15,900.

Decrease Revenue Code by:

H5710 – Obligation Serial Bonds \$ 15,900.



RESOLUTION 7-21

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGEBACK OF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES TO CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has advised by memorandum dated December 29, 2020 that some of the taxes previously reimbursed to certain school districts were ultimately determined to be erroneously levied and therefore uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law provides for the cancellation and chargeback of any such taxes re-levied by the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following school district shall be charged back the indicated amounts as provided for by law, to wit:

Schalmont Central School District	\$ 4,203.68
TOTAL	\$ 4,203.68



RESOLUTION 8-21

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF REAL PROPERTY TAX CORRECTIONS AND REFUNDS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance advises by memorandum dated December 28, 2020 that sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law authorize this Governing Body to designate the Commissioner of Finance to approve all tax bill corrections, credits or refunds that do not exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that this designated official must report monthly to this Governing Body (before the 15th day of each month) the details of each correction, credit or refund approved for the preceding month; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance further advises that applications for corrections, credits or refunds that exceed \$2,500.00 would need approval of this Governing Body; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Governing Body hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Finance the authority to perform the duties of this Governing Body as provided in sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law during the 2021 calendar year, and such delegation of authority is applicable only where the recommended correction, credit or refund is twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or less, or such other sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and be it further

RESOLVED, where the Commissioner of Finance denies the correction, refund or credit, in whole or in part, such Commissioner shall transmit to this Governing Body for its review and disposition, pursuant to subdivision five of sections 554 and 556 of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, the written report of the investigation and recommendation of the Commissioner, together with both copies of the application and the reasons that the Commissioner denied the correction, refund or credit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that on or before the fifteenth day of each month, the Commissioner of Finance shall submit a report to this Governing Body of the corrections, refunds or credits processed by such Commissioner during the preceding month, and such report shall indicate the name of each recipient, the location of the property and the amount of the correction, refund or credit.



RESOLUTION 9-21

Sponsored by Legislator Fields:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 185-20 REGARDING SPECIAL DISTRICT TAX LEVIES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the following sum in the first Resolved clause in Resolution 185-20 is amended as follows for the identified special district in the Town of Rotterdam:

TOWN OF ROTTERDAM

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Unpaid Water & Sewer	16,933.71	16,287.45



RESOLUTION 10-21

Sponsored by the Committee on Rules:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2021

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Schenectady, as follows;

WHEREAS, proposed Local Law No. I-2020, entitled:

A LOCAL LAW CREATING CHAPTER 51 (FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES) OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CODIFIED LAWS TO REGULATE THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY SERVICE FEES DURING CERTAIN EMERGENCIES

was heretofore introduced on December 18, 2020 and amended on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the law, public hearings upon proposed Local Law No. I-2020, before this County Legislature, were duly held on the 4th and 12th day of January, 2021; and

WHEREAS, said proposed Local Law in final form has been on the desks of the members of this County Legislature since the 30th day of December, 2020, constituting a period of over seven (7) days, exclusive of Sundays; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid proposed Local Law No. I-2020 entitled:

A LOCAL LAW CREATING CHAPTER 51 (FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES) OF THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY CODIFIED LAWS TO REGULATE THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY SERVICE FEES DURING CERTAIN EMERGENCIES

introduced on the 18th day of December, 2020, and amended on the 30th day of December, 2020, be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as Local Law No. 1-2021.