

**ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
REGULAR SESSION**

**JULY 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Board of Legislators was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Chairman Philip G. Stockin.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS:** Angelica Boy Scout Troop 736 represented by Carsen White-Phipps, Stanley LaForge, and Luke Wilson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Retired United States Marine Corps Corporal and United States Army Major Michael S. Coats.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Henry & Norah Decker played "God Bless America" on trumpet.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Legislator Dwight R. Fanton.

**ROLL CALL:** 13 Legislators Present: Gary Barnes, Janice Burdick, Philip Curran, Adam Cyr, Kevin "Fred" Demick, Dwight Fanton, Gretchen Hanchett, Brooke Harris, Steven Havey, Dwight "Mike" Healy, Jennifer Ricketts-Swales, Debra Root, Philip Stockin (Absent: John Ricci, James Rumpfelt)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 6, 2022, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried.

The Board meeting minutes of July 13, 2022, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 13, 2022, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Stockin welcomed everyone to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at the Allegany County Fair. He thanked the Fair Board for hosting us today. He also expressed his appreciation to Becky and Angie Freeman for providing the sound system for today's meeting. Chairman Stockin introduced County Attorney Allison Carrow, County Administrator Carissa Knapp, Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle, and Journal Clerk Sarah Decker. He then introduced our State representatives in attendance, Senator George Borrello, Senator Thomas O'Mara and Assemblyman Joseph Giglio. Chairman Stockin introduced County elected officials who were in attendance, County Treasurer Terri Ross, Sheriff Rick Whitney and Undersheriff Scott Cicirello.

Chairman Stockin presented a certificate to Michael S. Coats, Retired United States Marine Corps Corporal and United States Army Major, in grateful appreciation of his service to our country. Mr. Coats served in the Marine Corps from September 9, 1993, to September 9, 1997. He served in the United States Army from January 9, 2004, to January 31, 2020, earning the rank of Army Major. Mr. Coats was assigned to Camp Lejeune, Fort Huston Infantry School, Fort Bragg, Fort Polk, and Fort McClellan. He did two tours in Iraq, participated in a special operation to Bosnia to assist with the rescue of Captain Scott O'Grady, and spent time in South America training local soldiers to assist with United States Intelligence Operations. Commendations he received included: Meritorious Service Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> award), Army Achievement Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Army Good Conduct Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Defense Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal. Mr. Coats led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at the beginning of the meeting as part of the Veterans' Honorary Pledge of Allegiance Program. Mr. Coats was also presented a Congressional certificate thanking him for his service, and was presented certificates from Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Giglio.

Chairman Stockin presented Allegany County Fair President Harry Hurd with a certificate of appreciation for the Allegany County Agricultural Society for its dedication to agriculture and tourism, and in honor of the 177<sup>th</sup> Allegany County Fair. He was also presented a Congressional certificate and certificates from Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Giglio. Chairman Stockin read a proclamation declaring July 18-23, 2022, as Allegany County Fair Week.

The 2022 Allegany County Fair was dedicated to Karen L. Tripp who had previously served as Fair President for several years. She was unable to attend the Board meeting but a certificate was presented to Ms. Tripp during the vesper service at the Fairgrounds on Sunday.

Henry and Norah Decker were presented certificates for their participation in the Board meeting. They were also presented Congressional certificates as well as certificates from Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Giglio.

Angelica Boy Scout Troop 736 members Carsen White Phipps, Stanley LaForge and Luke Wilson were presented certificates for participating in the Board meeting. They also received Congressional certificates and were presented with certificates from Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Giglio.

Paris Billings was recognized as a 4-H Member Honoree. Chairman Stockin noted that Ms. Billings began 4-H when she was 5 years old and most of her 4-H career has centered around horses. In addition to gaining a solid foundation in horsemanship and being recognized as Allegany County Equestrian of the Year, Ms. Billings has also completed projects in photography, sewing, woodworking, horticulture and the arts. Additionally, she enjoys cooking and has participated in 4-H cooking contests and programs. Community service projects she's participated in include: Parks Clean-Up Day, SPCA visits and

donations, St. Jude's rides, Care Bags for Cancer (Noyes Hospital), Christmas cards for nursing home patients, and a Red Cross raffle for Hurricane Katrina relief. She has also done a lot of fund raising for the 4-H program. Ms. Billings was presented a certificate from the Board of Legislators, a Congressional certificate, and certificates from Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Giglio recognizing her for her participation in 4-H.

Senator Borrello stated it is a pleasure to be back at the Allegany County Fair. He stated that a lot of time is spent talking about agriculture; we are here to celebrate agriculture. There are a lot of struggles and we are fighting to save agriculture in New York State. Bad policy out of Albany is one of the biggest threats to agriculture. We are fighting that battle on your behalf. Today we celebrate 4-H and the Allegany County Agricultural Society and everyone who works to support this Fair. Senator Borrello stated that we are honored to have Senator Thomas O'Mara with us today. (Senator Borrello serves as Ranking Member of the Agriculture Committee while Senator O'Mara serves as Ranking Member of the Finance Committee.) Senator Borrello remarked that although Allegany County will be split into two Senate Districts, we are fortunate to have representation on both of these committees. Senator Borrello introduced Senator O'Mara.

Senator O'Mara stated it's a pleasure to meet everyone and to build relationships between state and local government. He remarked on the new Senate Districts saying, don't think of it as splitting the County, but rather double representation. He said that both he and Senator Borrello will be fighting for Allegany County. He's looking forward to the expansion of his district and getting to know the residents. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to be here and say a few words.

Assemblyman Giglio remarked on the beauty of the scenery and thanked everyone for being in attendance. He thanked the children who participated in the meeting. He stated that he was speaking with former Allegany County Legislative Board Chairman Curt Crandall about how this is the thirteenth year that the Board has held a meeting at the Allegany County Fair. Assemblyman Giglio remarked that it's always been a great idea and it gives people the opportunity to see how government works. We're a team (Assembly, Congress, Senate, County Legislature); we've always been a team. We work to make sure that this part of the state is never shortchanged.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ETC.:**

1. August Calendar
2. Correspondence from the New York State Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball acknowledging receipt and approval of Allegany County's 8-year review plan with modifications for Allegany County Agricultural District No. 2.
3. Correspondence from Senator Borrello acknowledging receipt and support of our Resolution No. 203-22 in support of Senate Bill #S8999 allowing New York State produced whole and 2 percent milk back into schools.

4. Correspondence announcing the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Andover Wetlands Kids Fishing Contest on August 13. Please let Clerk of the Board Riehle know if you plan to attend.

**APPOINTMENT:**

Chairman Philip G. Stockin, in a joint measure with Cattaraugus County Board of Legislators Chairman Howard V. VanRensselaer, Sr., appointed Kelly Gerrity to serve on the **CATTARAUGUS-ALLEGANY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Chairman Philip G. Stockin declared July 18-23, 2022, as **ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIR WEEK**.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 210-22**

**ESTABLISHING STANDARD WORK DAYS FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND DIRECTING A REPORT OF DAYS WORKED TO THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Offered by: Personnel Committee

**RESOLVED:**

1. Effective immediately, the Allegany County Board of Legislators hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the days worked of such officials to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Standard Day</u> (Hrs./Day)	<u>Term</u>	<u>Employer Record of Time</u> (Y/N)	<u>Days Worked Per Month</u>
<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS:</b>					
Legislator	Burdick, Janice L.	6	01/01/22-12/31/24	N	3.43
Legislator	Curran, Philip B.	6	01/01/22-12/31/24	N	1.97
Legislator	Fanton, Dwight	6	01/01/22-12/31/24	N	6.00
Legislator	Havey, Steven A.	6	01/01/22-12/31/24	N	6.58
Treasurer, County	Ross, Terri L.	7	01/01/22-12/31/24	N	27.31

Moved by: Mrs. Hanchett  
Seconded by: Mr. Havey

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 211-22**

**AMENDMENT OF NON-UNIT SALARY PLAN TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF SECRETARY  
TO THE SHERIFF FROM A 40-HOUR PER WEEK POSTION TO A  
35-HOUR PER WEEK POSITION**

Offered by: Public Safety Committee

**WHEREAS**, by Resolutions No. 76 and 77 of 2000, the title of Secretary to the Sheriff was created, and

**WHEREAS**, the position of Secretary to the Sheriff was established as a 40-hour per week position when created, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff wishes to make the position of Secretary to the Sheriff a 35-hour per week position, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Non-Unit Salary Plan shall be amended to change the position of Secretary to the Sheriff from a 40-hour per week to a 35-hour per week position.
2. That this resolution shall take effect July 22, 2022.

Moved by: Mr. Havey  
Seconded by: Mr. Cyr

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 212-22**

**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT MONIES "BANKED" WITH NEW  
YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE ACCELERATED  
TRANSIT CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM**

Offered by: Ways & Means Committee

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to accept and appropriate grant monies "banked" with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) as part of the Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Grant funding program, and

**WHEREAS**, the details of the ATC Agreements "banked" funds are as follows:

SFY 18/19	Pin# XXXX.XX.XXX	C# XXXXXX	\$53,457
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SFY 19/20	Pin# XXXX.XX.XXX	C# XXXXXX	\$52,171
SFY 20/21	Pin# XXXX.XX.XXX	C# XXXXXX	\$52,882
SFY 21/22	Pin# XXXX.XX.XXX	C# XXXXXX	<u>\$52,775</u>
Total:			\$211,285

**WHEREAS**, NYSDOT will issue the contract numbers and the PIN numbers associated with each project at a later date, and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be used on projects to include the procurement and installation of bus shelters and bus route/signage, and

**WHEREAS**, Allegany County has “banked” a sum of \$211,285 from SFY 18/19 through SFY 21/22 and wishes to draw down the balance of funds to make these funds available for upgrades on the County Transit System, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the sum of \$211,285 of “banked” funds from the Accelerated Transit Capital Grant funds for the purpose of upgrading the County Transit System is accepted.
2. That the sum of \$211,285 shall be appropriated as follows:

Appropriations:

H5630.211	Bus Transportation	Capital Projects – Other	\$53,457
H5630.212	Bus Transportation	Capital Projects – Other	\$52,171
H5630.213	Bus Transportation	Capital Projects – Other	\$52,882
H5630.214	Bus Transportation	Capital Projects – Other	<u>\$52,775</u>
Total:			\$211,285

Revenues:

H5630.3589.ATC	State Aid – Accelerated Transit Capital	\$211,285
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Moved by: Mr. Harris  
Seconded by: Mr. Fanton

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 213-22**

**BUDGET TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY FUND TO COVER EXPENSES  
DUE TO INCREASES IN FUEL AND UTILITY COSTS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Offered by: Public Works and Ways & Means Committees

**RESOLVED:**

1. That a budget transfer from the Contingency Fund to cover expenses due to increases in fuel and utility costs for the Department of Public Works is approved as follows:

From:		
A1990.430	Contingency	(\$254,000)

To:		
A1451.428	Elections Building & Grounds – Natural Gas	\$4,000
A8160.422	Solid Waste – Gasoline/Oil	\$50,000
D5110.422	County Road – Gasoline/Oil	<u>\$200,000</u>
	Total:	\$254,000

Moved by: Mr. Fanton  
Seconded by: Mr. Demick

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

### RESOLUTION NO. 214-22

#### BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND BUDGET TRANSFER TO THE 2022 BUDGET TO MOVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO COVER ADDITIONAL ADDENDUMS TO THE HUNT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANS AND STUDIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' FRIENDSHIP SHOP PROJECT

Offered by: Public Works and Ways & Means Committees

#### RESOLVED:

1. That the following budget adjustment and budget transfer to the 2022 Budget to move additional funds from the Contingency Fund to cover additional addendums to the Hunt Engineering Agreement for the purpose of plans and studies for the Department of Public Works' Friendship Shop Project are approved:

#### Budget Transfer Request:

From:  
A1990.429 Contingency (\$25,000)

To:  
A9560.904 Interfund Transfer to H \$25,000

From:  
A9560.904 Interfund Transfer to H (\$25,000)

To:  
H5132.5031.00 Interfund Transfer from A \$25,000

#### Budget Adjustment Request:

H5132.200 Capital Project – DPW Main Shop Friendship \$25,000  
H5132.5031.00 Capital Project – Interfund Transfer from A \$25,000

Moved by: Mr. Fanton

Adopted: Roll Call

Seconded by: Mr. Demick

13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-22**

**APPROVAL OF MODIFIED DRIVEWAY PIPE AGREEMENT FOR USE BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Offered by: Public Works Committee

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the modified Driveway Pipe Agreement for use by the Department of Public Works is approved.

Moved by: Mr. Fanton  
Seconded by: Mr. Demick

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-22**

**ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE NEW  
YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR THE 2022  
BUDGET IN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Offered by: Human Services and Ways & Means Committees

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the sum of \$65,899 in additional revenue from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for the 2022 Budget for Allegany County Community Services is accepted.

2. That the funds shall be appropriated as follows:

Appropriation:	Amount:
A4220.457 Council on Alcohol Substance Abuse – Contract	\$65,899

Revenue:	
A4220.3486.00 State Aid – Substance Abuse	\$65,899

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent



Comments: Legislator Barnes stated that although it may appear that the Board is quickly voting on these resolutions, these approvals come after much discussion during committee meetings.

**RESOLUTION NO. 217-22**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND LIFESTATION, INC., FOR PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM SERVICES**

Offered by: Human Services Committee

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Agreement between the County of Allegany and LifeStation, Inc., for Personal Emergency Response System services for the Office for the Aging for a term commencing August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2024, is approved.

2. That the County agrees to pay LifeStation, Inc., the following rates for the services provided under this Agreement, with the maximum amount payable not exceeding \$30,000 per calendar year:

Landline or Cellular Compatible:	\$13.50 per calendar month per individual
GPS Compatible:	\$15.50 per calendar month per individual
LTE Smartwatch:	\$20.50 per calendar month per individual
Fall Detection (Optional):	Additional \$5.00 per calendar month per individual
Extra Pendant:	Included – Free of Charge

The funds are included in the 2022 Budget.

3. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick

Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call

13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-22**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND ACCORD CORPORATION TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR HEAP FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON**

Offered by: Human Services Committee

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Agreement to provide outreach and certification services for HEAP for the 2022-2023 season, with the term commencing on August 28, 2022, through August 27, 2023, between the County of Allegany and ACCORD Corporation is approved.

2. That the County agrees to pay ACCORD at the rate of \$15 per application processed, and the funds are included in the 2022 Budget.

3. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

Comments: Chairman Stockin stated that the motion for each of these resolutions generally comes from the Legislator who chairs the committee sponsoring the resolution, and the motion is usually seconded by the Vice Chair of the committee.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 219-22**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES FOR HEAP FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON**

Offered by: Human Services Committee

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Agreement to provide outreach and certification services for HEAP for the 2022-2023 season, with the term commencing on August 20, 2022 through August 19, 2023, between the Office for the Aging and the Department of Social Services is approved.

2. That the Department of Social Services agrees to pay the Office for the Aging \$38,500, and the funds are included in the 2022 Budget.

3. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

### **RESOLUTION NO. 220-22**

#### **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND ALLEGANY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Offered by: Human Services Committee

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 330-21 approved the agreement between the County of Allegany and Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (ACASA) for Drug/Alcohol Services and Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Services for the Department of Social Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to amend the Agreement to reflect an increase in hours from part-time (30) to full-time (35), now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the amendment to the Agreement between the County of Allegany and ACASA, for the term of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, is approved.

2. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Amendment.

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 221-22**

**APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND PAULA GLEASON FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Offered by: Human Services Committee

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Service Provider Agreement between the County of Allegany and Paula Gleason as a speech language pathologist, at a rate of \$55 per half-hour therapy session, for the period of August 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024, is approved.

2. That the funds are included in the 2022 Budget.

3. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 222-22**

**APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF MULTIPLE AGREEMENTS WITH FACILITIES FOR WIC  
CLINIC SITES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Offered by: Human Services Committee

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the renewal of the annual Agreements for the use of their facilities to provide monthly WIC clinics for a term commencing October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2027, are approved with the following entities:

- Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church
- United Methodist Church (Angelica)
- United Methodist Church (Belfast)
- Bolivar Fire Department
- Canaseraga Fire Hall
- First Baptist Church (Cuba)
- Fillmore Wesleyan Church
- Friendship United Methodist Church

2. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Agreements.

Moved by: Mrs. Burdick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 223-22**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND AXON  
ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

Offered by: Public Safety and Ways & Means Committees

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Agreement between the County of Allegany and Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase of two new tasers and related products, for the period of August 1, 2022, through August 31, 2026, is approved.

2. That the County shall pay a sum not to exceed \$4,874.10 over a five-year period, and the funds are included in the 2022 Budget.

3. That the Chairman of this Board is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Moved by: Mr. Havey  
Seconded by: Mr. Healy

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

**RESOLUTION NO. 224-22**

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY AND BRADLEY A. SPETA, NP, TO PROVIDE NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICES AT THE ALLEGANY COUNTY JAIL FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Offered by: Public Safety and Ways & Means Committees

Pursuant to New York State Correction Law § 505

**WHEREAS**, the County is required to provide adequate medical care for incarcerated persons in the County Jail, and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to enter into an agreement with Bradley A. Speta, NP, to provide Nurse Practitioner services to incarcerated persons, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Agreement between the County of Allegany and Bradley A. Speta, NP, to provide Nurse Practitioner services at the Allegany County Jail commencing on July 22, 2022, and terminating on December 31, 2022, is approved.
2. That the County agrees to pay \$75 per hour for services performed under this Agreement, with a maximum amount not to exceed \$135,000.
3. That the funds for this Agreement are included in the 2022 Budget.
4. That the Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute said Agreement.

Moved by: Mr. Havey  
Seconded by: Mr. Barnes

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

Comments: Legislator Harris remarked that he always likes to take the opportunity to complain when our State representatives are here. He noted that the majority of the resolutions today are the result of State mandates.

**RESOLUTION NO. 225-22**

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO COMMENCE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CLOSURE OF BANK BRANCHES IN RURAL COUNTIES IN NEW YORK STATE**

Offered by: Legislator Kevin “Fred” Demick

**WHEREAS**, bank branches in rural counties provide consumers with a financial institution where they can make deposit or withdrawal transactions to their accounts, take out a loan, select a mortgage lender, dispute a fee on their accounts, and perform other in-person financial transactions, and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of bank branches in rural counties also provides an important source of financial advice, civic leadership, and a more personal touch by their financial service providers, and

**WHEREAS**, counties across the country and throughout New York State have been deeply affected by the steady trend of bank branch closures, which disproportionately affects rural counties, including Allegany County, and

**WHEREAS**, while a growing number of consumers with bank accounts are adopting online and mobile banking for the primary function of checking their balances in their accounts, bank branches in rural counties continue to be a necessity for consumers, especially for deposit and withdrawal transactions, and for resolving problems with their accounts, and

**WHEREAS**, while improvements in technology and remote access have helped some consumers access online and mobile banking services, many rural counties are unable to provide their consumers access to broadband internet and cellular phone service that is sufficient, reliable, or affordable, creating a roadblock to banking activities, and

**WHEREAS**, although non-bank financial service providers are filling critical service gaps provided by bank branches, they are not meeting all the needs, or are doing so at a higher cost to the consumers, and

**WHEREAS**, small business owners, seniors, and those lacking consistent and reliable transportation are most negatively affected by bank branch closures, and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of bank branches in rural counties is a loss to the affected communities’ financial and civic leadership, and

**WHEREAS**, adjusting to the loss of a local bank branch can be frustrating and disruptive to the affected communities and their consumers, and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of several local bank branches each year in communities in Allegany County is an ongoing issue, with more closures announced as recently as this summer, and there is no reason to believe that this trend will dissipate without appropriate intervention, and

**WHEREAS**, the Allegany County Board of Legislators is gravely concerned that additional local bank branches may be in danger of closure, placing further communities and their consumers in a state of hardship if New York State does not commence an investigation into this crisis, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Allegany County Board of Legislators calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to commence an investigation into the closure of bank branches in rural counties in New York State.

2. That the Clerk of the Allegany County Board of Legislators shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Rob Ortt, Assembly Majority Leader Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Senator George M. Borrello, Assemblyman Joseph Giglio, and the Inter-County Association of Western New York.

Moved by: Mr. Demick  
Seconded by: Mrs. Ricketts-Swales

Adopted: Roll Call  
13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent

Comments made regarding Resolution No. 225-22: Chairman Stockin stated that this is very pertinent to Allegany County; he noted that the County Attorney and County Administrator did some last minute work to get this put together for today's meeting. Legislator Harris thanked Legislator Demick for taking the time to put this resolution together. He thanked Senator Borrello for helping with this. County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that bank branch closures are a nationwide issue but are especially problematic here in Allegany County.

**AUDITS:**

A motion was made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried, that the audits be acted upon collectively and by totals.

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and adopted on a roll call vote of 13 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, that the audit of claims, totaling \$1,134,500.59 including prepaid expenses, be approved for payment as recommended by the County Administrator. (*Allegany County's Local Dollar Share of the NYS Medicaid Program paid year-to-date is \$4,869,228.*)

**COMMENTS:**

Chairman Stockin stated that New York State is the only state in the union that passes Medicaid expenses down to counties. So far this year, we have paid over \$4.8 million towards Medicaid. This is another thing we'd like our State representatives to help us with.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried.