



County Services Committee

411 Main Street
Catskill, NY 12414

Committee Meeting
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Monday, May 12, 2014

6:00 PM

Caucus Room 468

Call to Order

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Resolution Calling On Governor Andrew Cuomo And The New York State Senate To Release Individual School Districts From Mandating Veterans Real Property School Tax Exemptions, And Ensuring That New York State Will Immediately And Forever Reimburse All School Districts, Annually, For Veterans Real Property School Tax Exemptions
2. Amending Resolution No. 85-14 Authorizing Agreement Greene County Department of Human Services / Delaware Opportunities, Inc.
3. Appointing Commissioner of Social Services
4. Greene County Department of Social Services Budget Amendment

Adjournment



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New York State Senate To Release Individual School Districts
From Mandating Veterans Real Property School Tax
Exemptions, And Ensuring That New York State Will
Immediately And Forever Reimburse All School Districts,
Annually, For Veterans Real Property School Tax
Exemptions**

WHEREAS, on December 18th, 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law, Bill S01199, an act to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing certain exemptions from school district real property tax for veterans; and

WHEREAS, this amendment to the real property tax law allows for School Districts to extend a real property tax exemption for School Taxes to Veterans in their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, this amendment places the responsibility for enacting any Veterans real property tax exemption for School Taxes onto the respective districts' school boards; and

WHEREAS, this amendment does not specify an entity fiscally liable for the potential tax burden created upon any School District's enactment of such resolution allowable by this amendment; and

WHEREAS, Greene County School Districts have presumed from the language of this amendment that any additional tax burden must be absorbed by the School Districts, or shifted to the non-Veteran real property owners of the respective School Districts; and

WHEREAS, this additional tax burden has been rejected by all but two School Districts in Greene County; thereby, denying Veterans of this benefit; and

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the numerous New York State Senatorial sponsor and co-sponsors of Bill S01199 publicly stated their desire and intent in enacting this bill for the benefit of New York State Military Veterans; and

WHEREAS, RPTL Section 458, enacted before the year 1896, and subsequent amendments until now, includes General Municipal Taxes unless disallowed by local option;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby calls upon Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Senate to enact further legislation removing the burden of mandating this exemption from the individual School Districts, and release the School Districts including the non-Veteran real property owners, from any tax burden imposed, when School Districts provide this benefit to Veterans as per the New York State Real Property Tax Law Veterans Tax Exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby calls upon Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Senate to enact legislation ensuring that New York State will immediately and forever reimburse each School District the definitive



total of the Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption each fiscal budget year.





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Meeting: 05/12/14 06:00 PM
Department: Human Services
Category: Amendment

Resolution No.

DOC ID: 1103 A

Amending Resolution No. 85-14 Authorizing Agreement Greene County Department of Human Services / Delaware Opportunities, Inc.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 85-14 adopted by the Greene County Legislature on March 19, 2014 authorized an agreement between Greene County Department of Human Services and Delaware Opportunities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement was from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the agreement at that time was never administered by the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, since services were not rendered at that time, the term is incorrect and should be amended; and

WHEREAS, the correct term should be January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 85-14 should hereby be amended to change the term of the agreement to January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.



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Meeting: 05/12/14 06:00 PM
Department: Social Services
Category: Appointment

Resolution No.

DOC ID: 1093

Appointing Commissioner of Social Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that **Kira Pospesel** of Palenville, New York, be and hereby is reappointed Commissioner of Social Services for Greene County for a five year term from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the annual salary for this position for 2014 shall be \$84,348.00 payable biweekly by the Greene County Treasurer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a onetime lump sum payment of \$1,228.00 shall be paid to coincide with management/confidential employees compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the health insurance plan will be changed to the high deductible plan to coincide with management/confidential employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance.



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Meeting: 05/12/14 06:00 PM
Department: Social Services
Category: Budget

Resolution No.

DOC ID: 1098 B

Greene County Department of Social Services Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the 2014 estimate for Juvenile Delinquents was \$125,000.00 and was adopted at the amount; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the 2014 budget two additional children have been adjudicated JD/PINS; and

WHEREAS, Family Assistance is showing a savings;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Treasurer be authorized to make the following budget amendments:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A 6109 4000	Family Assistance	\$300,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A 6123 4000	Juvenile Delinquents	\$300,000.00
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ATTACHMENTS:

- DSS - Budget Amendment (PDF)



**Greene County
Social Services**

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Kira Pospesel
Commissioner

Leonard Wahl
Deputy Commissioner

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April 24, 2014

Mr. Shaun Groden
County Administrator
Greene County Legislature
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Dear Mr. Groden,

In analyzing our expenditures through the first quarter of 2014, we have noted a significant deficiency in our account 6123.4000 Juvenile Delinquents/Persons In Need of Supervision (JD/PINS). At the time that we were preparing our 2014 budget requests in July of 2013, there were no children in our care with a JD/PINS designation, and the only expenses that had been incurred to date were for a minimal number of detention days.

We had estimated that the total cost in this appropriation in 2013 would be approximately \$70,000, and our original budget request was for the same amount. In November 2013 one child was adjudicated a JD/PINS, and our budget request was amended to \$125,000 just prior to final budget enactment. Subsequently, two additional children have been adjudicated JD/PINS, and therefore our appropriation is rapidly depleting. We anticipate that we will fully expend the account by the end of May.

At this point in time, we see the possibility of some savings in our Family Assistance appropriation account 6109.4000, and therefore respectfully request the following transfer of funds:

	<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6109.4	Family Assistance	6123.4	Juvenile Delinquents	\$300,000.00

Very truly yours,

Kira Pospesel
Commissioner

cc: Charles Martinez
Peter Markou
Lawrence Gardner



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