



AGENDA
CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 6:00PM
Link: <https://youtu.be/f2hJwL-GrGc>

CALL TO ORDER: Hon. Aileen McNabb-Coleman, Chair

ROLL CALL: Sheila Smith, Clerk of the Legislature

EXCUSED:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF PRAYER:

DEATHS: Our sincere condolences to the families and friends of:

- Mike LaFever was a retired ICM/care manager from MH. He was a great advocate, tireless and creative worker, dedicated father and grandfather.
- Dr. Joseph Karpinski, a longtime oral surgeon in the Cayuga County area who was known for his gregarious personality and philanthropic endeavors

PUBLIC HEARING: 6:00PM

- A Local Law repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2018 and Establishing the Departments of Buildings and Grounds, Weights and Measures, and the Cayuga County Highway Department; establishing the positions of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Weights and Measures, and Highway Superintendent
- Public Hearing on pursuant to NY Gen. Mun. Law § 6-D to make appropriations from the Buildings Repair Reserve

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Recognizing and supporting the 50th anniversary of Earth Day
- Donate Life Month in Cayuga County April 2020
- Central New York Regional Spelling Bee Champion: Emma Sroka, 2019 and 2020

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

MINUTES TO APPROVE: March 3rd, 16th, 24th and 31st, 2020

APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CCC REPORT: Dr. Durant

COMMITTEE REPORTS & INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS' REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Aileen McNabb-Coleman

**CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
RESOLUTIONS 4-28-20**

WAYS & MEANS:

- 4-20-WM-1 Authorizing Additional Compensatory Time for Non-Bargaining Employees
- 4-20-WM-2 Adopting resolution to extend contract with Heritage Abstract to provide In Rem Tax Foreclosure Searches for an additional year

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- 4-20-HH-1 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Public Health Director to enter into an anticipated one year extension with NYSDOH for the Health Neighborhoods Program and accept funding associated with the extension when notified from the State.
- 4-20-HH-2 **(TABLED @ HHS)** Authorizing the Public Health Director to create and fill a Supervising Billing Specialist position in the Health Department
- 4-20-HH-3 **(TABLED @ HHS)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Supervisor of Family Services position in the Department of Social Services.
- 4-20-HH-4 **(TABLED @ HHS)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Sr. Social Welfare Examiner position and abolish a Clerk position in the Department of Social Services.
- 4-20-HH-5 **(TABLED @ HHS)** Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill an Accountant position in the Department of Social Services due to a retirement.
- 4-20-HH-6 **(TABLED @ HHS)** Authorizing the County Legislature to create and the Director of Community Services to fill a Case Supervisor Grade B (Permanency Specialist) position in the Children & Family Services Unit
- 4-20-HH-7 Authorization to create and fill one Full-Time Grant Funded Technical Assistance Coordinator Position

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

- 4-20-GO-1 Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Momentum Telecom for the procurement of internet services for Cayuga County
- 4-20-GO-2 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioners of the Cayuga County Board of Elections to sign contracts for ShoeBox Grants for the Board of Elections
- 4-20-GO-3 Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Commissioners of the Cayuga County Board of Elections to sign contracts for Voter Education/Poll Worker training for the Board of Elections

PLANNING:

- 4-20-PL-1 Declaring the Cayuga County Legislature Lead Agency for the SEQRA Review of County Construction of a new nature center facility at the Sterling Nature Center Park and directing staff to initiate a coordinated SEQRA review process
- 4-20-PL-2 Authorizing the signing of a contract with Nick Colas to enhance and update the SWAT Model and assist in the update of the Owasco\ Lake Watershed Management and Waterfront Revitalization Plan into a Nine Element Plan

PUBLIC WORKS:

- 4-20-PW-1 **(PULLED @ WM)** Authorizing the replacement of two 5-Ton Liebert Hvac Units serving the 911 Equipment Room at the Public Safety Building (2/3)
- 4-20-PW-2 **(TABLED @ PW)** Authorizing the replacement of the Main Sewer Pump Station at Emerson Park (2/3 Vote Required)
- 4-20-PW-3 **(AMENDED @ WM)** Waiving fees for Emerson Park

4-20-PW-4 **(Pass after Public Hearing closed)** To adopt a Local Law repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2018 and establishing the Departments of Buildings and Grounds, Weights and Measures, and the Cayuga County Highway Department; establishing the positions of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Director of Weights and Measures, and Highway Superintendent

4-20-PW-5 **(Pass after Public Hearing closed)** Authorizing the replacement of one 5-ton Liebert HVAC Units serving the 911 Equipment Room at the Public Safety Building

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY:

4-20-JP-1 Authorize the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature and the Sheriff of Cayuga County to enter into an agreement with Global Tel*Link Corporation for the management, operation, and maintenance of the inmate telephone system at the Cayuga County Jail as well as add electronic tablets.

4-20-JP-2 **(AMENDED @ WM)** Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to Enter into an agreement with Cayuga Counseling for Pretrial Diversion Services for the term January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020

4-20-JP-3 **(AMENDED @ WM)** Authorizing the Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature to Enter into an agreement with Cayuga Counseling for the Alternative Sentencing Program for the Term January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020

4-20-JP-4 **(AMENDED @ WM)** Authorizing the Director of the Emergency Management to fill a vacant Administrative Officer position on a temporary basis during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

LEGISLATURE:

4-20-LEG-1 Opposing NYS Senate Bills S.8147 and S.8193, amending Real Property Tax Penalty

And any other business that may come before the Board

ADJOURNMENT: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00PM

If you have a disability and need accommodations, please call the Clerk of the Legislature's office at 253-1308 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting to advise what accommodations will be necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ April 28, 2020 PT Emerson Park Waive Fees rev

WAIVING FEES FOR EMERSON PARK

BY: Hon. Tucker Whitman, Chair, Public Works Committee
Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closing of virtually all entertainment and recreational facilities within the county, including restaurants, athletic courts and fields, and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, much of the population is being encourage to participate in social distancing in an effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Cayuga County Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to maintain open parks where citizens can spend time outdoors while still maintaining appropriate social distances; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature further finds that the fees imposed for parking at Emerson Park, set by Resolution No. 331-16, are not in the public interest at the present time and under the present circumstances; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Cayuga County Legislature hereby waives parking fees at Emerson Park for 60 days.

Public Works Committee

Ways & Means Committee

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Co. Atty: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ 4/28/20

COA LL Abolish DPW Adopt

TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2018 AND ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENTS OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND THE CAYUGA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

BY: Hon. Tucker Whitman, Chair, Ways & Means Committee
Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, there has been duly presented and introduced at a meeting of the Cayuga County Legislature held on April 28, 2020, a proposed local law entitled:

A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2018 AND ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENTS OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND THE CAYUGA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Cayuga County Legislature on April 21, 2020, directing that a public hearing be held by said Board on April 28, 2020, commencing at 6:00 P.M., at a meeting held electronically and broadcast live via YouTube at the following address: <https://youtu.be/f2hJwL-GrGc>, with members of the public directed to call in at 315-609-8182 to comment, to hear all interested parties on said proposed Local Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and after proper notice having been given, the Cayuga County Legislature held a public hearing on said Local Law and finds that it is in the interest of the County to adopt said Local Law; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Local Law No. _____ of 2020, entitled “A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2018 AND ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENTS OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND THE CAYUGA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT;” as so designated, be and the same is hereby enacted, waiving any and all defects and informalities in the adoption thereof, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Legislature publish notice of the adoption of the said Local Law in the official newspapers of Cayuga County, one time per week for each of two weeks, the first publication to be within ten (10) days of its effective date.

Public Works Committee

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LOCAL LAW NO.: ____ OF 2020

**COUNTY OF CAYUGA, STATE OF NEW YORK
A LOCAL LAW REPEALING LOCAL NO. 5 OF 2018 AND ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENTS
OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND THE CAYUGA COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT.**

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of Cayuga County, State of New York as follows:

SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law, consistent with the powers granted to county government pursuant to County Law § 400(a), the Municipal Home Rule Law, and such other laws as may be applicable, to:

- A. Disestablish the Department of Public Works in order to provide more comprehensive oversight over matters involving general highway, buildings and grounds, and weights and measures.

SECTION 2: LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Cayuga County Legislature hereby finds as follows:

- A. Local Law No.: 2 of 1989 established the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds in the Cayuga County Buildings Department.
- B. Local Law No.: 2 of 1999 established the position of Director of Public Works providing for the oversight of all highways, bridges, road construction, parks, trails, and certain county buildings.
- C. Local Law No.: 1 of 2005 repealed Local Law 2 of 1989 and Local Law 2 of 1999, created the positions of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the position of Cayuga County Highway Superintendent.
- D. Local Law 4 of 2014 created a Cayuga County Buildings and Grounds Department; established the position of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and repealed sections 2, 3, and 7 of Local Law No. 1 of 2005.
- E. Local Law No.: 5 of 2018 Repealed Local 4 of 2014 and Local Law 1 of 2005.

SECTION 3: DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- A. There is hereby established the Department of Buildings and Grounds. The Department of Buildings and Grounds shall have charge of the preservation and maintenance of all buildings and grounds, parks and trails, and facilities owned or leased by the County which are held, used and/or operated by the County for County purposes.
- B. There is hereby established the position of Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds shall have primary responsibility for fulfilling the charge of the Buildings and Grounds Department, as well as any additional responsibilities as may be assigned by the County Legislature. In addition, the Superintendent shall have charge, supervision, and management of:

1. All janitors, caretakers, custodians, building mechanics, and other employees responsible for the care and maintenance of County buildings and grounds;
 2. All employees involved with the design, construction, operating, maintenance and repair of all grounds, parking fields, drives and walks, together with all structures, roads, parking areas, equipment and appurtenances relating to parks and recreational facilities; and
 3. All parks and recreation programs.
- C. The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds shall be appointed, without term, by the Cayuga County Legislature in accordance with Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations, and County Policy, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- D. Notwithstanding the appointive authority of the Cayuga County Legislature, the Legislature may, by resolution, delegate administrative authority and general oversight of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds to a County Administrator or Deputy, the Chairman of the Legislature, or the Chairman of the Oversight Committee to which the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds shall report.

SECTION 3: DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

- A. There is hereby established the Department of Weights and Measures. The Department of Weights and Measures shall have charge of the duties and functions as proscribed by § 775 of N.Y. County Law.
- B. There is hereby established the Director of Weights and Measures. The Director of Weights and Measures shall have primary responsibility for fulfilling the charge of the Weights and Measures Department, as well as any additional responsibilities as may be assigned by the County Legislature.
1. The Director of Weights and Measures shall be appointed, without term by the Cayuga County Legislature in accordance with Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations, and County Policy, as the same may be amended from time to time.
 2. Notwithstanding the appointive authority of the Cayuga County Legislature, the Legislature may, by resolution, delegate administrative authority and general oversight of the Director of Weights and Measures to a County Administrator or Deputy, the Chairman of the Legislature, or the Chairman of the Oversight Committee to which the Director of Weights and Measures shall report.

SECTION 4: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- A. There is hereby established the Cayuga County Highway Department. The Highway Department shall have charge of:
1. County Roads and County Bridges to the extent required under N.Y.S. and Federal Law;
 2. The motor pool for the purpose of maintaining the County's vehicles and highway equipment;
 3. The County sign shop;
- B. There is hereby created the Office of the Cayuga County Highway Superintendent. The Highway Superintendent shall have all the powers, duties, obligations, and liabilities imposed upon a county

superintendent of highways by the N.Y. Highway Law, as well as such other duties as may be imposed by the County Legislature.

1. The Highway Superintendent shall be appointed to a four-year term, in accordance with N.Y. Highway Law, by the Cayuga County Legislature in accordance with Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations, and County Policy, as the same may be amended from time to time.
2. Notwithstanding the appointive authority of the Cayuga County Legislature, the Legislature may, by resolution, delegate administrative authority and general oversight of the Highway Superintendent to a County Administrator or Deputy, the Chairman of the Legislature, or the Chairman of the Oversight Committee to which the Highway Superintendent shall report.

SECTION 5: REPEALER. Local Law No. 5 of 2018 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any portion of this Law shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, it is the intention of the Legislature that said judgment shall not affect the remainder thereof if the remainder is sufficient to carry out the intent of this Law.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

4/28/20

BLD ReplaceLiebertHVAC911EquipmentRoom

AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF ONE 5-TON LIEBERT HVAC UNITS SERVING THE 911 EQUIPMENT ROOM AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

By: Tucker Whitman, Chair, Public Works

By: Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the one Liebert HVAC Unit serving the equipment room at the 911 Center has failed and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Cayuga County Purchasing Policy, the Buildings and Grounds Department has determined that the equipment can be repaired for a total cost of \$30,924; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature held a public hearing on April 28, 2020, in accordance with N.Y. Gen. Mun. Law § 6-d, in anticipation of authorizing the repair to be paid from the Building Repair Reserve, the Legislature has determined that this repair does not recur annually or less frequently, and that it fall within the purpose for which the Building Repair Reserve was established; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized and directed to transfer 30,924.00 from the Building Repair Reserve to the Building Maintenance Account (A31504 54012).

Public Works Committee

Ways & Means Committee

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Co. Atty: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ April 28, 2020

PRO Auth Pretrial Diversion

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA COUNSELING FOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION SERVICES FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

BY: Hon. Andrew Dennison, Chair, Judicial & Public Safety Committee
Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the Pre-Trial Diversion program is a research based voluntary preventive rehabilitation program for first time offenders age 18-21. Participation in this program allows these first time offenders to have criminal charges dropped or reduced thus avoiding a conviction on their criminal record; participants receive counseling and support for achievement at school, home, and employment while returning volunteer service work to the community and making restitution to victims consistent with the national restorative justice model; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Counseling has provided this service to Cayuga County previously and both the County and Cayuga Counseling Services wish to continue to provide this service into the future; and

WHEREAS, Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Committee meet to review these contracts, assign responsibility for contract oversight and make recommendations for continuation after June 30th; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cayuga Counseling Services for the term January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for the provision of Pre-Trial Diversion services at an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, funding is to be utilized from budget account A31404 54503, Probation – Pre-Trial Diversion.

Judicial & Public Safety

Ways & Means Committee

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Christopher Petrus, Chair

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Co. Atty: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ April 28, 2020

PRO Auth Alt. Sentencing rev

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA COUNSELING FOR THE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAM FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

BY: Hon. Andrew Dennison, Chair, Judicial & Public Safety Committee
Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways & Means Committee

WHEREAS, the Cayuga Counseling Services' Alternative Sentencing Program is an Alternative to Incarceration Program (ATI) that helps eligible and suitable (18 and up) non-violent defendants who have been convicted or who have pled out criminal cases; they are referred to perform community service in lieu of jail as a condition of a conditional discharge, or in lieu of a fine; this sentencing option allows defendants to remain employed and to preserve community ties; this provides positive community action and is a deterrent as powerful as incarceration; and

WHEREAS, Cayuga Counseling has provided this service to Cayuga County previously and both the County and Cayuga Counseling Services wish to continue to provide this service into the future; and

WHEREAS, Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Committee meet to review these contracts, assign responsibility for contract oversight and make recommendations for continuation after June 30th; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cayuga Counseling Services for the term January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 for the provision of Alternative Sentencing services at an amount not to exceed \$12,072.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, funding is to be utilized from budget account A31404 54504, Probation – Alternative Sentencing.

Judicial & Public Safety

Ways & Means Committee

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Co. Atty: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

4/28/2020

EMO Fill Admin officer Temporary rev1

Authorizing the Director of the Emergency Management to fill a vacant Administrative Officer position on a temporary basis during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Hon. Andrew Dennison, Chair, Judicial and Public Safety Committee
Hon. Christopher Petrus, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased support in the Emergency Management Office due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant Administrative Officer (PC#6138) position within the Emergency Management Office that could be filled on a temporary basis retroactive to March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, funding for filling the Temporary Administrative Officer position will be submitted for Federal reimbursement; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Director of Emergency Management be authorized to fill the Administrative Officer (PC#6139) position on a temporary basis (not to exceed 6 months) at the rate of \$19.71/hour per the Cayuga County Part II NB Compensation Plan, retroactive to March 16, 2020, provided compensation does not exceed \$20,000, exclusive of benefit costs; and be it further that

RESOLVED, that the Administrative Officer position be filled in a manner consistent with the rules and regulations of the Cayuga County Civil Service Commission, and the policies of the County of Cayuga.

Judicial & Public Safety

Ways & Means Committee

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

4/28/20

LEG Opposing Senate Bills

OPPOSING NYS SENATE BILLS S.8147 AND S.8193, AMENDING REAL PROPERTY TAX PENALTY

WHEREAS, the County of Cayuga, New York (the “County”) enforces real property taxes pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (“Article 11”); and

WHEREAS, under Article 11, the County is responsible for enforcing school, village, town and County taxes on all parcels outside of the City of Auburn, as well as responsible for guaranteeing or “making whole” the towns, school districts and villages on those taxes, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to real property tax law section 1442, unpaid delinquent village taxes are turned over to the County for relevy onto the town and county tax bill with an additional penalty of seven percent, with the seven percent penalty being retained by the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to real property tax law section 1184 and local law 3 of 2014, the County offers the option to pay delinquent real property taxes through an installment agreement, and late payments are subject to a 5% penalty, which is retained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate Bills S.8147 and S.8193 (the “Bills”) amend the penalty on the village relevies and installment agreement late payments to one half percent; and

WHEREAS, the Bills reduction of the real property tax penalty on delinquencies will have a negative financial impact on the County through reduced penalty revenue and would likely lead to an increase in the number of delinquencies, as there will no longer be a strong deterrent to paying taxes late; and

WHEREAS, Bill S.8193 would place an additional administrative burden on the County for installment agreements that have already been started and payment coupons distributed stating the 5% late penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee recommends adoption of this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Cayuga County Legislature opposes New York State Senate Bills S.8147 and S.8193 amending real property tax penalty; and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of this Board to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay, Senator Robert Antonacci, Senator James Seward, Senator Pam Helming, Assemblyman Gary Finch, Assemblyman Brian Manktelow, County Town Supervisors, County School Superintendents, County Village Mayors and the New York State Association of Counties.

Aileen McNabb-Coleman (District 6)

Paul Pinckney (District 5)

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Tucker Whitman (District 1)

Keith Batman (District 7)

Tricia Kerr (District 12)

Andrew Dennison (District 2)

Hans Pecher (District 8)

Timothy Lattimore (District 13)

Benjamin Vitale (District 3)

Charlie Ripley (District 9)

Michael Didio (District 14)

Christopher Petrus (District 4)

Heidi Nightengale (District 10)

Ryan Foley (District 15)

Co. Atty. _____