

RESOLUTION NO. 232a

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING A CONSOLIDATION
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Introduced: 8/11/14

By Mr. Morse, Audit and Finance and Law Committees:

WHEREAS, The County Comptroller, Sheriff and County Clerk have indicated an interest in participating in a consolidation feasibility study to increase efficiencies on a regional basis, and

WHEREAS, The Comptroller's Office has been in communication with the State University at New Paltz to assist the County with an in-depth analysis of potential consolidation avenues, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff, County Clerk and Comptroller believe there are valuable savings possible with an analysis and possible consolidation of services through all levels of government in Albany County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with the State University at New Paltz to fund a feasibility study for service consolidation, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Law Committee. 8/11/14

Mr. Mendick proposed the following amendment:

"WHEREAS, the source of funding for this project has been identified by the County Comptroller as "an advance refunding opportunity we are pursuing that will reduce the County's debt service", and

WHEREAS, the study requires collection of at least 8 data elements pertaining to individuals employed by the governments located in Albany County, including the towns, cities, and villages, so as to produce a report delineating possible consolidation opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the active involvement of the towns, cities, and villages, in addition to the County itself, is required for the researchers to obtain the characteristics and places of work of the current municipalities workforces located in Albany County so the researchers can map

service delivery locations, and levels and patterns of service delivery, for said local jurisdictions, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that

- 1) Upon written agreement by 2/3rds (66.7%) of all towns, cities, and villages in Albany County, as evidenced by a written copy of a resolution presented and approved by the Boards of each municipality presented to Albany County; and*
- 2) Upon written agreement by the towns, cities and villages representing at least 2/3rds (66.7%) of all local municipal employees in Albany County affirming they will participate in the afore-mentioned study,”*

On roll call vote on the amendment the following voted in favor: Mss. Benedict, Busch, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Dawson, Hogan, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mayo, Mendick, Stevens and Tunny – 11.

Those opposed: Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Reilly, Simpson and Ward – 23.

Amendment was defeated.

On roll call vote on the original resolution the following voted in favor: Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Reilly, Simpson and Ward – 25.

Those opposed: Mss. Benedict, Busch, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hogan, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Stevens and Tunny – 9.

Original Resolution was adopted. 9/8/14