

RESOLUTION NO. 95

REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENSURE THAT ALL NURSING HOME CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 2014-2018 CAPITAL PROGRAM

Introduced: 3/11/13

By Messrs. Comisso, Morse, Ward and Clenahan:

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested legislative authority to enter into a lease agreement for the private operation of the Albany County Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, It is well established that the nursing home requires substantial repairs including the roof and heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system as well as much needed improvements to increase the energy efficiency at the facility, and

WHEREAS, The proposed lease agreement includes providing the proposed operator with millions of dollars to perform undisclosed repairs to the nursing home, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body believes that it is the County's responsibility to make sure all maintenance and renovations regarding County owned facilities are properly completed and not to rely on the hope that an outside for profit organization will protect the County's assets, and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Article 6 of the Albany County Charter, the County Executive is annually required to prepare and submit to the Legislature a five-year Capital Program no later than July 1st, and

WHEREAS, The Capital Program identifies the construction or reconstruction of major capital projects which include any significant repairs, improvements or expansions to new or existing capital assets of the County, and

WHEREAS, The current Capital Program provides for the planning of building a new nursing home, the installation of a fire sprinkler system and the roof replacement, but it does not include a plan for the replacement of the HVAC system or the improvements to energy efficiency, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is requested to ensure that all capital improvements regarding the nursing home are included in the Capital Program for 2014-2018, 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 Audit and Finance Committee. 3/11/13