

RESOLUTION NO. 331

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO EDUCATION AND THERAPY PROGRAMS

Introduced: 9/14/09

By Social Services Committee, Mr. Scavo and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families is required to provide appropriate transportation services for children who have been evaluated and found to have special needs to special education and therapy programs assigned by school district-based committees, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families after a bid process has requested authorization to enter into agreements with Northland Transportation, Inc., regarding transportation services for children receiving special education and therapy services, and

WHEREAS, The agreements with Northland Transportation, Inc., for transportation services is in the amount of \$280,000 for Zone 1 which covers the City of Albany east of Lake Avenue and Zone 6 covering the City of Albany west of Lake Avenue in the amount of \$465,000 for the period commencing November 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, with an option for a one year renewal, and

WHEREAS, The cost of the State-mandated transportation services, paid 59.5% by the State and 40.5% by the County, was included in the 2009 County Budget, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with Northland Transportation, Inc., 54 Freeman's Bridge Rd., Scotia, NY regarding transportation services for children receiving special education and therapy services for the period commencing November 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$280,000 for Zone 1 and in an amount not to exceed \$465,000 for Zone 6, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements 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.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 9/14/09