RESOLUTION NO. 393

AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LENOX REALTY, INC. REGARDING OFFICE SPACE FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Introduced: 10/13/09
By Law and Audit and Finance Committees:

WHEREAS, The County Executive has requested Legislative approval of a lease agreement with Lenox Realty, Inc. for 24,208 square feet of office space at 30 Russell Road in the City of Albany for the Board of Elections, County Clerk's Office and the tax map unit of the County Real Property Tax Services Agency, and

WHEREAS, The proposed term of the lease will be for five years commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2014 with an option to renew for an additional five years at an annual rental rate of $11 per square foot with a 3% annual escalation, and

WHEREAS, The agreement specifies that the County, after the first year, will pay proportional cost increases for taxes, janitorial service, interior and exterior maintenance, snow removal, and is responsible for a set $1.50 per square foot per year for utilities, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that as the Board of Elections responsibilities have changed dramatically with the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the Board of Elections will utilize the County Clerk's space when the Clerk moves back to the Albany County Court House necessitating additional fit-up work in the amount of $450,000 of which $225,000 is the County share, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement, as per the proposed lease agreement and including the aforementioned terms, with Lenox Realty, Inc. to lease office space at 30 Russell Road for the Board of Elections, Office of the County Clerk and the Tax Map Unit of the County Real Property Tax Services Agency, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said lease 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 Audit and Finance Committee. 10/13/09
On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso,

Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Mendick, Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Timmins, Tunny, Ward, Ms. Willingham and Mr. Zeilman – 35.

Those opposed: Messrs. Bullock, Ethier and McCoy – 3.

Mr. Steck abstained – 1.

Resolution was adopted. 11/9/09