

RESOLUTION NO. 486

ADOPTION OF THE ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Introduced: 12/8/08

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive submitted a Tentative Annual Budget to the Albany County Legislature in accordance with Section 603(d) of the Albany County Charter, and

WHEREAS, The Tentative Annual Budget has been submitted to the Audit and Finance Committee in accordance with Resolution No. 369 for 2008 designating said committee as the appropriate review committee of this Legislature in compliance with the Charter, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Sec. 604 of the Albany County Charter, on October 28, 2008, a public hearing was held on the Tentative Annual Budget as submitted by the County Executive, and on November 25, 2008, a second public hearing was held on the proposed Legislative additions and/or deletions to the Tentative Annual Budget, and

WHEREAS, After careful review of the Tentative Annual Budget and in compliance with Section 604(b) of the Charter, the Audit and Finance Committee has submitted the Legislative Budget Report dated November 20, 2008, as amended, to this Honorable Body, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the revised Tentative Annual Budget as reviewed and submitted by the Audit and Finance Committee with appropriate additions and deletions, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, is hereby adopted as the County Budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the Albany County Charter, the Clerk of the County Legislature shall submit forthwith to the Albany County Executive the budget as adopted by this Honorable Body for his examination and consideration, 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.

Resolution was amended by Mr. Nichols as follows:

"Amend the 2009 Budget Report as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A02216 Election Fees by \$612,600

Increase Appropriation Account A1990 Contingent Account by \$612,600 by increasing Line Item A1990 4 4999 Misc Contractual Expense by \$612,600”

On roll call vote on the amendment the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Mendick, Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Ward, Ms. Willingham and Mr. Zeilman – 34.

Those opposed: Messrs. Clay, Ethier and Steck – 3.

Amendment was adopted.

Resolution was amended by Messrs. Higgins and Bullock as follows:

“DELETE the last WHEREAS Clause and ADD:

WHEREAS, the nation’s economic crisis is affecting Americans everywhere including here in Albany County, and

WHEREAS, 533,000 workers lost their jobs in the month of November, giving the month of November, 2008 the dubious distinction of having the greatest number of job losses in a single month in 34 years, and

WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in the United States is now 6.7% and as high as 12.5% when factoring in the millions of people who have been unemployed for so long they have given-up looking for work, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the revised tentative annual budget as reviewed and submitted by the Audit and Finance Committee with the appropriate additions and deletions, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature and as further amended by this resolution with the appropriate additions and deletions which are attached hereto and are incorporated by reference is adopted as the county budget for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009 and be it further,”

On roll call vote on the amendment the following voted in favor: Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Bullock, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clouse, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mayo, Mendick, Nichols, Scavo and Zeilman – 15.

Those opposed: Messrs. Aylward, Beston, Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Rahm, Reilly, Steck, Ward and Ms. Willingham – 22.

Amendment was defeated.

On roll call vote on the amended resolution the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms.

McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Steck, Ward and Ms. Willingham – 28.

Those opposed: Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Ethier, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Scavo and Zeilman – 9.

Resolution as amended was adopted. 12/8/08