



**Board of Legislators**  
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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**July 27, 2020**

1. **Approval of Minutes**
  - July 13, 2020
  - July 15, 2020
  
2. **Approval of Audit**
  
3. **ACCORD CDBG Grant – Designation of Certifying Officer**
  
4. **Referrals from Committees**
  - The Budget Committee requested a resolution pleading with New York State to pay all outstanding claims for reimbursement of services provided by the County, and to ensure that the resolution details the egregious amount of those outstanding claims and the hardships placed upon the County due to the state's failure to fulfill those obligations.
  
5. **Old Business**
  
6. **New Business**
  
7. **Good of the Order**
  
8. **Adjournment**

# RESOLUTION NO.

## APPOINTMENT OF A CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

Offered by: Ways & Means Committee

**WHEREAS**, the County has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in partnership with Allegany County Community Opportunities & Rural Development Corporation (ACCORD) to complete thirty-one or more well water/septic system replacements in Allegany County with the eligible recipients to include the elderly, disabled, and veterans, CDBG Project #20WS350-19, and

**WHEREAS**, an environmental review of said project must be completed, and

**WHEREAS**, a Certifying Officer must be appointed for the environmental review, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:**

1. That in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1069 (NEPA) and the related authorities listed at 24 CFR Part 58, the Allegany County Board of Legislators announces its intent to conduct an environmental review of said project.

2. That the Allegany County Board of Legislators designates Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman of the Allegany County Board of Legislators, as the Certifying Officer, responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with NYS Project #20WS350-19.

I, Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Allegany, State of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a correct copy of the original on file in my office and the whole thereof of a resolution passed by said

Board on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dated at Belmont, New York, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_  
*Clerk, Board of Legislators, Allegany County*

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ VOTE: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_ Voice \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGNATION OF CERTIFYING OFFICER AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY CERTIFICATION**

07/21/2020

*(Date)*

Denise Cannon

*(Name of OCR Community/Economic Developer)*

Office of Community Renewal

Hampton Plaza

38-40 State Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Albany, New York 12207

RE: CDBG Project Number: 20WS350-19

Dear Denise :

I, Curtis Crandall, the authorized signatory for  
*(Name of Chief Elected Official)*  
Allegany County do attest that:  
*(Name of CDBG Recipient)*

- I understand that any projects that include CDBG funds must be assessed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the related authorities listed at 24 CFR Part 58.
- I understand that, except for actions involving activities determined to be Exempt (per 24 CFR 58.34 and NYS Office of Community Renewal procedures), *no physical alteration to individual sites can occur nor can funds for those activities be committed or expended until receipt of an environmental clearance letter* from the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and, for any subsequently identified specific sites, site-specific reviews are completed for which the Certifying Officer determines that there are no unanticipated impacts nor impacts not adequately addressed in the program review related to the environmental clearance letter and said Officer certifies such determination.
- I understand that should any part of a project site be physically altered, funds be committed, or funds be expended prior to receiving the appropriate environmental clearances, that the site will not be eligible for CDBG funding and the Allegany County may be responsible for any costs incurred except under the following circumstance: in the case of Exempt activities, concurrence from the NYS Office of Community Renewal that the particular action is Exempt prior to any physical alterations unless that action is taken to address an emergency situation in which case concurrence must be obtained no later than the first regular business day following such an event,
- I also notify you that Curtis Crandall, Chairman, is  
*(Name of Certifying Officer)* *(Title)*  
designated as the *Certifying Officer* responsible for all activities associated with the environmental review process to be completed in conjunction with NYS CDBG project number 20WS350-19 awarded to Allegany County.  
*(CDBG Project Number)* *(Name of CDBG Recipient)*

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Chief Elected Official

Curtis Crandall

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Typed Name and Title

## **RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO AND THE DIVISION OF BUDGET TO RELEASE OVERDUE PAYMENTS TO ALLEGANY COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the enacted budget for State Fiscal Year 2021 authorizes the budget director to adjust all appropriations, including capital and operating aid, based on whether the State Financial Plan is out of balance by more than one percent during any measurement period.

**WHEREAS**, if the State Financial Plan is out of balance, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has the authority to make reductions as necessary to bring the State Financial Plan back into balance with reductions uniformly across-the-board to the extent practicable or by specific appropriations as needed.

**WHEREAS**, the measurement periods for April 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 and May 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 have already passed with no announcement what specific appropriations are slated for reductions or how much reductions are necessary.

**WHEREAS**, although no formal reductions to appropriations have been made, New York State has been extraordinarily delinquent in the payment of claims to Allegany County accumulating a debt in excess of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) properly due to Allegany County either through the provision of mandated services, specific State legislation, or contractual relationships Allegany County entered into with New York State.

**WHEREAS**, local government was instructed that all payments on legally due claims must be approved by the New York State Division of Budget.

**WHEREAS**, some of these claims are more than four months past due, now, therefore, be it

### **RESOLVED:**

1. We urge Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the Division of Budget to immediately pay their outstanding debts owed to Allegany County.