

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH CARE CORPORATION (WCHCC), WESTCHESTER-ELLENVILLE HOSPITAL, INC. (THE HOSPITAL), TOWN OF WAWARSING AND VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TEMPORARY PROVISION OF SERVICES BY THE HOSPITAL AND TO PURCHASE [SUBJECT TO AN OPTION] THE HOSPITAL FACILITY AND LANDS FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH CARE CORPORATION FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$600,000

The Special Committee on Ellenville Regional Hospital (Chairman Stock and Legislators Cummings, DePew, Donaldson and Hyatt) offers the following:

WHEREAS, Westchester-Ellenville Hospital, Inc. (the "Hospital") provides medical services in the Ellenville area, and

WHEREAS, said hospital corporation is ultimately controlled by the Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC"), and

WHEREAS, the Hospital is in imminent danger of closing due to the fact that WCHCC is no longer able to provide financial support, and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been proposed between the County, WCHCC, the Hospital, the Town of Wawarsing and the Village of Ellenville [in an effort to keep the Hospital from closing], and

[WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the County of Ulster for the County, the Town of Wawarsing and the Village of Ellenville to enter into an agreement whereby the County would temporarily contract for services of the Hospital totaling \$200,000.00 for the current period and ending on [August 1, 2004] at which time the County would decide whether or not to exercise an option in the agreement to purchase the facility, the same of which would be influenced upon whether or not the Kingston Hospital agrees, at that time, to lease the hospital or suitable community medical service operations, with the County then making further such payments to a total of \$600,000.00, and]

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WHEREAS, said agreement would further provide that the Town of Wawarsing contribute \$100,000 in support of the Hospital if the County should acquire the facility, lands and lease these to Kingston Hospital and in addition would also underwrite and pay, if necessary, the Hospital's water and sewer charges as levied, assessed or otherwise charged by the Napanoch Water District, and the Village would provide the sum of \$50,000 towards the Hospital's operations, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed [the original resolution] with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Form filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, that this project and the proposed acquisition and lease of the Hospital facility, would not have a significant effect on the environment.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the purpose of continuing the services of the Hospital, the Chairman of the Legislature is authorized to execute on behalf of the County the agreement as described above, in the form as [currently] filed with the Clerk of the Legislature [as amended by] the County Attorney [to include language setting forth the County's option to purchase the Hospital as more particularly set forth above and as may be further modified with the] approval of the [County Attorney and subject to final approval of the] Town, Village and WCHCC,

and moves its adoption.

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ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27

NOES: 5

(Legislators Every,
Hathaway, Maloney,
Noonan and Tipp)

(1 Abstention –
Legislator Stoeckeler)

Legislator Zimet motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to amend the resolution as seen in [].

AMENDMENT ADOPTED: AYES: 27

NOES: 5

(Legislators Every, Hathaway,
Maloney, Noonan and Tipp)

(1 Abstention–Legislator Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$600,000.00 – SERIAL BONDS - COUNTY

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