Resolution No. 281 September 10, 2008

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Requests For Proposals, Additional Assurances, Agreements And Any Amendments To The Agreements With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Division Of Housing And Community Renewal, For Participation In The Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget - Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management

The Criminal Justice and Safety Committee (Chairman Dart and Legislators Briggs, R.A. Parete, Zimet, Hansut, Maloney and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management has been notified that the New York State budget provided \$15 million to the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation to develop and administer the Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management is requesting that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute requests for proposals, additional assurances, agreements and any amendments to the agreements with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation for the Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program, and

WHEREAS, under the program eleven counties in the Southern Tier and Catskill regions may purchase eligible homes that have been damaged by the devastating floods these regions have experienced since April 1, 2004 and are further determined to be at future risk, and

WHEREAS, the goal of this program is to remove people and their possessions from harm's way in areas that have been hit particularly hard by flooding and enable homeowners to relocate from areas that remain vulnerable to flooding, and

WHEREAS, homes purchased would be condemned and property will be dedicated in perpetuity for open space, recreational, wetlands or flood mitigation purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Housing Trust Fund Corporation expects to allocate to Ulster County an amount not to exceed \$2 million dollars, and

WHEREAS, the County, through its Emergency Management Office, may submit proposals for subject properties meeting the qualifications as outlined by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal, and

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WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management is requesting immediate funding for appraisals, title searches, legal fees and advertising for program administration due to the program's deadlines, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute requests for proposals, additional assurances, agreements and any amendments to the agreements with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Division of Housing and Community Renewal for participation in the Greater Catskill Flood Remediation Program, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2008 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1146-4400	Other Fees for Professional Services	\$19,125.00
A4-11464360 (App. #'s)	Legal Services	\$ 10,875.00
A3-1800-3960 (Rev. #)	State Aid, Emergency Disaster Assistance	\$30,000.00

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FURTHER RESOLVED, if funding for this program is eliminated, the program will be eliminated as well,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Kraft and Stoeckeler)

Legislator Dart motioned, seconded by Legislator Cahill to amend the resolution as indicated by bold italics and double strikethroughs.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Kraft and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$2,000,000.00 - ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DOLLARS \$2,000.000.00 - ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL

NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION REVENUE DOLLARS

\$ 0.00 - ADDITIONAL COUNTY DOLLARS

\$30,000.00 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DOLLARS \$30,000.00 – ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE DOLLARS