

RESOLUTION NO. 142

AUTHORIZING THE ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ANNEX REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Introduced: 4/9/07

By Health and Public Safety Committees, Messrs. Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Burke, Clay, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cunningham, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Gordon, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Shafer, Steck, Ward, Mss. Wiley and Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested legislative authorization to move forward with the replacement of the temporary housing annex at the Albany County Correctional Facility, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff indicated that the 72-bed annex was built in 1989 as a stand alone temporary housing unit outside the main jail on Correctional Facility property and has been scheduled in the County's Capital Program since 2004 for replacement at a cost of \$13.515 million, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff proposes to demolish the annex and build an 80-bed mental health unit to resolve multiple difficulties with the current arrangement where cell space for 50 mental health male inmates, including those on constant observation suicide watch, is located inside the jail, overflow mental health prisoners are moved in with the general population and the support staff lacks appropriate office space or room to conduct interviews and programs, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has requested authority to initiate a Request for Proposals process for the services of an architect/project manager for replacement of the temporary housing annex with an 80-bed mental health unit, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff to initiate a Request for Proposals process for the services of an architect/project manager in order to move forward with the replacement of the temporary housing annex at the Albany County Correctional Facility, 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.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 4/9/07