



Government Operations Committee

411 Main Street
Catskill, N.Y. 12414

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Committee Meeting

~Minutes~

Monday, July 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Board Room

Government Operations Members: Chairperson Davis; Legislators Martinez, O'Connell, Hobart, Lucas, Legg

PLEASE NOTE: No person shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor during any session of this Legislature unless a request therefore has been submitted prior to commencement of the meeting to a duly elected member of this body who represents the district in which the person making such request is a bonafide resident.

Call to Order

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6: 18 p.m. and stated, "

Proposed Action Items:

Chairperson Davis stated, "Tonight, we have the Director and the Deputy Director of Real Property Taxes with us, and, before we get into the resolutions, I'm gonna invite Director Ward up to give us a quick update."

Mr. Ward stated, "I think I'm good to go tonight. Um, I just wanted to, I'll be back for the Finance Committee meeting, but, um, Mike, your question last month about the HVPA."
Legislator O'Connell stated, "Mute button."

Legislator Lennon stated, "Mute."

Legislator Bulich stated, "No. It's on."

Legislator Legg stated, "No. It's on. It's on. It's red."

Mr. Hannahs stated, "Now it's on. You're good."

Mr. Templeton stated, "Is it on?"

Mr. Ward stated, "Can you hear me? The HVPA, the Hudson Valley Power Authority, you had asked some questions. So, I contacted my counterparts in Ulster, Dutchess, and Orange counties, because those are, along with us, are the four biggest counties of the eight counties of Central Hudson. None of them have been asked, over the past two years about this from their Leg. or Board of Supervisors. I did look at the Bills, or the Bill that Senator Hinchey has proposed. It's been in Committee since January of '25. It was reintroduced again this year in January of '26, and your specific question dealt with, would they pay taxes? So, in the Bill, it's kind of contradictory language, but if you, if you're interested in reading the Bill, it's S2026-A is Hinchey's Bill. Section 1022-Q deals with the tax piece of this, as far as real property taxes go. So, as a public power authority, they would be, or public authority, they'd be exempt from taxation and it's, it's declared that, and then under sub 2 of that, it goes on, 'the authority shall be required to pay no taxes, nor assessments.' Then, item three, they contradict the whole first two

statements and say, 'the authority shall make payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities and school districts equal to the taxes and assessments which would have been received from year to year by such jurisdiction.' So, take it what it's at. This is what the language of a 30-some-odd page Bill that I had to get to 25 to find taxes. So, it's, it's back up over social media this week. It's reared its ugly head. The other four counties were surprised that there was an Open House held by Senator Hinchey in our County just that week before that you had mentioned. They said there's been nothing going on down by them as far as they knew, so."

Legislator Lanuto stated, "Thank, thanks for looking into it, Ray. I don't even know how to respond to that."

Mr. Ward stated, "It, it, it's contradict-."

Legislator Lanuto stated, "I don't even think they know what's even, what they're even put in the Bill."

Mr. Ward stated, "It's very contradictory language. It makes it sound like, under statute, there are public authorities, so they're tax exempt and it goes on and talks about all taxes but then, you get to three, and it says they're gonna make PIL-, they said, two says that they will be allowed to make PILOTS, three says they shall make PILOTS. I have no idea. It's all I can tell, all I can tell you."

Legislator Lanuto stated, "Thank you."

Mr. Ward stated, "No problem."

Mr. Groden stated, "Ray, Ray, Ray, is there a twin Bill in the Assembly?"

Mr. Ward stated, "Yes. Assembly 2127-A from Shrestha."

Mr. Groden stated, "Thank you."

Chairperson Davis stated, "While we're on the subject of Central Hudson, I did read a report stating that New Yorkers are paying 70 percent more than the national average for electricity, and I got a letter last week, I should have brought it in, Central Hudson is going to be giving subsidies to some people, credits for their electricity. So, that means the rest of us will be paying more to support that and those credits will be based on income."

1. Authorizing An Extension To County Administrator's Current Term (Shaun S. Groden)

Chairperson Davis stated, "I think we're going to have the full Committee?"

A number of Legislators stated, "Yes."

RESULT: Moved for Adoption

MOVER: Legislator Daryl Legg

SECONDER: Legislator Harry Lennon

AYES: *Legislator Davis, Legislator Martinez, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Hobart, Legislator Lucas, Legislator Legg, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon*

NOES:

ABSENT: *Chairman Linger*

2. Authorizing Chargeback Of Assessment Roll Related Services And Materials (2026 Final Rolls)

Chairperson Davis stated, "We will have one due to absenteeism."

RESULT: *Moved for Adoption*

MOVER: *Legislator Charles Martinez*

SECONDER: *Legislator Gregg Davis*

AYES: *Legislator Davis, Legislator Martinez, Legislator O'Connell, Legislator Hobart, Legislator Lucas, Legislator Legg, Legislator Luvera, Legislator Lennon*

NOES:

ABSENT: *Chairperson Linger*

Adjournment

On motion made by Legislator O'Connell, seconded by Legislator Lennon, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Resolution No.

Authorizing An Extension To County Administrator's Current Term (Shaun S. Groden)

WHEREAS, the Greene County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 255-24 on July 17th, 2024, authorizing a one-year extension to Shaun S. Groden's term as County Administrator, to expire on December 31st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Shaun S. Groden is hereby requesting an extension to said term, which will now expire April 1, 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby approves an extension to Shaun S. Groden's current term, which will now expire April 1, 2028.

Meeting History:

07/13/26 Government Operations

07/15/26 Greene County Legislature

ATTACHMENTS:

None



4814 Ellicott Street Rd, P.O. Box 438
Batavia, NY 14021 (585) 343-0962
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INVOICE

200345

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INVOICE DATE: 7/2/2026

CLIENT PO:

SHIPPED: UPS Ground

ORDER#:

CONSULTANT: 8

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TO:

ATTN: Jennifer Bowie
Greene County
Real Property Tax Service
411 Main Street, Suite 447
Catskill NY 12414

SHIP TO: 3545S
Greene County
2026 Final Assessment Rolls
Town & School

ORDERED	SHIPPED UNIT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	1 L/62	ROLLS	8-1/2 x 14 Tax Rolls	1,789.87	1,789.87

RECEIVED

JUL 7 2026

GREENE COUNTY
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE

TERMS: NET 30 DAYS
SEE ATTACHED

A finance charge of 2% a month or 24% a year will be charged on past due invoices. Printing orders subject to overruns or underruns not exceeding 10%. Any deduction of applicable taxes shall be at the risk and liability of purchaser. Artwork, proofs, negatives, etc. supplied by seller remain seller's property.

SUBTOTAL 1,789.87

FREIGHT 372.65

SALES TAX 0.00

TOTAL 2,162.52

7/7/2026
APPROVED FOR PAYMENT
RTW

2026 Final Assessment Rolls (Town & School)
County of Greene

Account 3545

ABS Job #s	Ship Date	Town	8.5 x 14 Images	8.5 x 14 Paper	# of Sets	Shipping	Total Charges
297911	6/23/26	Ashland	765	383	4	\$ 20.96	\$ 81.76
297862	6/22/26	Athens	2,124	1,062	5	24.64	166.74
297905	6/23/26	Cairo	3,124	1,562	6	29.53	232.38
297863	6/22/26	Catskill	3,974	1,987	4	29.75	274.26
297864	6/22/26	Coxsackie	3,125	1,563	5	22.44	221.85
297980	6/29/26	Durham	1,709	855	5	23.16	141.50
297865	6/22/26	Greenville	1,757	879	4	23.33	140.92
297869	6/22/26	Halcott	430	215	3	35.17	73.29
297866	6/22/26	Hunter	2,815	1,408	3	27.82	202.48
297906	6/23/26	Jewett	1,446	723	4	24.05	123.83
297912	6/23/26	Lexington	474	237	7	37.08	91.72
297867	6/22/26	New Baltimore	1,571	786	5	24.63	135.07
297868	6/22/26	Prattsville	625	313	4	22.38	75.16
297907	6/23/26	Windham	2,801	1,401	3	27.71	201.57
			26,740	13,370	62	\$ 372.65	\$ 2,162.52

Total Invoice Amount: \$ 2,162.52