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DATE: March 20, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kenneth Jenkins
Deputy County Executive

RE: Request for authority to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Historical Society for the provision of various services relating to the collection and preservation of documentation, artifacts and properties significant to the history of Westchester County for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$161,128.00, pursuant to an approved budget

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office of the County Executive (the "County Executive's Office"), to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester County Historical Society (the "Society"), pursuant to which the Society will provide various services relating to the collection and preservation of documentation, artifacts and properties significant to the history of the Westchester County, and to make such resources available to the public, for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. In consideration for the services rendered therein, the County will pay the Society an amount not to exceed \$161,128.00, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement is for the Society to serve as the County Historian, by providing all the services required by New York State ("State") law. Approximately 15,000 citizens benefit annually from the programs the Society provides:

- Approximately 500 - 600 patrons will visit the Society's reading room, which is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm;
- Approximately 1,750 requests for information from the public as well as from the County and municipal governments and various organizations will be researched and responded to either by telephone or internet;
- Approximately 300 genealogical requests will be researched and responded to;
- The Westchester Historian, the Society's quarterly journal will be published and distributed throughout the County to libraries, schools and the Society's membership of approximately 750 people.

In addition to these goals, the Society will continue to be a representative for the County to the Hudson River Museum, Sing Sing Prison Museum, the County's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, and the Revolutionary Westchester 250. The Society will also, upon request, develop and present free programs to various civic groups and organizations, develop and install exhibits in the County Office Building, assess and assist with the archiving of various local collections, and assist local citizens and groups with applications to the State and National Register of Historical Places.

These goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through the submission by the Society of quarterly activity reports to the County Executive's Office.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xiii thereof.

Your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

Attachment
KJ/jpi

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/02/2020 - LISI/BJAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Deputy County Executive, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Office of the County Executive, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Westchester County Historical Society (the “Society”), for the provision of services related to the collection and preservation of documentation, artifacts and historic properties significant to the history of the County, and to make such resources available to the public in an amount not to exceed \$161,128.00, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget, for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of the Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute said agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	52	2175	5100		\$161,128

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020 Start Date: January 1, 2020 End Date: December 31, 2020
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$161,128.00
State Aid _____
\$161,128.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____