AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE COUNTY OF ALLEGANY

And

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION, AFL-CIO

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into by the County of Allegany, New York hereinafter referred to as the Employer or the County, and the Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union or PEF, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION

The Allegany County Legislature, pursuant to the Civil Service Law §204, recognizes the Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO, as the exclusive representative for collective negotiations with respect to salaries, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of employees listed below and similar positions hereafter created. The terms "employee" or "employees" as used in this Agreement shall mean only employees serving in positions in such unit. The bargaining unit shall not include part-time employees. A part-time employee is an employee whose combined employment for Allegany County serving in any of the titles listed below is 50% or fewer hours in the standard workweek.

The County and PEF agree, pursuant to Civil Service Law §208, that PEF shall have unchallenged representation status for the maximum period permitted by law on the date of ratification of this Agreement.

The County will maintain all benefits enjoyed by members of the bargaining unit on the date of ratification of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified herein.

The PEF bargaining unit covered by this Agreement shall consist of the following titles:

Accountant
Assistant Director of Community Services
Automotive Mechanic Supervisor
Bridge Construction Supervisor
Case Supervisor Grade B
Coordinator, Employment and Training Program
Coordinator, Physically Handicapped Children’s Program
Coordinator, Services for the Aging
County Engineer
County Historian
Department of Public Works Fiscal Manager
Director of Administrative Services
Director of Early Intervention
Director of Environmental Health
Director of Patient Services
Director of Temporary Assistance
Director of Weights and Measures
Equipment Supervisor
General Supervisor
Intensive Case Manager

Landfill Supervisor
Maintenance Supervisor
Nutrition Services coordinator
Office Manager (Community Services Agency)
Office Manager (Health Department)
Officer Manager (Worker’s Compensation)
Principal Social Welfare Examiner
Probation Supervisor
Secretary to District Attorney (Competitive)
Secretary to the Public Defender
Secretary to Public Health Director
Senior Accountant
Senior Engineering Technician
Senior Tax Map Technician
Supervising Public Health Nurse
Supervisor of Child Support Enforcement
Supervisor of Public Health Education
Tax Assessment Supervisor
WIC Program Coordinator
ARTICLE 2 - UNION SECURITY

Section 1. Dues and Insurance Check-off

(a) The Employer agrees to deduct membership dues/agency shop fee; contributions to the flexible spending plan; premiums for the following types of insurance: auto, homeowners, long and short-term disability, life; and the legal plan sponsored by the Union for employees. No other employee organization shall be accorded any such payroll deduction privilege for employees. Such deductions shall be made by equal payments each pay period based on yearly dues, premiums, or other applicable sum.

(b) The Employer shall remit the total of all payroll deductions by direct deposit each pay period to the Union's designee for this purpose. The Employer shall transfer such payment no later than ten (10) days after the payroll pay date.

(c) Dues, contributions to insurance premium authorization cards for check-off will remain in force until an employee leaves the employ of the County, or until the employee submits, in writing, a request to have payroll deductions stopped.

(d) Any change in the amount of Union Dues to be deducted must be certified by the Union, in writing, and be forwarded to the Employer.

(e) Payroll deduction of Union Dues under the properly executed authorization for payroll deduction of Union Dues forms shall be deducted by the next full pay period if possible and each pay period thereafter from the pay of the employee.

(f) On or before the tenth (10th) of every such month, the Employer shall remit to the Union's designee a list of employees from whom dues have been deducted and a list of employees from whom agency shop fees have been deducted.

Section 2. Agency Shop

(a) Any present employee who is not a Union member shall pay to the Union each pay period a service charge in an amount equal to the regular monthly PEF dues for the duration of this Agreement.

(b) Any future employee who does not make application for membership within thirty (30) days of their date of hire shall pay to the Union each month a service charge in an amount equal to the regular monthly dues of this Union for the duration of this Agreement.

Section 3. Bulletin Boards

The Employer agrees to allow the Union use of designated bulletin boards for the purpose of posting Union notices and news; provided the bulletin board is kept orderly and timely.

No posting shall be obscene, or defamatory of any County employee or official.

Section 4. Access to Premises
The Employer agrees to permit representatives of the International Union, Union Council and the Local Union to enter premises of the Employer during working hours to conduct Union business, provided such activity does not interfere with the performance of the duties assigned to the employees. The representative shall notify the department head before entering County premises.

Section 5. Notification of New Employees

The employer agrees to submit to the Council Leader, within seven business days of each new bargaining unit member's first day of work, the name of the employee hired, his or her job classification, and whether his or her employment is on a permanent, provisional, seasonal, or temporary basis.

Section 6. Council Leader and Stewards

The Council Leader and stewards shall be granted reasonable time off without loss of time or pay to conduct Union business provided the department head is notified. Employees conferring with the Council Leader or Stewards shall notify their respective department heads. Time off for this purpose will be subject to the approval of the department head and will not be unreasonably denied.

Section 7. Negotiations

The Union Negotiating Committee shall not exceed four (4) people. The Union Negotiating Committee shall suffer no loss of time or pay for meetings held during normal working hours.

**ARTICLE 3 - HOURS OF WORK**

Section 1. Regular Hours

The regular hours of work each day shall be consecutive. References to consecutive hours of work in the balance of this Article shall be construed to exclude lunch periods.

Section 2. Summer Hours

The regular hours of work for the period June 1 through August 31 shall be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with one half-hour lunch period included for all employees. Department of Public Works field employees will work summer hours Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or other four-day/forty-hour workweek as mutually agreed to by the Employer and the Union.

Section 3. Work Week

The workweek shall consist of five (5) consecutive days, Monday through Friday inclusive, except for the Community Services Agency.

Section 4. Work Day
The usual workday consists of seven (7) hours. Usual work hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with a one-hour unpaid lunch. The parties agree that any employee’s work hours in effect on the date of ratification shall continue, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or negotiated with the Union.

Section 5. Work Shift

All employees shall be scheduled to work on a regular work shift, and each work shift shall have a regular starting and quitting time except as may be otherwise stated elsewhere within this Agreement.

Section 6. Work Schedule

Present work schedules shall not be changed unless the changes are mutually agreed upon by the Union and the Employer. The Department Head and employees within that department may mutually agree to institute flexible starting times within their departments. If a Department Head seeks to institute a flexible work week, such as a four (4) day ten (10) hours per day or other configuration as appropriate) work week, he/she must, through a detailed proposal, give reasonable advance notice to the PEF Field Representative and the PEF Council Leader. It is understood that upon receipt of such a detailed proposal the PEF President or the President's designee shall decide whether or not to permit polling of represented employees in the unit as to their desires.

Section 7. Rest Periods

All employees are entitled to one paid fifteen (15) minute rest period during each one-half shift. The rest period shall be as near as possible to the middle of each one-half shift at the discretion of the department head or his/her designee.

Section 8. Work Report

(a) In the event of a natural disaster or severe weather conditions which force the closing of County Departments by the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or one of his/her delegates, an employee's failure to report to work will be excused and the employee shall suffer no loss of time or pay.

(b) If during an employee's regular hours of work it is found that because of a natural disaster or weather conditions it is necessary to be sent home prior to the end of their regularly scheduled shift, such employees shall suffer no loss of time or pay.

(c) If County Departments are not officially closed and an employee cannot come to work because of severe weather conditions, he/she may charge the time off to compensatory time, accumulated personal or vacation leave.

ARTICLE 4 - REPORTING TIME

Section 1. Call Time
(a) Any employee called for emergency duty in addition or outside of his/her regular scheduled shift shall be paid for a minimum of four (4) hours at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2 times his/her regular rate of pay).

(b) Under no circumstances shall an employee be sent home during his/her regular scheduled shift for the purpose of recalling such employee to work on another work shift which either begins at the end of the employee's regular work shift or any time thereafter.

Section 2. Overtime

The County shall pay employees one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular hourly rate of pay for:
(a) all work performed in excess of the regularly scheduled hours in any work day;
(b) all work performed in excess of the normal schedule in any work week;
(c) all work performed before or after any scheduled work shift; and
(d) all work performed on Saturday.

The County shall pay employees two times their regular hourly rate of pay for work performed on Sunday.

Should an employee who is on leave be required or requested by the Employer to work, he/she shall be compensated at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times his/her hourly rate for overtime work Monday through Saturday and double time on Sundays and holidays.

Section 3. Compensatory Time

(a) The employee shall have the option of requesting overtime pay or compensatory time. Employees shall receive compensatory time at time and one-half (1 1/2) for all overtime hours worked, except for compensatory time earned for work on Sunday which shall be credited at double the overtime hours worked.

(b) Employees may accumulate and maintain a maximum balance of seventy (70) hours of compensatory overtime. All additional overtime worked will be paid at the appropriate rate.

(c) Claims for compensatory overtime must be recorded during the pay period in which it is earned.

Section 4. Overtime Pay

All overtime worked shall be paid for promptly, no later than the next regular payroll check.
ARTICLE 5 - SENIORITY

Section 1. Definition

Definitions:

(a) Date of Hire - Employee's length of continuous service with the employer since his/her last date of hire.

(b) Seniority -Employee's length of continuous service for the County in a title now included in the PEF bargaining unit.

1) If an employee becomes ineligible for membership because of promotion, seniority is lost after one (1) year and one (1) day.

2) If an employee becomes eligible again anytime after one (1) year and one (1) day, seniority begins accumulating after re-enrollment in membership with PEF. This seniority date would not coincide with the date of hire.

Section 2. Probation Period

(a) All new employees hired shall be considered as probationary employees for the first fifty-two (52) weeks of their employment. Upon the mutual written agreement of the President of PEF, or his/her designee, and the County, an employee’s probationary period can be shortened to a period between eight (8) and fifty-two (52) weeks. When an employee completes his/her probationary period, he/she shall be entered on the seniority list retroactive to his/her date of hire. There shall be no seniority among probationary employees. Probationary employees shall receive all benefits afforded to all regular employees unless specifically excluded by other provisions of this agreement.

(b) The Union shall represent all probationary employees for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to wages/salaries, hours, and other conditions as set forth under Article 1 of this Agreement.

Section 3. Seniority Lists

The employer shall send the PEF Council Leader the seniority list showing the continuous service of each employee to the Union on or before January 15th and July 15th-of each year, but the Union shall make appropriate postings. The seniority list will show the names, job titles, date of hire and seniority date of all employees in the unit entitled to seniority.

Section 4. Breaks in Continuous Service

An employees' continuous service record shall be broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for just cause, retirement, and failure to report to work within 15 days from the date of making recall notice. However, if an employee returns to work in any capacity within one (1) year, the break in continuous service shall be removed from his/her record.

Section 5. Temporary Employees
Temporary (as opposed to part-time) employees shall be hired only to supplement the regular work force in seasonal peak periods or emergencies. No temporary employee shall fill any established vacant position, nor shall they be hired on a temporary basis to fill higher than entrance level positions, except when permanent employees in such entrance level positions are not available to fill such positions on a temporary reassignment.

**ARTICLE 6 - WORK FORCE CHANGES**

Section 1. Promotion & Filling of Vacancies (Non-Competitive)

(a) The term promotion means the advancement of an employee to a higher position or the reassignment of any employee to a higher paying position. Upon promotion, an employee shall receive the salary equal to the step that is at least one-half (1/2) increment of the new salary grade above his/her present salary.

(b) Whenever an opportunity for promotion occurs or a job opening occurs in other than a temporary situation in any existing job classification, or as the result of the development or establishment of a new job classification, a notice of such openings shall be posted on all bulletin boards, stating the job classification, rate of pay and the nature of the job requirements in order to qualify. The PEF Council Leader shall be given a copy of all postings when they occur. Such posting shall be for a period of not less than five (5) work days.

(c) During this period, employees who wish to apply for the open position, including employees on layoff, may do so. The application shall be in writing, and it shall be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor.

(d) The Employer shall fill job openings or vacancies from among those bargaining unit employees who have applied and meet the job requirements (which may include the employee's work record). When more than one employee is equally qualified, the employee with the greatest seniority will be awarded the position.

(e) Any employee selected in accordance with the procedure set forth above shall undergo a probationary period of twelve (12) weeks unless the County waives the probationary period in writing or the twelve (12) week probationary period is reduced to between four (4) and twelve (12) weeks by the mutual written agreement of the President of PEF, or his/her designee, and the County. If it is found that such employee does not meet the requirements or responsibilities of the position to which he/she has been selected during the probationary (trial) period, then such employee shall be restored to his/her former position. The Union and the employee shall be notified in writing by the employer of any situation which would affect an employee's status during the probationary (trial) period at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the end of such probationary period. At the employee’s request, the County Administrator or his/her designee will meet with the employee to review the terms of the 14-day notice. The employee may request the participation of the PEF representative at the review meeting. If the employer determines that the employee does not meet the requirements of the position, the employee maintains the right to challenge such a determination through the grievance procedure.

(f) The Union shall be notified by the Employer in writing immediately upon any job vacancies
occurring by reason of resignation, retirement, or "just cause" discharge.

Section 2. Promotion and Filling of Vacancies (Competitive Classification)

(a) All permanent and temporary job openings which last more than thirty (30) working days will be posted.

(b) It is understood and agreed that whenever examinations are requested of the Department of Civil Service of Allegheny County for the purpose of establishing a Civil Service Eligibility List of persons to be considered for filling positions coming under the scope of the New York State Civil Service Law and covered by this Agreement, the Employer shall request that both a Promotional List and an Open Competitive List of Eligibility be established, the Promotion List being restricted solely to employees already in the employ of the Employer.

(c) Whenever a job opening occurs in competitive civil service job classifications, the normal procedure for the selection of candidates from an appropriate civil service eligibility list shall apply, except:

1) That candidates on the established promotional list shall be given preference before any consideration may be given to names appearing on the open competitive list;

2) A departmental employee who bids the position and meets the civil service requirements shall be given preference. If appointment is to a higher graded position, it shall be treated as a promotion;

3) An employee appointed to a higher graded position in another department shall be treated as a promotion. Selection of appointment in this instance rests solely with the appointing authority.

(d) Employees promoted within competitive classifications will undergo a probationary term of twelve (12) weeks unless the County and the President of PEF, or his/her designee, mutually agree in writing to reduce the probationary period to a period between four (4) and twelve (12) weeks. If the employee is promoted off an open competitive list, he or she will undergo a probationary term of fifty-two (52) weeks unless the President of PEF, or his/her designee, and the County agree in writing to reduce the probationary period to anything between eight (8) and fifty-two (52) weeks.

(e) The Union and the employee shall be notified in writing by the employer of any situation which would affect an employee's status during their probationary period at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the end of such probationary period. If the employer determines that the employee does not meet the requirements of the position the employee maintains the right to challenge such a determination through the grievance procedure.

Section 3. Temporary Job Openings

(a) Temporary Job Openings are defined as job vacancies that may periodically develop in any job classification because of illness, vacation, or leave of absence or for any other reason. Job
openings that recur on a regular basis shall be considered temporary job openings.

(b) Temporary job openings in higher classifications shall be filled by Employer assignment or re-assignment, and the assignment or re-assignment shall be made in terms of a promotion based upon seniority and qualification before a new employee or temporary employee is hired. When it is necessary for higher classification employees to work in lower classification and no one volunteers for such assignment, then the least senior employee in the classification nearest the lower classification or work to be performed shall be selected and so on up until the necessary employees required has been achieved.

(c) Employees assigned to temporary job openings shall be paid the wage rate established for the job or their own wage rate, whichever is higher no later than the next regular payroll check.

(d) Employees will not be paid the higher rate of pay within a higher classification when they perform out-of-title work for less than half (1/2) day. Out of title work shall be offered first to qualified unit employees on the basis of seniority.

Section 4. Demotions

(a) The term demotion, as used in this provision, means the reassignment, not requested by the employee, of an employee from a position in one job classification or in another job classification.

(b) Demotions shall be made only to avoid laying off or dismissing employees.

(c) An employee who is relegated back to his/her previous job from a higher classification to which he/she was provisionally appointed because of his/her inability to prove to the Employer that he/she was able to fulfill the standards of the job, or pass a Civil Service examination required for permanent appointment to that job, or who voluntarily relinquished such job, shall not be considered as demoted.

Section 5. Layoff

(a) In the event the Employer plans to lay off employees for any reason, the Employer shall meet with the Union to review such anticipated layoff.

(b) When such action takes place it shall be accomplished by laying off temporary and probationary employees first. Should it be necessary to further reduce the work force, then regular employees shall be laid off in the inverse order of seniority.

(c) The Employer shall forward a list of those employees being laid off to the PEF Council Leader and PEF Field Representative on the same date that the notices are issued to the employees.

(d) Employees to be laid off shall have at least five (5) work days notice, ten (10) days if possible.

(e) The County will conduct any layoff in the competitive class pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law §80 and other pertinent sections of the Civil Service Law, as well as the Allegany
Civil Service Rules. The County will conduct any layoff in the non-competitive class pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law §80-a and other pertinent sections of the Civil Service Law.

(f) When an employee is laid off due to reduction in the work force, he/she shall be permitted to exercise his/her seniority right to bump, or replace an employee with less seniority. Such employee may, if he/she so desires, bump an employee in an equal or lower job classification provided the bumping employee has greater seniority and meets the qualifications of the position held by the employee whom he/she bumps.

Section 6. Recall

(a) When the work force is increased after layoff, employees will be recalled according to seniority. Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at his/her last known address by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested. A copy of the recall notice(s) shall be sent concurrently to the Union. If any employee fails to report for work within fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing of notice of recall, he/she shall be considered a quit. Recall rights for an employee shall expire a period of four (4) years from the date of layoff. Written notice of expiration of recall rights shall be sent concurrently to the Union and to the employee at his/her last known address by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

(b) No new employees shall be hired until all employees on layoff status desiring to return to work have been recalled.

ARTICLE 7. HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Holidays Recognized and Observed

(a) The following days shall be recognized and observed as paid holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- President’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Veteran’s Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day After Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

(b) Whenever any of the holidays listed above shall fall on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as the holiday. Whenever any of the holidays listed above shall fall on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be observed as the holiday.

Section 2. Eligibility Requirements

Employees shall be eligible for Holiday Pay under the following conditions:

1) The employee would have been scheduled to work on such day if it had not been observed as a holiday unless the employee is on a day off, vacation, or sick leave and;

2) The employee worked his/her last scheduled workday prior to the holiday unless he/she is excused by the Employer.
Section 3. Holiday Pay

(a) Eligible employees who perform no work on a holiday shall be paid one (1) day's pay for each of the holidays listed on which they perform no work.

(b) Eligible employees whose workday differs from the standard eight (8) hours shall be paid the current daily rate of pay.

Section 4. Holiday Work

If an employee works on any of the holidays listed, he/she shall be paid, in addition to this holiday pay, time and one-half (1 1/2) for all hours worked for the first of his/her regularly scheduled hours, and double (2) time for all hours worked in excess of his/her regularly scheduled shift.

Section 5. Holiday Hours for Overtime Purpose

For the purpose of computing overtime, all unworked holiday hours for which an employee is compensated shall be regarded as hours worked.

ARTICLE 8 - VACATIONS

Section 1. Choice of Vacation Period

(a) Except in case of an emergency, an employee shall give at least a forty-eight (48) hour advance notice of a vacation request for less than two (2) weeks in length and at least a one (1) week advance notice of a vacation request for two (2) weeks or more. If the nature of the work makes it necessary to limit the number of employees on vacation at the same time, the employee with the greater seniority shall be given his/her choice of vacation period in the event of any conflict over vacation period.

(b) An employee shall be entitled to accumulate up to a maximum of forty-five (45) days vacation at any time except that if an employee has postponed his/her vacation at the request of the Employer, or upon resolution of the Legislature, this section will be waived.

(c) In the event of the death of an employee while in the service of the County, payment of 100% of the employee's accumulated vacation time shall be paid to the employee's estate.

Section 2. Holiday

During vacation periods, if a holiday occurs during the calendar week in which a vacation is taken by an employee, the employee's vacation period shall be extended one (1) additional day.

Section 3. Working During Vacation Period

Any employee who is required to and does work during his/her scheduled vacation period shall be paid for all regular hours at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular rate and for overtime hours at a rate of two and one-half (2 1/2) times his/her regular rate of pay. In
addition, the employee's vacation with pay shall be rescheduled to any future period the employee may request.

Section 4. Vacation Rights in Case of Layoff or Separation

(a) Any employee who is laid-off, discharged, retired, or separated from the service of the Employer for any reason, prior to taking his/her vacation, shall be compensated in cash for the unused vacation he/she has accumulated at the time of separation, except insofar as the loss of this benefit is included as part of a disciplinary penalty. Loss of this benefit as part of a disciplinary penalty is subject to the grievance procedure.

(b) In the case of the death of such an employee, such payment shall be made to his/her estate.

Section 5. Vacation Schedule

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to the following consecutive vacation period:

Date of hire to first anniversary date: one day per month;

First (1st) anniversary date to sixth (6th) anniversary date: twelve (12) days, credited on each anniversary date;

Seventh (7th) anniversary date to eleventh (11th) anniversary date: seventeen (17) days, credited on each anniversary date;

Twelfth (12th) anniversary date to the nineteenth (19th) anniversary date: twenty-one (21) days, credited on each anniversary date;

Twentieth (20th) anniversary date to twenty-fourth (24th) anniversary date: twenty-three (23) days, credited on each anniversary date;

Twenty-fifth (25th) anniversary date forward: twenty-five (25) days, credited on each anniversary date.

Vacation credits shall be used only in hourly segments.

Section 6. Vacation Sell Back

An employee may choose to sell back to the County up to ten (10) accrued vacation leave days. The request for payment must be made in writing by the employee to his/her Department Head or supervisor no later than November 1. Payment will be made no later than the final paycheck of the calendar year in which the employee submits the request for payment.

ARTICLE 9 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Eligibility Requirements
Employees may be eligible for leaves of absence after six (6) months’ service with the Employer. Such leave may be granted or denied at the Employer’s discretion.

Section 2. Application for Leave

(a) Any request for a leave of absence shall be submitted in writing by the employee to his/her immediate supervisor. The request shall state the reason the leave of absence is being requested and the approximate length of time off the employee desires.

(b) Authorization for a leave of absence shall be furnished to the employee by his/her immediate supervisor, and it shall be in writing.

(c) Any request for a leave of absence shall be answered promptly.

(d) In addition to accruing seniority while on any leave of absence granted under this Article, employees shall retain the right to their position and employment as if they had not gone on leave.

(e) If employee is denied requested leave in excess of five (5) days, the reason for such denial shall be given the employee in writing.

ARTICLE 10 - PAID LEAVES

Section 1. Family Death

(a) In the event of the death of any employee's spouse, children, stepchildren, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, sister, brother, stepsister, stepbrother, domestic partner, or someone living in household for whom the employee is legal guardian or has legal custody, the employee shall be granted five (5) work days leave of absence with full pay to make household adjustments and attend funeral services. In the event of the death of an employee's grandparents, grandchildren, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, the employee shall be granted three (3) work day’s leave of absence with full pay to make household adjustments and attend funeral services.

(b) If the death occurs prior to the employee's shift, that day will be counted. If the death occurs after the employee reports for work, that day shall not be counted as one of the five (5) or three (3) days. Weekends are not to be considered as part of the five (5)/three (3) days.

(c) The employee shall be granted normal bereavement leave upon the occasion of the death of a member of the immediate family and this leave shall not deduct from vacation time if the death shall occur during a period of time when the employee is on vacation.

Section 2. Personal Leave

Employees with less than ten (10) years of service shall be entitled to three (3) personal leave days. Employees with ten (10) years of service or more shall be entitled to four (4) personal leave days. Employees with twenty (20) years of service or more shall be entitled to five (5) days
of personal leave. Personal leave may be used whenever needed. Arrangements for such leave shall be made by the employee at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, except in case of emergency. Such leave shall be granted without loss of pay, and shall not be deducted from vacation accruals or any other leave benefits. Personal leave may be taken in one (1) hour, half (1/2) day, or full day segments. Any unused personal leave shall be added to the employee's accumulated sick leave at the end of each year.

Upon the resignation of an employee in good standing, any accumulated personal days shall be paid to the employee.

Section 3. Jury Duty

(a) Employees shall be granted a leave of absence with pay any time they are required to report for jury duty or jury service.

(b) Any fee received shall be used to defray personal cost to employee such as parking, meals, etc.

Section 4. Voting Time

Employees shall be granted time off with pay on any election day, other than the General Election Day, provided they are unable because of their employment to get to polls during scheduled voting hours.

Section 5. Civil Service Examinations

Employees shall be allowed time off with pay to take open competitive and promotional examinations set up by the Civil Service System of Allegany County. The County will waive the Civil Service testing fee for all employees taking promotional exams.

ARTICLE 11 - SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Use

(a) Any employee contracting or incurring any non-service connected sickness or disability, is quarantined by the health authorities, or must make medical visits during working hours as a result of any illness or injury, shall receive sick leave with pay.

(b) Employees shall be eligible to charge sick leave credits for a qualifying absence after thirty (30) days of service with the Employer.

(c) An employee may be required by the Employer to produce a doctor's certificate after three (3) consecutive days of sickness or disability.

(d) Sick leave may be taken in one (1) hour segments.

Section 2. Family Sick Leave
Employees shall be allowed five (5) days per year from their sick leave for family illness. A doctor's certificate may be required for illness of more than three (3) consecutive days.

Section 3. Accumulation

(a) Employees shall start to earn sick leave from their date of hire at the rate of one (1) day of sick leave for each month of service. After the first thirty (30) days of service with the county, employees shall earn one (1) day of sick leave for any month in which the employee is compensated for twenty (20) or more hours of work. All time for which an employee is credited with sick leave shall be considered as time worked. Employees shall accumulate sick leave as long as they are in the service of the Employer up to a maximum of one hundred sixty-five (165) days.

(b) Any "Current" employee as defined in Article 14(j) of this Agreement who retires from Allegany County employment under the New York State Employees' Retirement System shall be compensated for one-half of his/her unused and unsold accumulated sick leave credits up to one hundred sixty-five (165) days. The payment made for such sick leave credits shall be calculated by taking one-half the number of such credits and multiplying such result times the per diem rate of pay the employee was receiving on the last payroll before retirement as calculated by the Human Resources Department. "New" Employees, as defined in Article 14(j), do not have the option of cashing out any portion of their unused sick leave balance upon retirement pursuant to this Article, but they may receive a credit toward retiree health insurance as described in Article 14, Section J.

(c) An employee may annually sell back to the County up to ten (10) accrued sick leave day credits provided written notification of such sale and the number of such credits to be sold is made by the employee to his/her Department Head no later than the first day of November in the calendar year in which such credits are to be sold. Payment for credits shall be in a paycheck or separate check prior to the end of the calendar year in which the request is made.

(d) Beginning in 2002, the unpaid balance of a retiring employee's unused sick leave credits shall be added to their service credit pursuant to Section 41-j of the NYS Retirement and Social Security Law.
Section 4. Absence Due To Injury and Workers' Compensation

The mutual self-insurance plan presently provided shall be continued, or its equivalent.

Section 5. Challenge of Examination Report

In the event the report of the employee's attending physician is challenged by the County Administration or if the Union challenges the report of the County doctor's examination, then the following procedure shall be followed.

(a) The employee may elect to be examined by a physician of his/her own choice, at his/her expense. A copy of this examination shall be furnished to the County.

(b) If the reports of the two examining physicians are in disagreement or conflict, the respective bargaining committee shall meet and endeavor to reconcile the difference.

(c) In the event mutual agreement cannot be reached to equitably and amicably dispose of the dispute, the controversy shall bypass the grievance procedure and instead, the affected employee shall be examined at the equally shared cost of the County and the employee, by an appropriate specialist for final determination in the matter which shall be binding on the parties and the two examining physicians shall select the third physician whose decision shall be final and binding on both parties, the employer and union and employee(s).

(d) In the event that the County physician, appointed for this purpose by the County, should find that the employee is able to perform light duties, the employee shall be given such employment until such time that the employee is able to perform his/her regular duties. Acceptance of other employment shall constitute a waiver of employee's other rights under this provision.

(e) The Employer should make every effort to place an employee who becomes partially disabled on their present job, on work which he/she is able to perform.

(f) A report of physical examination and any laboratory test made by physicians acting for the County will be given to the personal physician of the individual and/or the employee upon written request of the employee.

(g) The employee and the Union shall be fully informed of any contemplated action on the County's part, as herein stated above on the Challenge of Examination Report.

Section 6. Extended Sick Leave

At its discretion, the Employer by act or resolution may authorize payments for additional sick leave credits when an employee requests same because of extended illness.
ARTICLE 12 - UNPAID LEAVES

Section 1. Union Business

(a) Employees elected to any Union office or selected by the Union to do work which takes them from their employment with the Employer may at the written request of the Union, be granted a leave of absence. The leave of absence shall not exceed one (1) year, but it may be renewed or extended for a similar period at any time upon the request of the Union.

(b) Members of the Union selected by the Union to participate in any other Union activity may be granted a leave of absence at the request of the Union. A leave of absence for such Union activity shall not exceed one (1) month, but it may be renewed or extended for a similar period at any time upon the request of the Union.

Section 2. Maternity

Maternity leave shall be granted in accordance with the New York State Law.

Section 3. Education

(a) After completing one (1) year of service, any employee, upon request, may be granted a leave of absence for educational purposes. The period of the leave of absence shall not exceed one (1) year, but may be extended or renewed at the request of the employee.

(b) One (1) year leave of absence with any requested extension for education for educational purposes shall not be provided more than once every three (3) years.

(c) Employees may also be granted leaves of absence for educational purposes, not to exceed one (1) month in any calendar year, to attend conferences, seminars, briefing sessions, or other functions of a similar nature that are intended to improve or upgrade the individual skill or professional ability.

(d) The above leave may be granted provided that no more than ten (10) percent of the employees in a given department make such a request.

Section 4. Employment Opportunities

An employee shall be granted a six (6) week leave of absence without pay to enable such employee to serve in a title in the County department in which the employee currently works, but is not part of the PEF bargaining unit. If an employee accepts a position that is not part of the department in which the employee currently works, the County has the discretion to grant the employee an unpaid leave of absence.
ARTICLE 13 - WAGES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Section 1. Wage Schedule and Classifications

(a) Effective January 1, 2013, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix A". Effective January 1, 2014, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix B". Effective January 1, 2015, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix C". Effective January 1, 2016, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the salary schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix D". Effective January 1, 2017, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the wage schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix E". Effective January 1, 2018, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the wage schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix F". Effective January 1, 2019, all bargaining unit employees shall be compensated in accordance with the wage schedule attached hereto and marked "Appendix G".

On January 1 of each year of this Agreement, retroactive to January 1, 2013, the County shall pay employees who are not assigned a fixed salary grade and Section 4 Salary Plan employees a salary increase on the salary in effect on that date.

1) Appendix A shall reflect a (1%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.

2) Appendix B shall reflect a (1.5%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.

3) Appendix C shall reflect a (2%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.

4) Appendix D shall reflect a (2%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.

5) Appendix E shall reflect a (2.25%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.

6) Appendix F shall reflect a (2.5%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.

7) Appendix G shall reflect a (2.25%) percent across-the-board increase from rates in effect plus increment.
(b) Increments - Each employee shall be eligible for an annual increment up to the maximum of the grade in which his/her position is allocated, provided that the increment is recommended by the Department Head. Before such recommendation is made, the service of the employee should be reviewed by his/her Department Head with attention given to the efficiency with which the employee has performed his/her duties as well as his/her attendance record and all other factors having an effect on his/her work record. No employee shall be eligible for more than one increment increase in any fiscal year. Employees who enter the County service between January 1 and June 30 of a particular year and have served continuously in their positions will be eligible to receive an annual increment on the following January 1st. Employees who enter the service between July 1 and December 31 shall be eligible for advancement to the first year step on the following July 1st. Employees who are advanced to the first year step on July 1st then shall be eligible for a salary increment the following January 1st.

(c) Retroactive Payments - The County shall pay any employee who was a member of the PEF bargaining unit on June 1, 2016, retroactive wage increases for employment covered by this Agreement to January 1, 2013. The County shall make adjustments to compensation for overtime worked retroactive to January 1, 2013.

(d) When any position not listed on the salary schedule is established or the specifications of any existing position are materially changed, the Employer after consultation with the Union may designate a job classification or new specification and rate structure for the position. In the event the Union does not agree that the classification, the specification, and/or the wage rate are proper, then the matter shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

(e) Effective upon June 1, 2016, longevity payments of the following amounts shall be paid in addition to the wage schedules attached hereto to all employees who have completed the following numbers of years of service:

- Seven (7) years of service: $ 600
- Ten (10) years of service: $ 950
- Fifteen (15) years of service: $1250
- Twenty (20) years of service: $1500
- Twenty-five (25) years of service: $1700

There shall be no retroactive payment of longevity.

ARTICLE 14 – HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL BENEFITS

The employer agrees to provide hospitalization and medical coverage, family and single, for all employees covered by the agreement.

The County will make available to employees health insurance in accordance with the following terms:
(a) Existing Employees

The County shall provide Employees who were employed in the PEF unit as of September 13, 2010 or who should otherwise be treated as “Existing Employees” pursuant to Article 14(b), the following options for health insurance:

1) The County will make available the health insurance plans referred to as “Option 1” and the “High Deductible” plans. The County may provide health insurance through another third party administrator (self-insurance) or an alternate carrier but shall not diminish the plan benefits provided pursuant to the existing Plan Document as most recently restated January 1, 2012. In addition, the County, in its discretion, may offer employees additional insurance coverage beyond the plans identified in this Agreement.

The drug formulary shall be $3/$20/$40 and the County shall not diminish the benefit in effect pursuant to the existing Plan Document as most recently restated January 1, 2012 (the “Revised Drug Formulary”) except as provided in this paragraph. The County shall not be responsible for changes to the drug formulary or network that are unilaterally made by the assigned administrator. However, the County will not unilaterally seek to change the same. In the event of any change to the third-party administrator of the health insurance or prescription drug program, the County will provide the Union forty-five (45) working days’ advance notice.

Effective upon the second payroll date of the month following the Allegany County Legislature’s approval for funding this Agreement, employees shall be responsible for the following contributions to the cost of premiums: The remainder 2016 – 6% of health insurance coverage; effective January 1, 2017 – 7% of health insurance premium; effective January 1, 2018 – 9% of the health insurance coverage; effective January 1, 2019 – 10% of health insurance coverage.

2) During the period of any suspension without pay pursuant to the disciplinary provisions of this Agreement, the County shall continue the employee's and dependents' health insurance coverage that was in effect on the day prior to the first day of the suspension, and shall pay the employer's share of any premium to maintain such coverage. Any such suspended employee shall be responsible for paying the employee's share of the premium for such health insurance coverage. The County shall not be liable for payment of the employer's share of the health insurance premium for any period during which the suspended employee fails to pay the employee's share of the health insurance premium.

(b) Transferring Employees

Employees who were transferred or promoted into the PEF unit from any other Allegany County full-time position prior to June 1, 2016, shall be treated as “Existing Employees” under Article 14(a). Employees who are transferred or promoted into the PEF unit from any other Allegany County full-time position on or after June 1, 2016 shall be treated for purposes of health insurance contributions under Article 14(a) and 14(c), as if they were originally hired into the PEF unit on the date that they began their full-time employment with the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any employees who are transferred or promoted into the PEF unit on or after June 1, 2016, who were originally hired prior to February 28, 2011 on a full-
time basis in the unit represented by AFSCME, New York Council 66, Local 2574, shall be treated as “Existing Employees” under Article 14(a) of this Agreement.

(c) New Employees

The County will make available health insurance to these employees pursuant to the plans referred to as “Option 1” and the “High Deductible” plans to anyone who became a member of the PEF unit on or after September 13, 2010 after such employee has completed thirty (30) days of employment with the County. Effective upon the second payroll date of the month following the Allegheny County Legislature’s approval for funding of this Agreement, such new employees shall be responsible for contributing 20% of the cost of premiums.

(d) Disability - Health Insurance

In case of disability, health insurance coverage will be provided for up to twenty-six (26) weeks at the premium contribution amount provided for in this article. In case of an injury covered by Workers’ Compensation, coverage will be provided up to a maximum of one (1) year. Employees may elect to retain their coverage while on an unpaid leave of absence of over one (1) month by paying the total premium costs. The cost for the month when the employee returns to the active payroll shall be prorated between the employee and the employer.

(e) Coverage will terminate upon the absence of the employees from the active payroll according to the following:

1) If separation occurs on the 1st to the 15th of the month: coverage will terminate at the end of the current month.

2) If separation occurs on the 16th to the end of the month: coverage will terminate at the end of the following month.

The County will provide COBRA benefits in accordance with applicable law, rules, and regulations.

(f) Employees may elect to retain the hospital and medical benefits of this Article while on an unpaid leave of absence of over one (1) month by paying the total premium costs. The employee’s contribution to the premium for the month when the employee returns to the active payroll shall be prorated based on the number of days remaining in the month.

(g) Continuity of Benefits: Employees and Retirees

The County may provide health insurance through another third party administrator (self-insurance) or an alternate carrier, so long as the coverage is substantially equivalent to the existing coverage. In addition, the County, in its discretion, may offer employees additional insurance coverage beyond the plans identified in this Agreement. The County shall not be responsible for changes to the drug formulary that are unilaterally made by the assigned administrator. However, the County will not unilaterally seek to change the drug formulary.

(h) The County will continue to offer employees a pre-tax flexible spending plan up to a maximum amount of $2,600 to help offset medical expenses and currently provided by AFLAC Insurance. The County may change the provider or administrator of this plan, but must provide a substantially equivalent benefit.
(i) Double Coverage

The County agrees to pay employees for dropping individual coverage and for dropping dependent coverage whichever the employee is provided. $900 per year for dependent coverage, $450 per year for individual coverage. In the year the employee is on probation, the amount shall be prorated. Such option must be exercised during the month of November, effective the following January 1. This payment can be made only when the employee signs a statement that the employee has or will procure health insurance through the spouse’s employment, other employment of the employee, or a private insurance plan. Such payment shall be made on or about April 1 of each year. If the employee wishes to rejoin the plan, within the year, the effective date shall not exceed 30 days from the employee’s notification; the employee must repay the pro rata portion of the payment. Payment under this Section shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective day of rejoining the County’s plan. If a husband and wife are both employed by the County, then they shall be eligible for only one (1) plan coverage policy, and only eligible to cash in that one (1) policy pursuant to this Section. In the event the County would place an employee on two (2) single health insurance plans and the employee was eligible for double coverage above, the amount received would be for dependent coverage.

(j) Retiree Health Insurance

New Employees

Employees who were hired after September 13, 2010 are not entitled to participate in any of the County-provided health insurance plans upon their retirement from the County except insofar as they wish to receive credit for unused sick time for that purpose. For such employees who retire from County employment under the New York State Retirement System, they may credit the value of up to 165 days of unused sick time toward the full premium for Option 1 health insurance coverage. The County will calculate 100% of an employee’s unused sick leave credits at the per diem rate of pay the employee was receiving on the last payroll before retirement. The County will continue to provide Option 1 health insurance benefits to retirees covered by this provision until the County has exhausted the equivalent dollar value of unused sick leave paying for the retired employee’s Option 1 health insurance. Employees covered by this provision must, as a necessary condition of such continuation of health insurance, enroll in Medicare Parts A and B immediately upon becoming Medicare eligible and continue enrollment in Parts A and B throughout the period they continue this health insurance through the County. To the extent that any retired employee has a right to continued coverage under COBRA resulting from the retiree’s separation of employment with the County, such COBRA coverage shall run concurrently with the coverage generated by the conversion of unused sick time provided for by this section.
Current Employees

Employees who were employed in the PEF unit on or before September 13, 2010 or who were transferred or promoted into the PEF unit from any other Allegany County full-time position prior to June 1, 2016 may, after ten years of County service and upon retirement under the New York State Retirement System, continue their health insurance under the Option 1 plan only. Employees who choose to continue their health insurance in this manner must, as a necessary condition of such continuation, enroll in Medicare Parts A and B immediately upon becoming Medicare eligible and continue to take Parts A and B throughout the period they continue their health insurance through the County. Upon retirement, retired employees shall make the same percentage contribution to premiums that were in place on the day of their retirement, except insofar as they retired while still paying a flat dollar contribution, in which case they will continue to contribute the same flat dollar contribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in accordance with County policy, employees who have family coverage and for whom both spouses are under 62 will pay half of the premiums for family coverage until at least one spouse reaches 62, at which point they will contribute to the same extent as if they had retired when they had already reached the age of 62.

Any employee who is transferred or promoted into the PEF unit from any other Allegany County full-time position on or after June 1, 2016 will be treated as a “Current Employee” under Article 14(j) only if s/he had the right, in his or her prior position, to retiree health insurance under the Option 1 Plan. Otherwise, s/he will be treated as a “New Employee” under Article 14(j).

(k) Retirement Incentive

Any member who retires on or before the one-hundred eightieth (180th) day after the Allegany County Legislature’s approval for funding this Agreement shall be eligible to pay three hundred dollars ($300) per month for family health insurance until such time as the retired member or their spouse turns sixty-two (62) years of age. At such time that the member or spouse reaches the age of 62, the member will pay that percentage for health insurance that was in place on the day of their retirement. For purposes of this Article, and consistent with County policy, an employee retires when such retirement is immediately preceded by 10 years of continuous service with the County (which service may include any approved leave of absence) and the employee retires under the New York State Retirement System.

ARTICLE 15 - DISABILITY INSURANCE

(a) The employer shall provide a fully paid disability program with the current terms for a period of twenty-six (26) weeks at fifty percent (50%) of gross earnings.

(b) The County shall have the right to require a physical examination of any employee when the employee is on a leave of absence due to disability. The County shall have the right to designate the doctor. The cost of such examination shall be paid for by the County. The County shall provide the employee with at least a forty-eight (48) hour notice prior to the scheduled physical examination.

ARTICLE 16 - RETIREMENT PLAN
The Employer shall continue to provide each employee in service prior to July 1, 1973, covered by this Agreement, with the New York State 1/60 twenty-five (25) year career plan, known as the "75" non-contributory plan.

ARTICLE 17 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Policy: The purpose of this Article is to provide an orderly process whereby the employees may equitably and expeditiously settle any dispute that may arise in the course of their employment free from coercion, restraint, interference, discrimination, or reprisal. The provisions of this Article shall be broadly construed to accomplish these objectives.

Section 1. Grievances - Definitions

(a) A "grievance" is a dispute concerning the interpretation, application, administration, or violation of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(b) "Days" shall mean working days.

(c) "PEF Representative" shall mean the person designated by the President of PEF for such purpose.

Step 1: The employee or PEF representative shall submit the grievance in writing to the department head or supervisor, whoever is higher in the County chain of command. The grievance must be submitted no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the act or omission giving rise to the grievance occurred or the date on which the employee became aware, or should have become aware, of the act or omission giving rise to the grievance, whichever is later. The appropriate department head or supervisor shall meet with the employee and, if the employee chooses to be represented in the dispute, his/her PEF representative, to fully discuss the dispute and provide the employee a written response within ten (10) days after receipt of the grievance.

Step 2: If the employee is not satisfied with the Step 1 response, he/she shall file a written appeal to the Legislature or its designee setting forth the nature of the grievance and requested remedy. The employee must file the Step 2 appeal within ten (10) days after receiving the Step 1 grievance response. The Legislature or its designee shall meet with the employee and, if the employee chooses to be represented in the dispute, his/her PEF representative within ten (10) days after receiving the Step 2 appeal and consider all information presented by the employee and PEF prior to issuing a written response within ten (10) days after this meeting.

Step 3: If the grievance is still unsettled, either party may, request arbitration within thirty (30) days after the reply from the Legislature or its Designee is due, by written notice to the other.

Section 2. Arbitration Procedure

(a) The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted by an arbitrator selected from the following panel: Douglas Bantle, Dennis Campagna, Stuart Pohl, and Howard G. Foster. Assignment of arbitrators will be made in alphabetical order. This procedure can be changed if both parties
agree to the selection of a particular arbitrator for a particular grievance.

(b) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties, and the arbitrator shall be requested to issue his/her decisions within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of testimony, argument, and briefs.

(c) No arbitrator functioning under this step of the grievance procedure shall have any power to amend, modify, or delete any provisions of this Agreement.

(d) Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the proceeding shall be borne equally by the employer and the Union. If either party shall desire a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such record to be made, providing it pays for the record and make copies available without charge to the other party and to the arbitrator.

Section 3. Matters Relevant to Grievance Procedure

(a) The time limits in the grievance procedure may be extended by mutual agreement in writing.

(b) Any step of the grievance procedure may be bypassed by mutual agreement in writing.

(c) In the case of group, policy, or organization-type grievance, the grievance may be submitted directly to Step 2 of the grievance Procedure by the Union's Representative.

Section 4. Processing Grievances During Working Hours

PEF officers and stewards may investigate and process grievances during working hours without loss of pay provided there will be no interruption of County services.

Section 5. Labor-Management Committee

Conferences shall be held between representatives of the Employer and at least three (3) representatives of the Union on important matters, which may include the discussion of procedures for avoiding future grievances and other methods of improving the relationship between the parties upon request of either party. Arrangements for such meeting shall be made in advance, and shall be held at reasonable hours as mutually agreed upon by the parties. Employees acting on behalf of the Union shall suffer no loss of time or pay should such meetings fall within their regular work hours.

ARTICLE 18 - REMOVAL AND OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION

No member of the bargaining unit shall be discharged or otherwise subject to any disciplinary penalty provided in this article except for (a) incompetence or inefficiency; (b) insubordination, neglect of duty, or misconduct, or (c) "just cause."

The employee and the PEF Field Representative and PEF Division Leader shall be notified in writing of the Employer's disciplinary action prior to the effective date thereof. If the employee and the Union disagree with the disciplinary action, they shall have the right to challenge it through the grievance procedure which shall be initiated at the second step.
In the event an employee is to be suspended or discharged, the employee and the Union shall be notified prior to the suspension or discharge and shall have the opportunity to process a grievance through the second step prior to the action being taken. This provision will be waived for 24 hours in the event the employee's presence on the job would be hazardous to himself, other employees, or the public.

Pending the final determination of the charges, the employee may be suspended without pay. However, the period of suspension, without pay, may be considered as part of the penalty. If the employee is acquitted, he/she shall be restored to his/her position with full pay for the period of the suspension less any amount of compensation which he/she may have earned in any other employment or occupation and any other unemployment insurance benefits he/she may have received through such period. If the employee is found guilty of the charges, a copy of the charges, his/her written answer as required by the grievance procedure and the arbitrator's award shall be filed in the office of the department or agency in which he/she was employed and a copy shall be filed with the Allegany County Department of Civil Service having jurisdiction over such position.

No removal or disciplinary action proceedings shall be commenced more than eighteen (18) months after the occurrence of the alleged act of (a) incompetence or inefficiency; (b) insubordination, neglect of duty or misconduct complained of. However, the eighteen (18) month limitation shall not apply where conduct complained of would, if proven in a Court of appropriate jurisdiction, constitute a crime.

This article shall not apply to probationary employees.

ARTICLE 19 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Work Rules

(a) The Employer shall treat all employees with respect and dignity at all times.

(b) The Employer agrees that new work rules or changes in existing rules shall not become effective until they have been posted prominently on all official department bulletin boards for a period of five (5) consecutive workdays.

Section 2. Joint Safety Committee

The Employer and Union agree that one PEF designee shall be a member of The Joint Safety Committee.
Section 3. Uniforms and Protective Clothing

The Employer will continue to provide protective equipment and apparel as defined by the Department of Public Works Policy Manual dated February 23, 2009. Additional protective equipment and apparel for all unit employees will be provided as required by the Employer or otherwise required by law.

Section 4. Car Allowance

Employees who are obligated to use their personal automobiles on County business will be compensated at the IRS rate for mileage each year.

Section 5. Disabled Employees

The Employer shall make every effort to place employees who, through physical sensitivity or otherwise become partially disabled on their present jobs, on work which they are able to perform.

Section 6. Personnel Practices

The Employer shall provide copies of this Agreement in handbook form to all employees in the bargaining unit and all new employees as they are hired. The cost of copies shall be borne equally by the Employer and the Union. In addition, a membership application and payroll deduction authorization form provided by the Union shall be given to each new employee as they are hired by the Employer.

Section 7. Personal Damages

The Employer shall be responsible for replacement or payment of damages to personal property such as clothing and protective glasses that may be incurred by an employee as a result of his/her carrying out his/her responsibilities as an employee while on the job to a maximum of fifty dollars ($50.00) per incident.

Section 8. Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan

The County Legislature has established a tax sheltered annuity plan. Employees in this bargaining unit are permitted to join the plan.

Contributions to the plan are made by payroll deductions within the amounts indicated by the contract with the employees and the insurance carrier. The selection of the plan or discontinuance shall be at the complete discretion of the Legislature and not subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 9. Employee Assistance Program

The Employer and the Union agree to continue the Employee Assistance program during the duration of this contract.

Section 10. Declared Emergency
When Allegany County roads or offices are closed as a result of a declared emergency, employees who are required to work during the emergency shall receive a vacation day in addition to their regular pay for that day.

Section 11. Shoe Allowance

The County will reimburse any Department of Public Works employee required to wear steel-toed shoes the cost of one pair of shoes at a rate of 80% up to a maximum amount of $130.00.

In the event a Department of Public Works employee’s steel-toed shoes are damaged on the job site, the county will repair the damaged shoes at no cost to the employee and the county agrees to cover the cost of heel and sole replacement for the purpose of prolonging the life of the work shoes.

In the event an employee’s shoes are irreparably damaged on the job site, the 80/20 replacement formula shall apply.

Section 12. Fee Reimbursement

An Allegany County DPW employee who passes the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles test and receives a new, or renews, an existing Class A, or Class B Commercial Drivers License having a Hazardous Materials Endorsement will be reimbursed the Hazardous Materials Endorsement fee.

Section 13. Drug and Alcohol Testing

The following employees shall be added to those subject to the existing D.P.W. drug and alcohol testing policy:

- Bridge Construction Supervisor
- All CDL required employees
- County Engineer
- Director of Weights and Measures
- Equipment Supervisor
- General Supervisor
- Nutrition Services Coordinator
- Physically Handicapped Children’s Program Coordinator
- Road Maintenance Supervisor
- Sr. Engineering Technician

Section 14. Snow and Ice Agreement

The terms of the attached Snow and Ice Agreement in Appendix J (attached) shall continue with full force and effect and the dates will be adjusted annually to correspond with the snow removal season as defined therein.
ARTICLE 20 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

Section 1. Lockouts

No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the Employer during the term of this Agreement.

Section 2. Strikes

No strikes of any kind shall be caused or sanctioned by the Union during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 21 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any article, section, or portion thereof of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall only apply to the specific article, section, or portion thereof directly specified in the decision. Upon the issuance of such a decision, the parties agree immediately to negotiate a substitute for the invalidated article, section or portion thereof.

ARTICLE 22 - TOTAL AGREEMENT

Notwithstanding any personnel rules and regulations, local law, or other laws that previously were in effect to the contrary, the foregoing constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and laws, and no verbal statement or other amendments, except an amendment mutually agreed upon between the parties and in writing annexed hereto designated as an amendment to the Agreement, shall supersede or vary the provisions herein.

ARTICLE 23 - STATUTORY PROVISIONS

IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PERMIT ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY AMENDMENT OF LAW OR BY PROVIDING THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFORE, SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS GIVEN APPROVAL.

ARTICLE 24 - MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

The Employer retains the sole right to manage its business affairs and services and to direct the working force, including the right to decide the number and location of its business and service operations to be conducted and rendered and the methods, processes, and means used in operating its business and services, and the control of the buildings, real estate, materials, parts, tools, machinery and all equipment which may be used in the operation of its business or in supplying its services; to assign and reassign work within a classification and to assign and reassign employees within a classification providing an equal distribution of work is maintained; to determine when and to what extent the work required in operating its business and supplying its services to be performed by employees governed by this Agreement, to maintain order and efficiency in all its departments and operations, (including the procedures set forth in the Civil Service Law and other laws of the State of New York) and any other procedures concerning the conduct and employment of employees, to promote and determine the qualifications of employees, to determine and schedule its various departments and to determine its starting and
quitting time and the number of hours to be worked subject only to such terms as set forth in other parts of this Agreement or provided by law. The County also expressly reserves all rights and powers under the Civil Service Law and any other laws of the State of New York.

The above rights of the employer are not all inclusive, but indicate the type of matters or rights which belong to and are inherent to the employer. Any and all rights, powers, and authority the employer had prior to this Agreement are retained by the Employer, except as expressly and specifically abridged, claimed, or modified by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25 - TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION

This agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of January 2013 and shall remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of December 2019. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the termination date it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations shall commence not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the termination date.

In Witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be signed by their respective parties on 12/7/16.

For the PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION, AFL-CIO:

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APPENDIX H
PEF SALARY GRADES

Grade 1

Grade 2
Secretary to Public Health Director
Office Manager (Workers’ Compensation)

Grade 3
Secretary to the Public Defender
Secretary to the District Attorney (Comp)

Grade 4
County Historian

Grade 5
Road Maintenance Supervisor
Senior Engineering Technician
Physically Handicapped Children’s
Director of Early Intervention
Program Coordinator

Grade 6
Automotive Mechanic Supervisor
Tax Assessment Supervisor
Nutrition Services Coordinator
Senior Tax Map Technician
Office Manager
Supervising Public Health Educator

Grade 7
Accountant
Equipment Supervisor
Supervisor of Child Support Enforcement
Director of Weights & Measures
Supervising Public Health Nurse
Coordinator, Services for the Aging
Bridge Construction Supervisor
Case Supervisor, Grade B
Landfill Supervisor
Principal Social Welfare Examiner
Maintenance Supervisor
Accountant (Sheriff)
Intensive Case Manager
WIC Program Coordinator

Grade 8
Probation Supervisor
DPW Fiscal Manager
Employment & Training Program Coordinator
Senior Accountant

Grade 9
Director of Administrative Services
General Supervisor
Director of Patient Services
Director of Temp. Assistance
Director of Environmental Health

Grade 10

Grade 11
Assistant Director of Community Services

Grade 14
County Engineer
APPENDIX I

1. Allegany DPW Highway Division: Alternate Work Schedule

Summer Schedule: Day/10 Hour Day Policy and Procedure

(a) The annual 4-day/10 hour schedule, Monday through Thursday, will commence on the last Monday of April and cease on the last Thursday of September. The County, at its option, reserves the right to reopen this provision should operational need for the coming year require an adjustment or, in the event the County cannot coordinate this schedule with the other employees in the Division, to return employees in the DPW Highway Division to their regular schedule.

(b) The workday shall begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

(c) During this period, employees who take a vacation day, a sick day, a personal leave day or a day of compensatory time will be charged 10 hours against the accumulated time he/she has in the relevant category.

(d) During this period, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day will be celebrated. Employees affected by this understanding will be compensated 10 hours of Holiday Pay. All affected employees shall have these days off with pay. Should a holiday be celebrated on a Friday affected employees will receive 8 hours of Holiday Pay.

Winter Schedule

The terms set forth in the Snow and Ice Agreement will take effect each winter, except that the County, at its option, reserves the right to reopen this provision should operational needs for the coming year require an adjustment or if necessary to coordinate with the schedule of other employees in the DPW Highway Division. Further, in the event that the Union wishes to discuss the Snow and Ice Agreement before the start of any winter, the County will agree to meet and discuss with the Union about the same.

2. An Allegany County DPW employee who passes the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles test and receives a new, or renews, an existing Class A, or Class B Commercial Drivers License having a Hazardous Materials Endorsement will be reimbursed the Hazardous Materials Endorsement fee.
APPENDIX J
SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ALLEGANY COUNTY AND
THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION

The primary intent of this Snow and Ice Agreement is to establish temporary supervisory positions on other than regular work shifts to assist Allegany County to better serve public safety issues as they pertain to Snow and Ice Removal.

Supervisor, as used in this agreement, means PEF members employed by the Department of Public Works as Grade (5) or Grade (7) Highway Division Supervisors.

1. A morning shift to begin at 4:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
2. An afternoon shift to begin at 1:30 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

3. A shift will be consist of one (1) Supervisor and 3 to 6 snowplow operators as designated by AFSCME employee agreement.

4. The snow and ice removal season will begin on the first Monday in November and can conclude no sooner than the third Friday in March and no later than the Friday preceding the third Monday in April. The DPW Superintendent, along with shift Supervisors and the PEF DPW Chief Steward shall make a determination to extend the season beyond the third Friday of March based on weather conditions.

5. Typical duties shall be outlined in Attachment (A).

6. A.M. Supervisors will establish an “On Call” roster to provide snow and ice removal on all weekends and holidays as determined by weather conditions. All shifts will be compensated 4 hours straight time, if not called out, to be taken in pay or compensatory time. If Supervisors are required to “Call Out” snowplow operators, they shall be compensated for time worked at the prescribed overtime rate for that shift in pay or compensatory time.
   a. All overtime for participating employees shall be equalized within 8 hours.
   b. Overtime hours credited equals overtime hours paid.
   c. Overtime refused equals overtime credited with the exception of refusals by employees called who are not on call.
   d. The DPW Chief Steward is to receive bi-weekly overtime reports.
   e. Any Supervisor who quits plowing with written notification of such prior to the end of the season will not be equalized; any employee who is off due to worker’s compensation injury for four (4) weeks or less will be included in the equalization.
   f. Equalization pay will be received no later than the 2nd paycheck after the end of the snow and ice removal season as defined by this agreement.
g. The County reserves the right to assign overtime work for the purpose of equalization up to the Friday preceding the third Monday in April.

h. Any schedule changes must be mutually agreed upon between the DPW Chief Steward and management.

i. On-Call time shall be rotated between 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; employee to be compensated four (4) hours straight time per shift taken in either pay or compensatory time; should an employee not be available, on-call time will not be paid; any time worked by another employee will be charged against the on-call employee that refused as overtime worked.

7. Supervisors working under this agreement performing snow and ice work shall be compensated for the purposes only at the Grade (5) top salary step plus a $3.00 hourly seasonal premium for each shift.

8. Supervisors may carry all such earned compensatory time as per the collective bargaining agreement between PEF and the County.

9. Either party to this agreement may at any time request a meeting to discuss any problems that may arise during this agreement.

10. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the parties negotiate a new Snow and Ice Agreement.

The actual dates for the next years are:

2017 March 17, 2017 and April 14, 2017
2018 March 16, 2018 and April 13, 2018
2019 March 15, 2019 and April 12, 2019
2020 March 20, 2020 and April 17, 2020
APPENDIX J
ATTACHMENT (A)

Supervisory Activities Associated With Snow and Ice Removal

A. Coordinate snow removal operations in accordance with current Allegany County policies.

B. Coordinate the efficient use of assigned personnel and equipment to perform snow removal operation sand maintains public safety.

C. Conduct training of personnel in the proper use and safe operations of snow removal equipment.

D. Maintain records of snow removal efforts and the use of equipment, materials and personnel.

E. Monitor weather conditions and deploy required personnel and equipment as needed.

F. Maintain contact with all personnel during snow removal operations to ensure safety.

G. Establish an “On Call” roster to provide snow removal personnel during weekends and holidays.

H. Maintain contact with Emergency Service during weekends and holidays to ensure assistance as required to provide snow removal and emergency maintenance.

I. Direct personnel in the maintenance and servicing of equipment at prescribed intervals.

J. Assist the DPW General Supervisor as directed.
APPENDIX K

ALLEGANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OVERTIME POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The purpose of this document is to increase clarification and consistency throughout the Department regarding use of overtime in a variety of situations. There are two general types of overtime – planned and unplanned overtime. The approval process for these two types varies slightly.

Planned overtime refers to situations and events for which a worker can reasonably identify the need for overtime during the Department’s normal business hours. If, during normal business hours, a worker becomes aware of a situation or event that may give rise to overtime on that or a subsequent business day, it shall be considered planned overtime. The worker is required to notify her/his supervisor (or an alternate supervisor if her/his immediate supervisor is not available) of the situation or event giving rise to the request, and to seek the approval of the supervisor for such overtime.

This approval is requested via the Overtime Approval/Denial Record on the second page of this procedure. The supervisor will indicate either approval or denial of the requested overtime on the form, returning the form to the employee for attachment to the employee’s Time and Leave Record. For all approved overtime, the supervisor will also initial the actual Time and Leave Record upon completion and submittal by the employee.

When an employee requests and is approved for a specific number of hours for planned overtime, the employee is not to exceed that number of hours without additional supervisory approval.

Unplanned overtime refers to situations and events that cannot reasonably be identified by a worker during normal business hours. These situations and events are generally of an emergency nature and involve after-hours notification of a problem. Staff responding to such situations must inform the appropriate supervisor of the nature of the emergency and the hours worked on the next business day, receiving supervisory approval at that time. The employee will present her/his Time and Leave Record to the supervisor at the time of request for after-the-fact approval; supervisory initials on this form will document approval.

From time to time staff throughout the Department may receive telephone calls at their homes from people who receive some type of assistance from the Department. It is important for staff to be able to enjoy their home life free from such distractions, and such calls are therefore to be discouraged.

Whenever possible, after-hours callers should be directed to call the appropriate worker at the office on the next business day, and such calls should therefore be quite brief and not particularly disruptive.

Calls made from an individual directly to a staff members’ home are also to be discouraged, and staff are strongly discouraged from providing families with their home phone numbers. Despite a worker’s best practices in this area, some families may call the worker at home in a state of actual or perceived crisis. Similarly, workers may receive after-hours calls from individuals or agencies that have appropriately gone through our answering service.
Employees who receive such phone calls at home are eligible for overtime pay to compensate them for the intrusion into their personal lives. Compensation will be calculated as follows:

The Employee will be compensated for phone calls accepted after hours as follows:

- Each incoming phone call = one hour straight pay
- Outgoing phone calls = no additional pay

The actual cost of outgoing long distance calls is eligible for reimbursement. Requests for same must be submitted on the employee's expense sheet along with a copy of the phone bill.

Employees claiming compensation for after-hours phone calls must so indicate on their time sheets, which must include case identifiers (e.g. case name, answering service, hotline call, etc.).

Should an employee need to leave her/his home to respond to a crisis situation, s/he will be eligible for compensation as per the Agreement between Allegany County and AFSCME.

ALLEGANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Overtime Approval/Denial Record

I, _________________________________, approve/deny (circle one)

_______________________________ to work ____________________ hours of

Overtime on the following date(s) ____________________________________________

for the following need(s) ____________________________________________________

_______________________________

Supervisory signature:

_______________________________ Date:__________________