

CERTIFICATE
Court Facilities Capital Review Board
Steuben County

WHEREAS the Governor of New York signed into law Chapter 825 of the Laws of 1987, known as the Court Facilities Act, on August 7, 1987; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act created the Court Facilities Capital Review Board (“Board”) pursuant to Section 1680-c of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS the Governor of New York has duly appointed the members of the Board pursuant to said section; and

WHEREAS the Board is empowered by said section to review and approve overall plans and cost estimates for the design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing or equipping of facilities of the courts and court-related agencies of the Unified Court System; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Act, in Judiciary Law section 219, requires each local government in New York to submit such plans, in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts, for review and approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS in 1989 the County Administrator of Steuben County submitted such a plan in conformance with Judiciary Law section 219 and in the form prescribed by the Chief Administrator of the Courts; and

WHEREAS the Court Facilities Capital Review Board reviewed the Capital Plan submitted by the County Administrator of Steuben County and, being satisfied that the facilities to which the Capital Plan relates would be suitable and sufficient for the transaction of business of the Unified Court System, approved said Capital Plan on March 7, 1989; and

WHEREAS beginning in 2017, additional court space was needed to accommodate additional judicial chambers, a visiting judge’s office, attorney client conference rooms, and hearing rooms. There was also the need to consolidate the operations of the Surrogate’s Court, Family Court, County Court, and Supreme Court in a single building; and

WHEREAS Steuben County completed the construction of the Steuben County Annex Building in 2018, which allowed county offices to relocate from the County Office Building to the new Annex and the courts to move into the space vacated by the County; and

WHEREAS Steuben County completed a renovation project that upgraded and expanded court facilities, with the courts now occupying a footprint of 33,058 square feet, an increase of 7,357 square feet. Steuben County also added a new 63-space parking lot dedicated to the courts; and

WHEREAS Steuben County paid for the \$9.6 million project out of its own general fund balance, and the work was completed from 2019 to 2021; and

WHEREAS on January 27, 2025, by email along with supporting documents, Steuben County submitted its revised Capital Plan amendment for the completed court renovation project; and

WHEREAS the Seventh Judicial District Administrative Office, local court administrators, and OCA's architectural staff participated in the development and review of the planning and design of the facility and recommend its approval; and

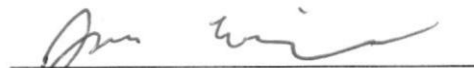
WHEREAS the completed facility complies with the Chief Judge's Guidelines for Court Facilities, is compliant with all applicable life safety codes, and provides access for people with disabilities.

NOW BE IT CERTIFIED that the Board has reviewed the Capital Plan submitted by the County Manager of Steuben County on January 27, 2025, and finding that the facilities provided by such Capital Plan will be suitable and sufficient for the transaction of business of the Unified Court System, hereby approves said amended Capital Plan as set forth in this Certificate.

WITNESSETH, this 29th day of April, 2025, on behalf of the Court Facilities Capital Review Board:




Hon. Norman St. George, Chair



Jonathan Weinberg, as designated by
Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal



Assemblymember Charles Lavine



Tina Fernandez, Esq.