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Department: Health Department

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RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7156

1 **Authorization to Execute a Three-Year Contract – Administration and**
2 **Provision of Transportation for Early Intervention and Preschool**
3 **Special Education Children Residing in Tompkins County – Health**
4 **Department (Pending Committee action 7-17-17)**

5 WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Finance Department, in cooperation with the Tompkins County Health
6 Department, has duly advertised for proposals for administration and provision of transportation services to children
7 ages 0-5 who are enrolled in Preschool Special Education and Early Intervention programs as authorized by Tompkins
8 County and who reside in Tompkins County, and
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10 WHEREAS, one proposal was received by the June 5, 2017, deadline, now therefore be it
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12 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That the contract be awarded
13 to Birnie Bus Service, Inc., of Syracuse, New York,
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15 RESOLVED, further, That the contract be awarded for a period of three (3) years commencing September 1,
16 2017, and terminating August 31, 2020, with the option to renew for an additional five-one year periods,
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18 RESOLVED, further, That the Health Department is authorized to implement this proposal on behalf of the
19 County, funds are provided for in Account A2960.54305 and A4054.54305.

20 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**



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2 The Preschool Program in NYS is a mandated program and consists of services for children 3-5 years old with
3 developmental delays or diagnosed conditions. In NYS these services are determined by the school district in which
4 the child resides with determination of eligibility guided by NYS Preschool Special Education regulations and all
5 counties in NYS are required to pay for these services.
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7 Transportation services are part of the services included in the mandate. NYS counties are required to provide a
8 transportation vendor, pay for transportation services directly to the vendor or reimburse the parent if they choose to
9 transport their own child. Birnie Bus Service has worked with Tompkins County providing early intervention and
10 preschool special education transportation services since 1999. Services have been provided an acceptable level for
11 children outside the City of Ithaca School District (Ithaca City School provides transportation to the children in their
12 district and we reimburse them).