

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 5, 2018 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Nolan, Joseph Maloney, Petit, Wawro
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kenneth Crannell Deputy County Executive, Barbara Stemke citizen

Chairman Craig Lopez welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2018 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Cathy Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the March 20, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 63: Re-Establishing The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution re-establishes the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee and pursuant to Section C-16 of the Ulster County Charter, shall serve at the pleasure of the Ulster County Legislature. The committee consists of no more than thirteen voting members.

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 63 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Discussion: Legislator Nolan as a former Chairman of the UC Trails Advisory Committee having served on the committee since its inception in 2009 provided an overview of the history of the committee as an ongoing volunteer committee that advises the Ulster County Legislature on trail related issues, laws and regulations as they relate to Ulster County Trails, and continues to be a model around the county, state and country. Both Chairman Lopez and Legislator Nolan continue to serve on the committee along with Legislator James Delaune.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 63**
Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 65: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Mary Netter of Hurley to the Community Services Board. Term: present thru 12/31/21.

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 65 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Discussion: None

Motion No. 5: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 65**
Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 66: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's PW/DD Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Ethel Knox of Kingston to the Community Services Board. Term: present thru 12/31/21.

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 66 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Discussion: None

Motion No. 7: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 66**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 67: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of Jon R. Brown of Kingston to the Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee. Term: present thru 12/31/21.

Motion No. 8: **Resolution No. 67 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Discussion: None

Motion No. 9: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 67**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 68: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Ethel Knox of Kingston to the Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee. Term: present thru 12/31/21.

Motion No. 10: **Resolution No. 68 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Laura Petit

Discussion: None

Motion No. 11: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 68**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Laura Petit

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 69: Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the reappointment of Cheryl Ronk of West Shokan to the Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee. Term: present thru 12/31/21.

Motion No. 12: **Resolution No. 69 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Discussion: Legislator's Petit and Nolan clarified committee's vs. sub-committee appointments, anatomy of the membership, staggering of committee membership terms of this large - approximately fifteen member committee. Legislator Maloney confirmed the appointments are made by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature.

Motion No. 13: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 69**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 70: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2018, A Local Law To Reduce Addiction To Tobacco Products By Raising The Minimum Age For Their Purchase To 21, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 10, 2018 At 6:15 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2018, to reduce addiction to tobacco products by raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco to 21 years of age.

Motion No. 14: **Resolution No. 70 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Joseph Maloney

Discussion:

Last month co-sponsor Legislator Kathy Nolan introduced this legislation-providing a handout focusing on why Ulster County should “break the age connection” - raising the minimum age for the purchase of tobacco products from 18 to 21. In Ulster County the enforcement of the proposed local law would apply based on the sale of tobacco to individuals 21 years of age and under.

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell provided an overview of the proposed local law as it relates to the current 18 and under local law, noting the proposed local law will follow the same guide lines plus whatever amendment’s the legislature may approve. The committee discussed potential program grant funding, program rollout, best practices, penalties, enforcement and due process, central hearing officer - equal treatment, hiring of an enforcement officer, etc. Committee discussion ensued.

Legislator Nolan will consult with counsel as to the provisions leading to the removal of a tobacco retailer license to match the existing law before the Laws and Rules Committee meet and also fact sheet information for Legislator Petit such as Tobacco Free Action Communities (TFAC) and the American Heart Association, etc.

Legislator Maloney inquired about the financial impact supporting this proposed local law, whereas Ken Crannell noted there is a lot of information in the public domain however they are more focused on the tobacco - health related aspect. Legislator Maloney noted enforcement of the local law would lessen taxpayer subsidies by promoting healthy lifestyles.

Chairman Lopez expressed his many concerns as the role of policymaker, telling an adult what they can and cannot do to their body – slippery slope.

The entire committee expressed their support to hold a public hearing with Legislator’s Maloney, Petit and Wawro requesting to have their names added to the resolution for the record. (Legislator Petit withdrew her request the next day)

Motion No. 15: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 70**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Joseph Maloney

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution postponed

Resolution No. 98: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2018, A Local Law To Adopt Countywide Notification Requirements For The Trapping of Free Roaming, Stray and/or Feral Cats, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 10, 2018 At 6:25 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2018, to adopt countywide notification requirements for the trapping of free roaming, stray and/or feral cats.

Motion No. 16: **Resolution No. 98 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Joseph Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Petit, sponsor of this Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2018, having first-hand knowledge - twelve years of volunteer experience in the field rescuing and trapping stray and feral cats answered numerous committee questions regarding Trap Neuter Release (TNR) programs, exterminators that pose as rescue groups, home rule, micro-chipping that will help inforce this proposed law, owner notification, SPCA, multiple rescue groups – Newburgh Scats Inc., Alley Cat Allies, Kim Kelly, tracking, citizen’s quality of life and exterminator profitability. Legislator Petit provided handouts of PETA literature noting they do not support free roaming animals. If a cat is outdoors it’s free game for trapping and extermination. Town of Rochester and Town of New Paltz have reviewed the proposed local law.

County Executive Kenneth Crannell shared this legislation with the County Attorney whom after preliminary review expressed further legal review is required. Ken also noted the County Health Department will be part and parcel regarding the rabies aspect.

Legislator Nolan suggested having the SPCA and other groups come before the committee to better understand the overall scope before holding a public hearing. Committee discussion ensued.

Motion No. 17: **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 98**

Motion By: Legislator Craig Lopez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Wawro

Voting Against: Legislators Maloney, Petit

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 2

Disposition: Resolution postponed

Resolution No. 99: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services to Accept A Grant For The Child And Family Safety Program – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement (NYS Contract # C028142) with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for the Child and Family Safety Program and any amendments thereto, in the amount of \$208.7K. The program conducts investigations of physical, sexual abuse, near death and deaths of children ages 0 – 18 years of age staffed by and/or accessible to multiple disciplines for training and equipped to conduct initial and ongoing forensic interviews, case mgmt., medical exams and psycho/social assessments of a child in a family friendly setting.

Motion No. 18: **Resolution No. 99 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Discussion: Ken Crannell provided an overview of the program. By resolution late last year the county moved forward to purchase the facility at 21 O’Neal St., Kingston from the American Red Cross however terminated the contract upon finding a low level presence of an industrial solvent. The county continues to lease the building on a month to month basis while looking for a new location.

Motion No. 19: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 99**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 100: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature to Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Health, Bureau of Immunization – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the NYS DOH Bureau of Immunization to provide funds to continue the immunization action plan for the period of 4/1/18 thru 3/31/2023. If funding for this program is reduced or eliminated the program will be reduced accordingly or eliminated as well.

Discussion: None

Motion No. 20: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 100**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 101: Authorizing The Commissioner Of Health To Sign Annual Renewal Provider Agreements With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue Participation In The Vaccines For Children Program And The Vaccines For Adult Program – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Health to sign an annual renewal provider agreement with NYS DOH to continue to participate in the Vaccines for Children Program and the Adult Program. Financial impact none.

Discussion: None

Motion No. 21: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 101**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 102: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Mini Grant From The New York State Parenting Education Partnership For The Celebrating Families Program Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to accept grant funding from the NYS Parenting Education Partnership for the Celebrating Families Program that has been shown to have a positive impact on the lives of parents. This mini grant will increase the 2018 UC Budget \$2K.

Motion No. 22: **Resolution No. 102 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Discussion: Ken Crannell provided an overview of this special program that re-unites children with one or more parents having a serious problem with alcohol or other drugs and in which there is a high risk for domestic violence.

Motion No. 23: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 102**

Motion By: Legislator Laura Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 103: Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget to Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A Minimum Wage And Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2018 UC Budget to accept increased funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health for a minimum wage and COLA adjustment allocation - January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. There will not be an increase in county contributions. \$140.5K

Discussion: None

Motion No. 24: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 103**

Motion By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Nolan, Maloney, Petit, Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

New Business

Chairman Lopez called upon Barbara Stemke a local citizen who attended tonight's meeting to share information regarding telecom companies wanting to place wireless radiation-emitting transmitters - 5G roll out in New York State. Ms. Stemke explained the upcoming state budget would change general municipal law by overriding home rule to force 5G cell towers onto utility poles without review. Ms. Stemke has asked for the committee's support to contact state officials. Ms. Stemke provided the committee with informational handouts.

Chairman Lopez asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Kathy Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: April 2, 2018