

Reducing The 2006 Ulster County Budget

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, in an effort to cut spending and ultimately reduce the property tax levy for 2007, Ulster County Department Heads were requested by the Ways and Means Committee to come up with plans to cut departmental spending in the 2006 budget, amounting to \$3.4 million reduction to be allocated within each department based on departmental spending, and

WHEREAS, the plans to cut departmental spending were reviewed by the appropriate oversight committees. The oversight committees forwarded their recommendations to the Ways and Means Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the 2006 Ulster County Budget be amended as attached:

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Every)

Legislator Cummings motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberti to amend the resolution to eliminate Health Insurance Benefits for Part-Time Legislators. This amendment would realize an additional \$138,000.00 in savings.

Legislator Gerentine motioned, seconded by Legislator Dart to refer the elimination of Health Insurance Benefits for Part-Time Legislators to the Labor Relations and Negotiation Committee if Legislator Cummings would withdraw her motion.

(Legislator Cummings withdrew her motion.)

MOTIONED DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 21
(AYES: Legislators Dart, Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, McAfee and Noonan)
(Absent: Legislator Every)

Resolution No. 157 May 10, 2006

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MOTIONED DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 10 NOES: 22
(AYES: Legislators R.A. Parete, Sheeley, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, Fabiano, Gerentine, Harris, Noonan and Roberti)
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,329,600.00 – 2006 SAVINGS BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 158,949.00 – 2006 BUDGETED REVENUE REDUCTION

\$1,170,651.00 – 2006 NET BUDGET REDUCTION

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