

Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2011

Chairman Wadnola and Legislators Hansut and Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, Section 154 of County Law of the State of New York provides that the Ulster County Legislature may create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Legislature in the transaction of its business, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned State Law requires that “any local law or resolution creating any such committee shall specify the powers, duties and number of its members,” and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Ulster to formally create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Ulster County Legislature in the transaction of its business, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all standing committees for the year 2011 are hereby set forth as follows and described below:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

To set legislative policy for all aspects of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning. Responsible for issues pertaining to: Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, Ulster County Development Corporation, Public Transportation, and relations with the Chamber of Commerce.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

To set policy pertaining to the Department of the Environment, Environmental Management Council, Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Forest Practice Board, and Soil & Water Conservation District, including the protection of water ways and the County’s recycling efforts. To provide research and analysis pertaining to government mandates to determine if alternative methods of providing mandated programs and services will result in savings to taxpayers.

GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Board of Elections, Consumer Fraud Bureau (including Weights and Measures), Human Rights, Information Services, Insurance, Personnel, and Safety. To review and maintain the Rules of the Legislature and to review and approve all local laws. To approve all late resolutions, considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the full Legislature. To set policy and review contracts pertaining to but not limited to the activities of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Health, Mental Health, Residential Health Care Facilities, Social Services, and Employment and Training.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

To set policy and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Ulster County Sheriff and the Law Enforcement Center, Probation, Emergency Communications/Emergency Management, Arson Task Force, Traffic Safety, Fire Coordinator, District Attorney, and Public Defender.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

To set policy and review contracts pertaining and related to the following: Arts, Ulster County Community College, Historian, Libraries, Cornell Cooperative Extension, STOP DWI, Community Action, Office for the Aging, Youth Bureau, and Veterans Affairs.

PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to the following County Departments: Public Works (including Parks, Highways, and Buildings and Grounds), Transportation, and Capital Projects.

WAYS AND MEANS

To recommend the Legislature's position on all budgetary and financial matters of the County. To review contracts pertaining to the following departments: County Clerk, Finance, Comptroller, Purchasing, and Real Property Tax Services. To approve all resolutions with financial impacts to the County,

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RESOLVED, that each of the standing committees set forth herein and above shall consist of seven to eleven members, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the delegation of any of the powers, duties or responsibilities of the County Legislature or any officer thereof except as otherwise expressly authorized by law,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18

NOES: 1

(Absent: Legislators Belfiglio, Bernardo, Briggs, Donaldson, Fabiano, Gregorius, Harris, Hayes, Madsen, Richard Parete, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terrizzi, and Wadnola)

(Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Gregorius, and Terrizzi arrived at 6:08 PM)

(Legislators Harris, Hayes, and Madsen arrived at 6:09 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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