

Confirming Ulster County's Intention To Join An Internet Bandwidth Consortium And Authorizing Ulster BOCES To Act On Ulster County's Behalf For The Purpose Of Securing A Bid For Internet Bandwidth – Department Of Information Services

Referred to: The Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee (Chairman Belfiglio and Legislators Lopez, Ronk, Wawro, Bartels, Parete and Wishnick)

Chairman of the Environmental, Energy and Technology Committee Carl Belfiglio and Deputy Chairman Tracey A. Bartels offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Information Services; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire to reduce expenses for County taxpayers and one area of potential savings is utilizing shared services among municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is the plan of Ulster BOCES, Orange/Ulster BOCES, Dutchess BOCES and Sullivan BOCES (the Four BOCES), which comprise the Mid-Hudson Joint Management Team, to act as a consortium in soliciting bids for internet bandwidth to connect each to the internet; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has been invited to join the consortium along with the Four BOCES; and

WHEREAS, each entity believes that joining a larger group will be beneficial in leveraging a more beneficial price for internet bandwidth than if each acted alone; and

WHEREAS, each BOCES has agreed to designate Ulster BOCES as lead agency and to act on their behalf in securing a bid; and

WHEREAS, once a bid for internet bandwidth is secured, Ulster County shall then have the option of contracting for the bid services or declining to participate further; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby confirms Ulster County's inclusion in an internet bandwidth consortium comprised of Ulster BOCES, Orange/Ulster BOCES, Dutchess BOCES and Sullivan BOCES; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes Ulster BOCES to act on its behalf in order to secure a bid for internet bandwidth; and, be it further

Michael P. Hein, County Executive