

**Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2009**

Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Cahill and R.S. Parete 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 2009 are hereby set forth as follows and described below:

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to internal departmental services, including the offices of Comptroller, Purchasing/Central Services, Insurance, Real Property Tax Service Agency, Information Services and Safety.

**ARTS, EDUCATION, TOURISM AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

To set policy for libraries, arts, educational, cultural, veterans’ and community organizations and activities in Ulster County. To further work as a liaison to the various art societies to help promote local arts and artists. Review contracts for the Arts, Ulster County Community College, County Historian, Office for the Aging, Tourism and Veterans’ Service Agency.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SAFETY**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to all phases of criminal justice and the court system within the County, as well as the related functions and departments for: Sheriff’s Department, Alternative Sentencing Program, Re-Entry Task Force, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, Consumer Fraud, Courts, Community Corrections, STOP DWI and Weights and Measures. *A subcommittee will be created on **Safety** which will include: Fire Coordinator’s Office/Civil Defense, Arson Task Force, Emergency Management Services and Traffic Safety Board.*

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### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, PLANNING AND TRANSIT**

To set legislative policy for all aspects of Economic Development and Planning in conjunction with County Executive, UCDC, and other agencies responsible for the promotion of industry and tourism, overall economic development and business promotion of Ulster County, and to interface with related inter-governmental and non-governmental agencies. To set policy for all transportation matters within Ulster County and to interface with surrounding counties and to review contracts of said departments and boards where applicable in regard to: Agricultural Advisory/Farmland Protection Board, Cooperative Extension, Ulster County Economic Development Agency, Industrial Development Agency, Hudson Valley Regional Council, various Chambers of Commerce in Ulster County, The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC), Office of Employment and Training, Planning Department and UCAT. *A subcommittee will be created on **Housing and Transportation**.*

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

To set policy for the conservation or use of land, water and air within the scope of the authority of the County Legislature and to review contracts pertaining to but not limited to the activities of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, Department of Environment, Environmental Management Council, Soil and Water Conservation District and Forest Practice Board.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to all County functions involving Public Health, including Public Health Department, Golden Hill Health Care Center and Mental Health Department.

### **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & PERSONNEL**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to the Department of Social Services, Coordinated Children's Program, Youth Bureau, Human Rights Commission and Personnel.

### **LABOR RELATIONS**

To promote better relations with labor both in and outside County government.

### **LAWS AND RULES** (Increases to nine members)

To review and maintain the Rules of the Legislature. To review and approve all local laws. Responsible for approval of late resolutions, considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the Legislature. To set policy in regard to Board of Elections, and ethics, and to further aid toward the transition of county government and charter revision. To act as a liaison to Town, City and Village governments. To further be responsible for promoting efficiency and reform in County government by examining

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and developing alternative methods of operation. To review all contracts pertaining to Board of Elections and Legislature. *A subcommittee will be created on **Efficiency and Reform**.*

#### **PERSONNEL (merged with Human Development)**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS**

To set policy for and review contracts pertaining to County bridges and highways, maintenance, management and construction, Buildings and Grounds, Parks and recommend capital construction projects.

#### **WAYS AND MEANS**

To recommend Legislature's position on all budgetary and financial matters of the County. To review contracts pertaining to the departments of: County Clerk, Finance, Comptroller and County Executive. To be responsible for mandated services review and recommendations to State and Federal Authorities; and to make specific financial recommendations pertaining to Ulster County Contract Agencies; and to approve all resolutions with financial impacts to the County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each of the standing committees set forth herein and above shall consist of seven to nine 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: 31                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Aiello)  
(Legislator R.A. Parete left at 6:39 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January in the year Two Thousand and Nine.

/s/ Mary L. Carey  
Mary L. Carey, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature