

Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2010

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 2010 are hereby set forth as follows and described below:

BUDGET AND FINANCE

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.

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, and Public Transportation. To foster relations with the County and local Chambers of Commerce.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND EFFICIENCY

To evaluate government operations and making recommendations to the Legislature on changing County policy. To develop a method of seeking out waste and inefficiency. To make recommendations to develop and increase a more efficient manner in running County operations. To review interaction between County Departments, the County Executive and the Legislature as related to the Charter. To have original and supplemental jurisdiction in all matters that pertain to County policy.

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GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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 pertaining to environmental issues 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, Forest Practice Board, and Soil and Water Conservation District.

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: Sheriff's Office 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, Office for the Aging, Youth Bureau, Veterans Affairs, Historian, Libraries, Cornell Cooperative Extension, STOP DWI, and Community Action.

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, now, therefore, be it

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

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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 AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Legislator Richard Parete left at 6:40 PM)

Legislator Bernardo motioned, seconded by Legislator Felicello to amend the resolution to include: "All Committees may hold hearings and review County operations in any manner not inconsistent with the County Charter or applicable State or Federal Law".

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Legislator Bernardo motioned, seconded by Legislator Felicello to amend the description of the Government Operations and Efficiency Committee to read as follows and as shown in the body of the resolution:

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To evaluate government operations and making recommendations to the Legislature on changing County policy. To develop a method of seeking out waste and inefficiency. To make recommendations to develop and increase a more efficient manner in running County operations. To review interaction between County Departments, the County Executive and the Legislature as related to the Charter. To have original and supplemental jurisdiction in all matters that pertain to County policy.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
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Legislator Shapiro offered a friendly amendment, seconded by Legislator Donaldson to change the title of the Government Services and Administrative Committee to read as follows: Government Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee and to move Soil and Water Conservation District from Economic Development and Tourism Committee to the Government Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 15
(NOES: Legislators Aiello, Belfiglio, Bernardo, Felicello, Frey, Gerentine, Hansut, Harris, Hayes, Maio, Maloney, Roberts, Ronk, Sweeney, and Wadnola)
(Legislator Richard Parete left at 6:40 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
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 6th day of January, 2010, 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 8th Day of January in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature