

COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Budget & Finance

DATE: September 14, 2010

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Library/Conference Room B
Ulster County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chair R. Gerentine, and Legislators A. Lomita; T. Bernardo; W. Frey; D. Gregorius; P. Hansut; W. Harris; M. Maio; M. Sheeley

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislators J. Maloney; J. Provenzano

OTHERS ATTENDING: Comptroller E. Auerbach; Deputy Comptroller L. Walls; Contract Manager S. Plonski; Legislative Counsel K. Gilligan; L. Cane (LWV); Deputy Clerk of Finance K. Spinozzi

I. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 220: Approving The Execution Of Various Contracts And Change Orders In The Amount Of \$50,000.00 Or In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County

Motion offered by Legislator Lomita, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.

It was pointed out that the September 14 opinion from Legislative Counsel M. Kavanagh incorrectly referred to this contract as L20-3. The correct contract number is L20-2. Counsel has stated that the Comptroller does not have authority to prevent the execution of this or any contract. It is the opinion of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel that professional services contracts are exempt from the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

Legislator Lomita pointed out that an RFP was not issued in 2009, and the Comptroller did not object. Meetings were held with the consultant prior to hiring, and several phone calls were made to the surrounding counties who utilize the services of the consultant. An informed decision was made to hire the firm.

The Comptroller stated that he has issue with the Legislative ability to hire the consultants, and that the process is not crystal clear.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 221: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County Owned Property To Original Owner

Motion offered by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Lomita.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 222: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County Owned Property To Original Owner

Motion offered by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Frey.
Legislative Counsel Gilligan indicated that a court decision prevented the County from modifying the amount the County could accept for this parcel.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 223: Requesting Transfer Of Funds From The Forfeiture Account For The Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team's Confidential Investigations – Amending The 2010 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Motion offered by Legislator Sheeley, seconded by Legislator Hansut.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 224: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Kingston School District For The Operation Of The FACETS Program – Department Of Mental Health

Motion offered by Legislator Sheeley, seconded by Legislator Frey.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 225: Authorizing The Purchase Of A Portable Decontamination Shelter And Accepting Reimbursement From New York State Office Of Homeland Security FY09 Haz-Mat Grant Funds Via Lead Agency Orange County – Fire Coordinator

Motion offered by Legislator Frey, seconded by Legislator Hansut.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 226: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A New Inter-Municipal Agreement And Amend The Existing Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Town Of Hardenburgh For Maintenance Of County Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Gregorius, seconded by Legislator Harris.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 227: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With Town Of Shandaken For Maintenance Of County Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Gregorius, seconded by Legislator Harris.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 228: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Willow Park, Inc., For Office Space For Department Of Health – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion offered by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Frey.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 229: Resolution To Provide Continued Funding For The Children's Services Program At The Washbourne House – Amending The 2010 Ulster County Budget

Motion to hold until next week offered by Legislator Lomita, seconded by Legislator Hansut.

Budget & Finance Committee needs to be added to resolution. Resolution must include line money is being transferred from. Legislator Sheeley will not support without committee endorsement. Legislator Frey will call a special meeting of Health & Human Services Committee for Monday, September 20, and if possible, the Youth Board.

Motion to hold adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 235 (Late): Amending Capital Project No. 312 For Ulster County Area Transit Building Upgrade And HVAC Controls Facility – Additional Federal Funds and Reallocation of Funds – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit) And Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion offered by Legislator Hansut, seconded by Legislator Harris.
Motion adopted unanimously, contingent upon passing in Governmental Services Committee.

Resolution No. 236 (Late): Requesting The Ulster County Legislature’s Future Budgets (2011 And Beyond) Be Funded To Provide For Annual Audits Of The Books And Records Of The County By Independent Auditors

Motion offered by Legislator Lomita, seconded by Legislator Frey.

Opinion from Legislative Counsel was amended to include a statement “that the Comptroller not only lacks the fundamental authority in the Charter/Code to select the accounting firm to conduct the annual “independent” audit, he would have a significant conflict of interest if permitted to do so.”

Motion adopted unanimously.

Motion to adjourn offered by Legislator Hansut, seconded by Legislator Sheeley.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Gerentine, Chair
Budget & Finance Committee