

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Governmental Services, Environmental & Administrative Committee

DATE: December 20, 2010

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building, 244 Fair Street
Kingston, New York

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Dean Fabiano, Kenneth Ronk, Laura Petit, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, and Brian Shapiro

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Maio, County Legislator
Michael Madsen, County Legislator
Susan Zimet, County Legislator
Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive
Catherine Nilsen, Proposed Appointee, RRA
Katherine Beinkafner, UC Resource Recovery Agency
Timothy Rose, UC Resource Recovery Agency
Michael Berg, Family of Woodstock
Roberto Rodriguez, Commissioner,
Department of Social Services
Victor J. Melville, LWV-Observer Corp
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.**
2. **Approve minutes from committee meeting - November 15, 2010.**

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to approve the minutes. All in favor.

3. Resolutions

Chairman Roberts took Resolution No. 310 out of order. Retiring Commissioner of Elections Kathleen Mihm introduced Vic Work, who will be taking her place. She thanked the committee for always understanding and supporting their position.

- **Resolution No. 310 - Appointing - Commissioner of Elections (Charles Victor Work)**

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to approve the resolution. All in favor. Approved (9 - 0).

- **Resolution No. 306 - 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**

Additions to Abstract - see attached.

Legislator Belfiglio asked about agreement L23-15. Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman provided an overview of the home delivered meals program, how the County obtains the best price and the required number of participants to obtain that price. He stated that the County Executive will not support changes to the program during the first quarter of 2011. This will allow for the opportunity to discover the options that may be available.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to amend the resolution to include the late additions of L23-16 and L23-17. All in favor. Approved (9 - 0).

Chairman Roberts asked Tim Rose, Acting Executive Director of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to address the committee before moving forward with the other resolutions.

Tim Rose provided an update on the Agency. He discussed that they have been working with the DEC for approximately 60 days and have resolved a number of issues. They have also met with most of the Town Supervisors. The contracts with the towns are expiring in about two years. They received good feedback and some interesting ideas from their meetings with the Supervisors.

Legislator Richard Parete stated that he also had conversations with DEC. It is his understanding that the RRA is permitted for 440 tons although they can handle more. He had been advised that there were approximately 180 days that the tonnage was over and asked Mr. Rose if there were any repercussions that we should anticipate? Tim Rose advised that it was his understanding that when Mike Bemis was Executive Director, that he had submitted to bump up the daily tonnage limit in order to accommodate this issue.

Legislator Richard Parete added that the DEC was not being critical of the RRA. Tim Rose spoke about revenue from tonnage and the fact that he had been advised not to focus on the daily number -- but not to blow the weekly totals. The tonnage does average out over the course of the week.

There were no further questions or comments.

- **Resolution No. 307 - Confirming Appointments To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**

Chairman Roberts introduced Catherine Nilsen from Saugerties, a proposed appointee to the RRA.

Catherine Nilsen spoke briefly about her previous appointment on the Board of the RRA and what they accomplished. She is anxious to be appointed again and continue the work. Ms. Nilsen departed at this point.

Chairman Roberts advised everyone that the other proposed appointees, John Parete and Al Teetsel, will be attending Caucus tomorrow night.

Legislator Shapiro stated that Resolution No. 307 was discussed at length in the Environmental Subcommittee meeting and left it open for discussion in this committee. They were trying to determine the end date of Debrosky's appointment.

Legislator Rodriguez agreed that Debrosky's appointment did become the question. He obtained copies of most previous resolutions appointing members to the RRA and would like Counsel to look at all documentation.

Legislator Belfiglio read from State Law how the terms of the RRA should be staggered and asked how Counsel can fix this?

Legislator Rodriguez suggested that the resolution be moved forward contingent on a response from Counsel on December 21, 2010.

Legislator Richard Parete described the process that happened in the past for Majority and Minority picks.

Legislator Fabiano repeated that the issue really revolves around the expiration of Debrosky's term.

Chairman Roberts stated that Counsel would review this issue before the Legislative meeting tomorrow night. Karen Binder, Clerk, offered to contact Counsel before leaving work this evening.

Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to move the resolution to the floor. Approved 8 - 1 Noes: Legislator Petit.

- **Resolution No. 311** - Authorizing The Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature And/Or The County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services Byrne Jag Recovery - Amending The 2011 Ulster County Budget - Drug/Alcohol Abuse - Darmstadt Respite Program - Department Of Probation

There was no discussion on this resolution.

Legislator Shapiro motioned, seconded by Legislator Richard Parete to approve the resolution. All in favor. Approved 9 - 0.

Legislator Shapiro suggested skipping to Resolution No. 313 since Michael Berg and

Commissioner Rodriguez were present.

- **Resolution No. 313** - Authorization By The Ulster County Legislature To Amend A 2006 - 2011 Contract Between The Ulster County Department Of Social Services And Family Of Woodstock, Inc.

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman explained that when this contract runs out, there will be an estimated shortage of 96K. HUD has stopped funding to 3 programs. We need housing for the homeless and risk not being able to keep the program if we don't help Family. Mr. Beckman met with Chairman Wadnola and Legislator Walter Frey, Jr., Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee to explain what happened - there were 3 simultaneous contracts in place. They are not proposing going to contingency to fund this program but from funds in the DSS Budget.

Michael Berg stated that HUD has an annual commitment to the County in the amount of \$1 million.

Mr. Beckman said without this housing, the individuals would be placed in an emergency situation and then would add to the Safety Net expense. They need to have somewhere to go.

Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to approve the resolution. All in favor. Approved 9 - 0.

Resolution No. 314 was taken out of order.

4. Late Resolutions

- **Resolution No. 314** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston For Providing Services For Firefighting Communication Purposes - Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Shapiro motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to approve the resolution. All in favor. Approved 9 - 0.

- **Resolution No. 312** - Resolution In Support Of Continued Removal of PCBs In The Hudson River

Legislator Shapiro asked to go on record that the body supports this matter.

Legislator Rodriguez stated that the resolution was amended in the Environmental Subcommittee adding the information from the resolution previously adopted by the Legislature in support of this issue.

Legislator Fabiano motioned, seconded by Legislator Shapiro to approve the resolution. All in

favor. Approved 9 - 0.

Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature