

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Governmental Services, Environmental & Administrative Committee

DATE: July 19, 2010

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Dean Fabiano, Laura Petit, Robert Parete

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislators Richard Parete, Kenneth Ronk and Brian Shapiro

OTHERS PRESENT: Kenneth D. Gilligan, Counsel to the Legislature
Amanda LaValle, Coordinator, Department of the Environment
Marshall Beckman, Deputy County Executive
Dennis Doyle, Director, Department of Planning
Lance Matteson, President, UC Development Corporation
Carl Meyer, The Solar Energy Consortium
Vic Melville, Corp Observer, LWV
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.**
2. **Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to approve the minutes from June 14, 2010 meeting. All in favor.**

*Chairman Roberts took the following out of agenda order.

3. Late Resolutions

Draft No. 0720 - Reaffirming Reappointment Of Member To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency

There was no discussion on this resolution. Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to move the resolution. All in favor. Approved unanimously (6 - 0).

Draft No. 0721 - Authorizing The Implementation And Funding In The First Instance 100% Of The Federal-Aid Eligible Costs, Of A Transportation Federal-Aid Project, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (Kingston Rail Trail)

Legislator Robert Parete feels there hasn't been sufficient communication regarding the Kingston Rail Trail. Dennis Doyle said he has met with them and updated the committee on the status of the project. Legislator Robert Parete expressed his desire to be part of the project.

There was no further discussion on this resolution. Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to move the resolution. All in favor. Approved unanimously (6 - 0).

Draft No. 0722 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Sullivan County Soil And Water Conservation District To Restore The Stream Bank Of The Rondout Creek Along Ulster County Property In The Town Of Denning - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

There was no discussion on this resolution. Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to move the resolution. All in favor. Approved unanimously (6 - 0).

Draft No. 0723 - Authorizing And Approving The Sale Of The County's Certified Home Health Agency License And Long-Term Home Health Care Program License And Authorizing The Chairman And/Or County Executive To Sign Asset Purchase Agreement

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman stated that there have been ongoing negotiations with Willcare. He answered questions regarding the process and whether an RFP had been done - yes, it had been done.

Legislator Robert Parete stated that we found out the program was going to end; an amendment was made but the budget failed. He cannot support this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez asked how this contributes to the fund balance? Marshall Beckman spoke to the fund balance and how much could be appropriated from it next year.

Legislator Belfiglio asked who will oversee the services? Legislator Robert Parete answered that DSS oversees and manages the program.

Marshall Beckman added that oversight consists of how much service one is eligible for and whether an individual is rightfully eligible for long or short term care. He further explained the process of working toward the takeover and how the payment will happen.

There was further discussion regarding the quality of care and whether certain patients would be weeded out. Marshall Beckman has heard no complaints and expressed no reason for concern at this point.

There was no further discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts to move the resolution. Approved (5 - 0) 1 No - Legislator Robert Parete.

Draft No. 0726 - Adopting Introductory Local Law No. 5A Of 2010 (A Local Law To Adopt Part A Of The 2010 New York State Retirement Incentive Program), Hereinafter Known As Local Law No. 2 Of 2010

Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman spoke briefly regarding the proposed local law. He stated that Part A only saves \$. The County Executive's Office is reaching out to employees and there is no guarantee of the outcome. This local law just allows the County to go to the next step. Burt Gulnick will attend both Caucuses to offer explanation on Part A and to answer any questions.

There was no other discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. All in favor. Approved unanimously (6 - 0).

*Chairman Roberts moved to discussion on the proposed Local Law since Counsel Gilligan was present at this time.

4. Discussion - Proposed Local Law

Resolution No. 191 - Setting A Public Hearing On Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2010 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, Local Law No. 2 Of 2006, And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Reduce The Number Of Legislative Districts From 23 To 21, Effective At The General Election Of 2011), To Be Held On Tuesday, August 10, 2010 At 6:00 PM

There was brief discussion regarding this resolution. No further action was taken at this time.

5. Late Resolution

Draft No. 0724 - Setting A Public Hearing On Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2010 (A Local Law To Provide For The Codification Of The Local Laws Of The County Of Ulster Into A Code To Be Designated The "Code Of The County Of Ulster"), To Be Held On Tuesday, August 10, 2010 At 6:05 PM

Counsel Gilligan discussed the Codification project. There were questions regarding the amount that would be payable for the supplement if the Local Law wasn't adopted at this point in time.

There was no other discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Fabiano motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. Approved (5 - 0).

6. Departments/Agencies

Carl Meyer, The Solar Energy Consortium gave a PowerPoint Presentation - see attached.

Lance Matteson spoke briefly after the Power Point Presentation regarding the solar initiative in Ulster County. He stated that we are the #1 PV County in New York State and #4 in the

United States. This is very significant and the solar cluster that exists here is real.

Legislator Petit mentioned local municipality grants and how funding would make it more attractive to move forward with certain projects.

7. Additional Late Resolution

Draft #0725 - Resolution of the Ulster County Legislature Establishing and Reporting the Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials

There was no discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. All in favor. Approved unanimously (6 - 0).

8. Motion to adjourn

Legislator Belfiglio motioned seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature