

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Governmental Services & Administration Committee

**DATE:** May 16, 2011

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**  
999 Flatbush Road  
Kingston, New York

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Dean Fabiano, Kenneth Ronk (arr. 6:03 PM) and Robert Parete

**LEGISLATORS ABSENT:** Legislator Michael Madsen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Legislator Laura Petit  
Tim Rose, Executive Director, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency  
Leon Smith, Board Member, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency  
Dare Thompson, LVW  
Victor J. Melville, LWV-Observer Corp  
William Kemble, Reporter, Daily Freeman  
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM**
2. **Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to approve minutes from April 25, 2011 and May 9, 2011. All in favor.**
3. **Late Resolutions**

**Chairman Roberts took the resolutions out of order.**

**Resolution No. 129** - Amending Capital Project No. 327 - Energy Efficiency And Conservation Project - Transfer Of Funds - Increase Building Energy Efficiency And Conservation Projects - Department Of The Environment

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to approve the resolution. All in favor (6 - 0).

**Resolution No. 130** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Contracts And Agreements With The NYS Department Of Economic Development To Allow The Ulster County Department Of Planning To Act As A Census Designated Affiliate Data Center - Department Of Planning

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to approve the resolution. All in favor (6 - 0).

**Resolution No. 131** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation Accepting New York State Share For Mass Transportation Projects For Federal Fiscal Year 2011 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Legislator Rodriguez explained the NYS DOT Mass Transportation funds. This agreement is done annually.

There was no further discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to approve the resolution. All in favor (6 - 0).

**Resolution No. 132** - Amending Resolution No. 10 Dated January 4, 2011 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature to Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The County of Monroe For Security For Ulster County Inmates Boarded at the Rochester Psychiatric Center Forensic Unit - Ulster County Sheriff's Office

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to approve the resolution. All in favor (6 - 0).

**Resolution No. 133** - Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law To Be Held On Tuesday, June 21, 2011 At 7:00 PM On Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities

Legislator Rodriguez described the process of lands being added to the Agricultural Districts and AFPB's involvement.

There was no further discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to approve the resolution. All in favor (6 - 0).

**Resolution No. 134** - Approving Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S04627 And Assembly Bill No. A07314 Authorizing Ulster County To Continue The Additional 1% Rate Of Its Sales And Compensating Use Tax For Two More Years

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to approve the resolution. Approved (5 - 1 NOES: Legislator Roberts).

**Resolution No. 135** - Resolution Of The Ulster County Legislature Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected Or Appointed Officials

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Belfiglio motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to approve the resolution. All in favor (6 - 0).

**Resolution No. 136** - Adopting Introductory Local Law No. 1 Of 2011 (A Local Law To Provide For 23 Single-Member Legislative Districts For Election Of Ulster County Legislators Commencing With The Election Of 2011 For Two-Year Terms Beginning January 1, 2012 And Thereafter), Hereinafter Known As Local Law No. 1 Of 2011

Dare Thompson from the League of Women Voters spoke about the 4:00 PM meeting of the Commission on Reapportionment. Legislative Counsel (Kenneth Gilligan, Michael Kavanagh and Christopher Ragucci) ruled proposed amendments as substantive. The Commission agreed to move forward with the plan without any of the amendments.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned to postpone approving the resolution until Wednesday, May 17, 2011, after the Public Hearing. Motioned seconded by Chairman Roberts. All in favor (6 - 0).

**4. Departments/Agencies**

**Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**

Chairman Roberts announced that a Special Informational Meeting would be held regarding Flow Control with a tentative date of June 14, 2011. (Please note that due to a conflict in the schedule with the Public Hearing on the UCCC Budget, the Informational Meeting will be scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM**. Michael Cahill from Germano & Cahill, PC, has been invited to speak on Flow Control).

Chairman Roberts asked Leon Smith what the RRA Board was doing regarding a resolution on Flow Control? The Board will be discussing Flow Control at tonight's Board meeting.

Tim Rose stated that he met with County Executive Michael Hein to discuss Flow Control and to answer any questions. There are certain DEC issues that need to be worked through and a few other issues that will be discussed during an executive session of the Board.

Leon Smith mentioned an training session "Incentive Programs to Reduce Waste and Increase Recycling" - Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) and Single Stream Programs. The training session will be held at the Marriott Albany, 189 Wolf Road on June 7, 2011. Additional information is available at [www.swananys.org](http://www.swananys.org) - training is being sponsored by SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America).

Legislator Rodriguez asked for copies of the monthly Treasurer's Report and the Tonnage Reports - copies were distributed to the Committee (see copies attached). Tim Rose reviewed the revenues, expenses and total operating expenses to date.

There was a discussion regarding the cost of fuel and what adjustments need to be made.

Legislator Rodriguez asked "Can we look at biodiesel?" The city mixes bio with regular fuel. Can our trucks handle it? UCAT had issues with their buses using a mix.

Legislator Belfiglio asked if the tipping fee included a surcharge for fuel? Tim Rose responded with a no. He explained the process with fuel being addressed in the contracts.

Legislator Rodriguez asked about Colonie opening up? What is the time frame? Tim Rose named the companies that are putting in bids. There was discussion regarding the long hauler trucks and the impact of C & D on their loads. Legislator Robert Parete asked if C & D was part of Flow Control. Tim Rose stated that C & D is not part of Flow Control but they wouldn't turn it away. Recycling is not part of Flow Control - the enabling act to create the authority would have to be changed. C & D could get sent to Taylor - they have the facilities to break down the gypsum, etc. Taylor is in Montgomery which is closer than Syracuse. This was looked at and Syracuse was a cheaper option.

Legislator Rodriguez asked about the scale at the New Paltz Transfer Station. Tim Rose stated that bid is out and opening up on Friday. The time frame will be included in the proposals received.

There was further discussion about the contracts and their ending dates and whether or not the contracts contained an escape clause.

Legislator Robert Parete asked for an Organizational Chart for the process of trash coming into the RRA and going out.

Tim Rose explained the number of landfills, the trucks coming in and trucks going out. Weather creates issues as to where to send the vehicles coming in. There is constant juggling on where to send vehicles and making those decisions based on what is best economically. He further explained that the smaller trucks come in and the big long haulers go out to the landfills. You can have Flow Control and contracts - you can have ad valorem or a combination.

Chairman Roberts suggested that this discussion continue at another time since the RRA Board meeting is meeting at 7:00 PM.

## **5. Motion to adjourn**

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature