

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Governmental Services & Administration Committee

DATE: September 19, 2011

TIME: 6:00 PM

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

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Legislators Carl Belfiglio (left at 6:30 PM), Kenneth Ronk, Hector Rodriguez, Michael Madsen (arr. 6:03 PM) and Robert Parete

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator Dean Fabiano

OTHERS PRESENT: Legislator Laura Petit
Legislator Jack Hayes
Legislator Mary Beth Maio
James Hanson, Dep Budget Officer, County Executive's Office
Frank Faluotico, Ulster County Undersheriff
Tim Rose, Executive Director, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Leon Smith, Chairman, Board Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Dare Thompson, LWV, Mid-Hudson Region
Victor J. Melville, LWV-Observer Corp
Emilie Hauser, LWV, Mid-Hudson Region Member
William Kemble, Reporter, Daily Freeman
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**
2. **Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to approve minutes from August 8, 2011 and August 15, 2011. All in favor.**
3. **Departments/Agencies**

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency/Leon Smith, Chairman of the Board

He distributed copies of a letter from Taylor Biomass Energy-Montgomery (TBEM) - see copy attached. There was a brief discussion about the Committee attending their presentation. Everyone in attendance agreed to starting October's meeting earlier at **5:30 PM on Monday, October 17, 2011**, in order to attend the Taylor Biomass Energy-Montgomery (TBEM) presentation.

The RRA has been offered the opportunity to establish a sustainable solution for managing all Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) generated by Ulster County residents. TBEM is constructing the first commercial Biomass gasification facility in Montgomery, NY to process the MSW for

contracted municipalities. The opportunity for a public/private relationship would provide many environmental and economic advantages for County residents.

Mr. Smith spoke about the Agency's efforts with clean-up after Tropical Storm Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. He said that the Board has decided to defer payments for the towns affected by these events. He mentioned that a meeting with Town Supervisors was scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011. The Agency has supplied every available container possible and even delivered boxes that were in for repairs in order to help with the clean-up situations. The Agency staff has been working 12 hours days and 7 days/week to assist with storm clean-up efforts. Tim Rose added that most phone calls from residents were fielded to the respective Town Supervisors for action.

Copies of the RRA Monthly Tonnage Reports were distributed to all Committee members. Copy on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature.

4. Late Resolutions:

Resolution: Requesting Cooperation From New York State Office Of Alcohol And Substance Abuse In Ascertaining Information Relating To The Safety, Security And Appropriate Operating Practices Of The Renaissance Project (Ellenville, NY) Drug And Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Center

There was no discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to approve the resolution. All in favor. Approved: 6 - 0

Resolution: All Ferrous And Non-Ferrous (Precious) Metals Policy For The County Of Ulster

Chairman Roberts asked Legislator Robert Parete to speak regarding the above named resolution.

Legislator Robert Parete mentioned the scrap metal resolution (Resolution No. 172 dated July 19, 2011); he felt that the tonnage and total being received were not in balance. He expressed that it is his belief that the County doesn't market scrap metals the correct way. He discussed two situations, the Persen House and Kings Inn, where precious metals were taken from the property. He stated that he would like to see a standard policy set up with better accountability and attaining the highest \$ possible. He added that the State gets rid of surplus on eBay (including signs, culvert pipes, etc.).

Chairman Roberts and Legislator Rodriguez explained the action taken by the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee; the resolution did not have support.

Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to move the resolution for late-ness. Approved: 6 - 0

There was a brief discussion regarding the policy and whether or not it was duplicative. Many felt that the County's overall policy should be reviewed.

Resolution: Establishing Capital Project No. 354 - Reconstruction Of Roads, Bridges, Culverts And Other Improvements Necessitated By Damages Incurred From Tropical Storm Irene Or To Prevent Damage From Encroachment Of Flood Or Storm Waters - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Department Of Public Works

Several Legislators asked if there was a list available for this Capital Project. As of this date, there isn't a list available.

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

Resolution: Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Roads, Bridges, Culverts And Other Improvements, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$15,000,000.00 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$15,000,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

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

Resolution: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Application For Assistance And Assurances Necessary To Receive An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office For The Aging For NY Connects Long Term Care Point Of Entry Program For Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2012 - Office For The Aging

Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to approve the resolution. All in favor.
Approved: 6 - 0

5. Other Business/New Business

There was no other business or new business.

6. Motion to adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature