

Meeting Minutes
Laws and Rules Committee
June 9, 2008

In attendance:

Committee members:

Gary Bischoff, Chair	Hector Rodriguez
Susan Cummings	James Maloney
Kevin Roberts	Brian Shapiro
Jon Decker	

Also:

Kathy Mihm, Clerk of the Legislature
Ron Wade, Re-Entry Task Force

Agenda:

Late Resolutions
Department Reports
Board of Elections
Minutes Policy
Text Messaging

Chairman Bischoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Chairman Bischoff reviewed the three draft resolutions for the salt shed in New Paltz.

MOTION by Legislator Rodriguez, 2nd by Legislator Cummings: To approve three draft resolutions on the Salt Shed construction for lateness

“Authorizing the Construction of a Salt Shed/Substation located in the Town of New Paltz on Libertyville Rd. in and for the County of Ulster, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$800,470.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$800,470.00 Bonds of Said County to Pay the Cost There of”

To approve the draft resolution “Establishing Capital Project No. 306 for the construction of a Salt Shed/Substation located in the Town of New Paltz, on Libertyville Rd-Amending the Capital Program 2008-2013-Amending the 2008 Capital Project Fund-Public Works(Highway and Bridges)”

To approve the draft Resolution “Ulster County Salt Storage Facility-Adoption of Negative Declaration and Authorizing Distribution of Notice of Determination of Non-Significance Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)”

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Bischoff moved on to review the draft resolution for Reallocating Operation Impact IV funds for the District Attorney-District Attorney’s Office.

Kathy Mihm explained to the committee that there was approximately \$15,000 of impact money on the equipment line on the District Attorney Budget. That the District Attorney's Office would like to move that money to the personnel monies to keep the employee they currently have. State has already approved this, as there will be no financial impact since the monies are already budgeted.

MOTION by Legislator Cummings, 2nd by Legislator Maloney: To approve Draft Resolution "Amending the 2008 Ulster County Budget-Reallocating Operation Impact IV funds for Assistant District Attorney-District Attorney's Office" for lateness.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Bischoff moved on to the draft resolution for Authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enter agreement for \$100,000.00 Grant for the Re-Entry Task Force. Grant information was presented by Legislator Decker. Legislator Decker explained that this was 100% state monies and that the deadline to get the grant paperwork in was June 13, 2008. Also that the Grant was for the Re-Entry Task Force which was developed to help prevent people from going back to jail, become usefully employed and not become a part of DSS. This program started three years ago in the county and the county missed the deadline last year for applying for this grant. Ron Wade was there if anyone had any questions he is very familiar with this grant and program. Legislator Maloney asked if there was a sunset clause. Ron Wade started that yes there was and it was twelve months. Legislator Shapiro stated that from his own experiences with this program he feels it is a great program.

MOTION by Legislator Decker, 2nd by Legislator Shapiro: To approve draft resolution "Authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislator to Enter Into an agreement for a \$100,000.00 Grant-Probation (Application for county Re-Entry Task Force)" for lateness.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Bischoff continued with the next resolution for amending the 2008 Ulster County Budget Office of Employment and Training for Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Legislator Rodriguez explained that we have always run and funded this with the YMCA. The only change is that the county will be running this in house this year. This is already budgeted and has State and Federal funding. Chairman Bischoff stated that this needs to be taken care of this month otherwise they may not be able to hire.

MOTION by Legislator Rodriguez, 2nd by Legislator Maloney: To approve for lateness, "Amending the 2008 Ulster County Budget-Office of Employment and

Training for Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) -2008 NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance- Office of Employment and Training.”

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Bischoff asked Legislator Rodriguez about the resolution for the licensing law. Legislator Rodriguez told the committee that it will be on next months agenda due to the fact that there is still information they are waiting on to be able to finish it.

Legislator Cummings was excused from the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Chairman Bischoff moved onto speaking about the minute's policy. He had spoken with Bob Freeman and Bob Freeman feels that it's not worth the extra work and that the written and signed minutes are the official minutes. The legislative office is currently working on getting a digital recorder to keep in the office for any committee that may want to use it to record their minutes but doesn't think it should be mandatory to have to tape the minutes. After a lengthy discussion it was the census of the committee that the New York State Open Meeting Law, Public Officers Law Article 7, Section 106 Minutes, should be incorporated into the administrative code. (See attached).

Chairman Bischoff then went on to speak about the Text Messaging Law. He went over a resolution from Cheektowaga County that they passed which will make text messaging while driving illegal. Chairman Bischoff would like to have the resolution rewritten to pertain to Ulster County and have it submitted to the County Legislature for the July meeting. Chairman Bischoff also stated that Legislator Cummings had stated prior to being excused that she was for this resolution and thought it was a wonderful idea.

MOTION by Legislator Shapiro, 2nd by Legislator Maloney:

MOTION PASSED 4-2
Legislator Roberts Nay
Legislator Decker Nay
Legislator Bischoff Yea
Legislator Rodriguez Yea
Legislator Shapiro Yea
Legislator Maloney Yea

The Legislative Clerks will rewrite the resolution and have it prepared for the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:40pm