

Meeting Minutes  
Laws & Rules  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 2008

In attendance:	Committee members	
	Gary Bischoff, Chair	Sue Cummings
	Jon Decker	Jim Maloney
	Kevin Roberts	Hector Rodriguez
	Brian Shapiro	
Also	Sue Zimet	
	Amanda LaValle from DOE	
	Kathy Mihm	
	Commissioner John Parete	
Agenda:	Late Resolutions	
	Minutes Policy	
	Local Government Consolidation	
	Receive grant money	
	Strategy for moving forward	

Chairman Bischoff called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Amanda LaValle from DOE addressed committee on transferring funds from budget line to hire summer intern for summer intern for May.

Motion by Legislator Shapiro 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legislator Rodriguez approved for lateness. Motion passed unanimously amending the 2008 Ulster County Budget part time salary DOE

Sue Zimet then addressed the committee on two resolutions lengthly discussing followed by all on state funding and explaining and going over some of the resolution.

Motion made by Gary Bischoff chair 2<sup>nd</sup> by Legislator Rodriguez. Motion passed unanimously Resolution accepting the Ulster County Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding And Tax Reform Recommendations As Forwarded To The State Blue Ribbon Commission On Tax Reform

Motion made to co-sponsor by legislator Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Decker as amended. Motion passed unanimously Authorizing The Establishment Of A Designated Veterans Cemetery Area At The New Paltz Rural Cemetery And Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget –Ulster County Veterans Agency

Sue Zimet then went on to discuss putting money in budget allocating 10,000 set aside for as needed and that the cost per grave would be 500.00 and that the family would pay for opening we will pay for grave.

Commissioner John Parete addressed the committee that we received our first eleven machines last week. They are in dorm section of old jail in a secure section.

The Commissioner also advised the committee on the extensive testing procedure BOE has to go thru to make sure they are running properly and how we need appropriate electricity .

Commissioner Parete read some items of concern regarding recommendations that facility needs to have example: alarms surveillance access, monitored authorization swipe cards a logging entry for staff were some of the items.

Legislator Rodriguez asked has Vic Work done analysis of buildings?

Commissioner Parete responded that Public Works debated about alarms and buildings Vic recommended jail for security reasons.

Legislator Rodriguez said possibly information services can be a spot to store.

Commissioner Parete said you guys will have to make a decision down the road where to store.

Commissioner Parete also stated that each machine takes about an hour to an hour and a half to test.

Legislator Maloney asked if temperature and humidity is a problem.

Commissioner Parete responded not a big problem, more concerned with work space and having worker in there in 100 degrees.

Commissioner Parete let the committee know we are figuring out all the logistics as far as movers and getting machines there, and that we are only using plan b now and that 108 machines were ordered in total.

Also mention of consolidating districts was brought up

Things we have to discuss with everyone are that we need buildings big enough and handicap accessible, we have to make sure that when we get there at 6 am we can turn on machines and have them running.

Commissioner Parete had said he wanted to have Plan A and wanted to see the whole process that it would have been and easy ballot to do it this year with. He was pushing for some for this year.

We have 10% of machines not sure when the rest are coming we anticipate knowing more each week by primary.

Chairman Bischoff agreed that badge stripe was a good idea and to get log of access.

Commissioner Parete stated that we have to get air conditioning for people to work in it.

Commissioner Parete then said Tom and I need to agree on it all, we need good inspectors for the new machines, it would have been nice to be out at schools and places doing mock elections.

Commissioner Parete advised the committee he was at a conference recently and that the state law said no more lever machines for any election schools, libraries, fire department. Legislator Rodriguez asked can we charge back to school district?

Commissioner Parete said we could use training money for that after we get through the cycle then it could be charged back to school all those things need to be worked out as we get down the road.

Commissioner Parete also said we can't nickel and dime on paying staff of people who want to learn and work and be trained.

The machines are 12,000 a piece.

Chairman Bischoff asked Commissioner Parete if he or Tom could come back each month to keep them informed otherwise he would see him in two months.

Commissioner Parete advised he would keep the committee up to date and did not mind coming back.

The committee also said or at least have a Deputy there to answer questions.

Commissioner then thanked everyone for there time and left at 7:30.

Kathy Mihm addressed committee regarding meeting minutes, discussing tape recorded minutes saying that the tape recorder should only be used as a device to help the person taking the minutes and as a tool to record the minutes in writing.

She belongs to the NY State Association of Clerks and would like to talk to them and have the input they feel on this issue

Chair Gary Bischoff stated that the whole issue came up when there was trouble deciphering minutes from jail meeting and thought that an audio might help in aiding with the minutes.

Discussion followed about storage of tape archived how do you sign off on a tape and is it a official document of the clerk

Kathy Mihm stated she would like input from the County Attorney's Office.

Chair Gary Bischoff advised Kathy she could address the committee when she had more feedback from the fellow Clerks next month and was invited back then.

Last Item 2 resolutions- motion made by chair Gary Bischoff 2<sup>nd</sup> by legislator Rodriguez to strike financial impact and change whereas to resolved resolution motion passed unanimously acknowledging The Establishment Of A Community Advisory Committee To Oversee The Development Of The "Ulster County - Wide Shared Service Feasibility Study And Implementation Plan"- County Administration

Motion to move as whole by Legislator Rodriguez 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislator Shapiro to accept grant motion passed unanimously resolution Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Department Of State For 2008 Shared Municipal Services Incentive Contract For Grant Funds To Support An “Ulster County - Wide Shared Services Feasibility Study & Implementation Plan” – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – County Administration

Motion to adjourn by unanimous consent at 8:17 pm