

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee

DATE: March 12, 2008

TIME: 5:45 P.M.

PLACE: Library/Conference Room B
Ulster County Office Building
244 Fair Street - 6th Floor
Kingston, New York

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman A. Lomita and Legislators F. Dart,
D. Gregorius, J. Provenzano, S. Zimet, S.
Cummings, R. Gerentine, G. Noonan and D.
Donaldson

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator B. Cahill

OTHERS ATTENDING: County Administrator M. Hein; Deputy County
Administrator A. Smith; Deputy County
Administrator S. Ronga; Deputy County
Administrator M. Dellay; Sr. Management
Analyst F. Fawcett; Undersheriff Faluotico and
Assistant County Attorney B. Havranek

I) **LATE RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 101 Authorizing Funds For The Ulster County Quadracentennial Committee – County Clerk And Tourism – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget

Motion offered to consider for lateness by Legislator Gregorius, seconded by Legislator Gerentine.

Motion offered to consider for discussion by Legislator Dart, seconded by Chairman Donaldson.

Legislator Gregorius – Requested information on the Tulip Festival.

Chairman Donaldson – It is something that was started last year as a celebration of Dutch Heritage. Next year will be the first annual celebration. Letters were sent out to all the schools and another will be sent in August in time to plant bulbs.

Legislator Noonan – Shouldn't we add Saugerties and Ellenville to the events. These areas need financial stimulus.

Chairman Donaldson – The celebration is Hudson River to Lake Champlain – not individual counties. This is an area of strong Dutch influence. The events follow the river. New York State is putting a lot of money into it, Dutchess put in over \$100,000. We have to set up a budget and fund it. Nina Postupack thinks there may be some money (about \$10,000) to put into it eventually also.

Legislator Zimet – Supports the purpose but has a problem with it not being brought to Tourism Committee to discuss. They should be sponsor or co-sponsor. This was a last minute Late Resolution with no input.

Legislator Gerentine – The conversation has gone on for two years with County Clerk, NYS Parks, City of Kingston and Rick Remsnyder at Tourism. This has been in the planning stage especially the NYS Bridge Authority.

Legislator Dart – Who decided on a \$70,000 budget?

Chairman Donaldson – The Quadracentennial Committee put a figure out and we whittled it down to what we thought was appropriate. On top of that, we have had discussions with Mike Hein in order to determine where the funding was coming from in Contingency.

Legislator Dart – No problem with the resolution but agrees with Legislator Zimet in that the Tourism Committee should have had an opportunity to discuss it.

A vote was taken and adopted unanimously.

Motion to adjourn offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.

Meeting adjourned 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lomita, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee