

COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Ways & Means

DATE: November 29, 2011

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Library/Conference Room B
Ulster County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators R. Gerentine; A. Lomita; W. Frey; P. Hansut; M. Maio; J. Maloney; J. Provenzano; T. Bernardo; H. Rodriguez; M. Sheeley

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator W. Harris

OTHERS ATTENDING: Legislators D. Gregorius, K. Ronk, R. Hochberg; Comptroller E. Auerbach; Budget Director A. Smith; Dep. Budget Officer J. Hanson; Election Commissioners Turco & Work; Undersheriff F. Faluotico; Contract Managers C. and R. Bloomer; Dep. Clerk of Finance K. Spinozzi

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

AMENDMENTS:

Comptroller

Additional hours: Moved by Legislator Provenzano; no second.

New PT Clerk: Moved by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Maloney.

Defeated 9-0

New Sr. Auditor: Moved by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Maloney; adopted 7-2. Noes: Legislators Lomita and Gerentine

Consumer Fraud/Office for Aging

Moved by Legislator Bernardo, seconded by Legislator Maloney. Legislator Rodrigues moved to omit the elimination of the Dir CC Serv, seconded by Legislator Sheeley.

**Motion passed unanimously. The amended amendment was defeated 5-5. Noes: Legislators Lomita, Gerentine, Bernardo, Maloney, Frey
To be discussed and voted upon at the Dec. 5 meeting.**

Outside Agencies

Libraries: No motion

CASA: No motion

Cornell Housing: Legislator Gerentine moved to hold until next week, Legislator Provenzano seconded. All in favor.

Arts: Moved by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Hansut. All in favor.

County Executive: No motion. Legislator Bernardo moved, Legislator Maloney seconded, to hold til next week. Motion passed 6-4. Noes: Legislators Provenzano, Maloney, Hansut, Bernardo.

Sheriff

Multiple accounts including Vehicles: Moved by Legislator Hansut, seconded by Legislator Provenzano. Defeated 5-5. Noes: Legislators Lomita, Frey, Gerentine, Rodriguez, Maloney

Vehicles (Capital Program): Moved by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Hansut. All in favor (provided the bonding can be done in January or before).

Highway: Moved by Legislator Maloney, seconded by Legislator Hansut. Motion to amend deleting the two positions to be defunded by legislator Maloney, seconded by Legislator Hansut. All in favor of the amended amendment.

Legislature

Minority Counsel: Moved by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez. Legislator Lomita moved to amend the amount from \$15,000 to \$10,000, seconded by Legislator Frey. Motion to amend defeated 5-5. Noes: Legislator Bernardo moved to amend the amount to \$12,500, seconded by Legislator Maloney. Amendment adopted.

Deputy Clerk: Moved by Legislator Bernardo, seconded by Legislator Provenzano to increase the annual salary of a Deputy Clerk. Legislator Berardo moved to amend to increase the hours from 37.5 to 40 hours per week, seconded by Legislator Maloney. Adopted unanimously.

Paralegal: Moved by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Bernardo. Legislator Gerentine moved to put \$25K in a line for legal services, seconded by Legislator Lomita. Legislator Provenzano moved to make the paralegal less than half time, no benefits, for under \$25K. Amended amendment adopted unanimously.

Fiscal Analyst: Legislator Rodriguez moved, Legislator Provenzano seconded motion to create a full time Fiscal Analyst in the Clerk of the Legislature budget and removing funding for the outside budget analyst. Adopted unanimously.

Vacancies: Legislator Lomita moved to hold off until next week so A. Smith and K. Spinozzi can come up with a more accurate figure, Legislator Provenzano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Resource Recovery Agency:

Gerentine: Legislator Gerentine moved, Legislator Lomita seconded, to put the savings from the lower net service fee towards the tax levy. Motion passed unanimously.

Roberts: This amendment became moot with the passage of the previous one.

Technical Amendments: Legislator Gerentine moved, Legislator Lomita seconded, to take all technical amendments together. Motion passed unanimously. All technical amendments passed unanimously.

Employment & Training

Department of Environment

Mental Health

Elections: These amendments came in at the last minute and didn't not have lines broken out. Elections Commissioners will break out each line and resubmit for next week.

**Ways & Means meets to vote upon remaining budgetary amendments – Monday,
December 5, 6:00 PM**

Motion to adjourn offered by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Provenzano.
Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Gerentine, Chair
Ways & Means Committee