

**Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2007**

Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Provenzano and R.S. Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, Section 154 of County Law of the State of New York provides that the Ulster County Legislature may create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Legislature in the transaction of its business, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned State Law requires that “any local law or resolution creating any such committee shall specify the powers, duties and number of its members”, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Ulster to formally create standing committees for the purpose of aiding and assisting the Ulster County Legislature in the transaction of its business, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 17 dated January 4, 2006, the Standing Committees were designated for the year 2006, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, David B. Donaldson, that in order to promote better legislative efficiency and a more cohesive and organized flow of legislative and public participation, the Human Rights Commission report to the Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee rather than the Human Development Committee for the year 2007.

RESOLVED, that all standing committees for the year 2007 are hereby set forth as follows and described below:

**Administrative Services Committee**

To be responsible for the internal departmental services, including the offices of Purchasing/Central Services, Insurance and Safety. Further jurisdiction includes general public services including the offices of Real Property Tax Service Agency and Information Services.

**Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee**

To be responsible for all educational, cultural and tourism activities, including but not limited to, the Ulster County Community College, Ulster County Tourism, Ulster Arts Alliance, County Historian, Ulster County Libraries and Cooperative Extension and to oversee the Office for the Aging, and the Veterans' Service Agency.

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**Criminal Justice and Safety Committee**

To be responsible for all phases of criminal justice and the court system within the County, as well as the related functions and departments, including the Sheriff's Department, Alternative Sentencing Program, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, all the Courts, Community Corrections, Stop DWI, Consumer Fraud and Weights and Measures. Also to be responsible for the activities of the Fire Coordinator's Office/Civil Defense and the Traffic Safety Board, to be the liaison with the Arson Task Force and Emergency Management Services.

**Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee**

To be responsible for all departments and intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies responsible for the promotion of industry and commerce, overall economic development and business promotion of Ulster County, including Office of Employment and Training, Planning Department, Agricultural Advisory/Farmland Protection Board, Transportation, Ulster County Economic Development Agency, Industrial Development Agency, Hudson Valley Regional Council, Housing Consortium and the various Chambers of Commerce in Ulster County.

**Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee**

To be responsible for promoting efficiency and reform in County Government by examining and developing alternatives to present methods of operation. Other responsibilities include the Board of Elections, Ethics Board, Human Rights Commission and charter revision while also acting as a liaison to other Governments.

**Environmental Committee**

To be responsible for the conservation or use of land, water and air within the scope of the authority of the County Legislature, including but not limited to the activities of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, Environmental Management Council, Soil and Water Conservation District and Forest Practice Board.

**Health Committee**

To be responsible for all matters involving Public Health and those areas of health under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Department along with all matters pertaining to the Golden Hill Health Care Center. To further be responsible for all Mental Health activities as they affect the County, including but not limited to the Mental Health Department and its contract agencies and liaison with the Community Service Board.

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### **Human Development Committee**

To be responsible for all matters involving the Social Services Department, Coordinated Children's Program and Youth Bureau.

### **Labor Relations and Negotiation Committee**

To be responsible for the negotiating of all labor and management contracts between the County and its individual unions along with promoting better relations with labor outside the County government.

### **Personnel Committee**

To be responsible for all personnel matters in the County, including but not limited to Labor Management Relations, Employee Benefits Administration, matters of reclassification and the abolishment of positions. Additionally responsible for the operations of the Personnel Office. [~~and the Office of Employment and Training~~] All resolutions concerning personnel changes, additions, or deletions must obtain the Personnel Committee approval prior to submittal to the Legislature for consideration.

### **Public Works Committee**

To be responsible for all matters relating to County bridges and highways, including maintenance, management and construction. To be responsible for overseeing all capital construction projects, buildings, parks and all matters regarding construction, management, maintenance and control of all County facilities, owned or leased. To oversee the Public Works Administration which is responsible for providing financial record keeping, budgetary and capital projects accounting services for both Highways and Bridges and Buildings & Grounds in addition to serving as the sole agency through which Highway & Bridges functions financially and administratively.

### **Ways and Means Committee**

To be responsible for all budgetary and financial matters of the County and the oversight of the County Administrator's office in its budgetary and financial roles along with Auditing, County Clerk, and functions of the County Treasurer. Further, to be responsible for mandated services review and recommendations to State and Federal Authorities, and to make specific financial recommendations pertaining to Ulster County Contract Agencies. Also to review and maintain the Rules of Legislature and to approve all resolutions with financial impacts to the County and all late resolutions, considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the Legislature.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the standing committees set forth herein and above shall consist of seven to nine members, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the delegation of any of the powers, duties or responsibilities of the County Legislature or any officer thereof except as otherwise expressly authorized by law,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator R.S. Parete to amend the resolution to move the Office of Employment and Training from the Personnel Committee to the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee as indicated above.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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