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Regional County Chairmen's Summit

Ulster County Legislature's Chairman Frederick J. Wadnola and Majority Leader Paul Hansut attended the second meeting of the Regional Chairmen's Summit on Friday, October 8, 2010, in Hudson, New York. Also in attendance at the Regional Chairmen's Summit were: Robert Rolison, Dutchess County Legislature Chairman; Martin Reid, Rensselaer County Legislature Chairman; and Wayne Speenburgh, Greene County Legislature Chairman. The Summit was hosted by Roy Brown, Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Roy Brown introduced the attendees of today's Summit. The topics discussed were: the fiscal challenges of the 2011 Budgets for each county; expenditure reductions; revenue streams and ideas; and State action implications/property tax cap.

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The Regional Chairmen's Summit spent a lengthy amount of time discussing the regionalization of solid waste management (solid waste meaning all materials or substances discarded or rejected as being spent, useless, worthless, or in excess to the owners at the time of such discard or rejection, including, but not limited to garbage, refuse, industrial and commercial waste, sludges from air or water pollution control facilities or water supply treatment facilities, rubbish, ashes, contained gaseous materials, incinerator residue, demolition and construction debris and offal). They further discussed the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's expectation on solid waste management.

The Regional Chairmen's Summit proposed to form a standing committee on regionalization of services with one member from each governing legislative body and to meet quarterly. Ulster County will hold a Regional Chairmen's Summit in 2011.

The Summit is bi-partisan and all Chairmen have been encouraged to invite members from both their Republican and Democratic leadership. Ulster County Legislature's Minority Leader Jeanette Provenzano was unable to attend today's Summit due to a prior commitment.

Please feel free to contact this office at (845) 340-3900, if you have any questions regarding this matter.