

Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2008

Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Cahill 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, it is the also the recommendation of the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, David B. Donaldson, that the Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee shall now be known as the Laws and Rules Committee to oversee late resolutions *pending legislative approval of a change in the Rules of Order*, reducing the burden on the Ways and Means Committee and to assist in the transition toward the County Charter, the Health Committee shall now be known as the Health Services Committee and the Public Works Committee shall now be known as the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, 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 shall report to the Personnel Committee rather than the Laws and Rules Committee (formerly Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, and Auditing shall report to the Administrative Services Committee rather than the Ways and Means Committee for the year 2008.

RESOLVED, that all standing committees for the year 2008 are hereby set forth as follows and described below:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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

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ARTS, EDUCATION, TOURISM, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SAFETY

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 and to be the liaison with the Arson Task Force and Emergency Management Services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, PLANNING AND TRANSIT

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL

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, County Environmental Department, Soil and Water Conservation District and Forest Practice Board.

HEALTH SERVICES

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 Services Board.

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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

LABOR RELATIONS AND NEGOTIATION

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.

LAWS AND RULES (Name Changed from Efficiency and Reform)

To review and maintain the Rules of the Legislature. ~~and~~ **Pending Legislative approval of a change in the Rules of Order**, all late resolutions, considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the Legislature **shall be the responsibility of this committee**. To further 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, the Ethics Board and charter revision and transition while also acting as a liaison to other Governments (*see Personnel for Human Rights Commission*).

PERSONNEL

To be responsible for the operations of the Personnel Office which includes 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. All resolutions concerning personnel changes, additions, or deletions must obtain the Personnel Committee approval prior to submittal to the Legislature for consideration. To further be responsible for both the internal and external operations of the Human Rights Commission.

PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

To be responsible for all matters relating to County bridges and highways, including maintenance, management and construction along with overseeing all buildings, parks and matters regarding construction, management, maintenance and control of all county facilities, owned or leased. To additionally oversee all capital construction projects.

WAYS AND MEANS

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 the 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

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County Contract Agencies and to approve all resolutions with financial impacts to the County *and shall continue to consider all late resolutions considering lateness and content prior to submittal to the Legislature, pending Legislative approval of a change of the Rules of Order* (see Administrative Services for Auditing and Laws and Rules for Rules of the Legislature and for late resolutions).

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 Kraft)

Legislator Lomita motioned, seconded by Legislator Provenzano to amend the resolution with all amendments indicated in *bold, italics and underlined*. (Other changes to the committees have been underlined).

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE