

Resolution No. 79 February 12, 2004

Creating Standing Committees For The Purpose Of Aiding And Assisting The Ulster County Legislature In The Transaction Of Its Business

Legislators Donaldson, Lomita, Bartels, Berardi, Dart, Feldmann, Hyatt, Kraft, Loughran, Robert Parete, Richard Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stoeckeler and Zimet 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.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby create the following Standing Committees with their duties and powers as follows:

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

To be responsible for all budgetary and financial matters of the County and oversight of the County Administrator’s Office in its budgetary and financial roles, Auditing, County Clerk, Information Services and the 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 the Legislature and to approve all resolutions with financial impact to the County and all late resolutions, considering lateness and content, prior to submittal to the Legislature.

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HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES / BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

To be responsible for all matters relating to County bridges and highways, including maintenance, management and construction of same. Further to be responsible for all capital construction projects, buildings, parks and all matters regarding construction, management, maintenance and control of all County facilities owned or leased.

PERSONNEL / HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

To be responsible for all personnel matters in the County, including but not limited to Ethics, Labor Management Relations, Human Rights, Employee Benefits Administration, matters of reclassification and the creation or abolishment of positions. Also to be 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 Personnel Committee approval prior to submittal to the Legislature for consideration. Further to be responsible for all matters involving the operations of the Social Services Department, Coordinated Children's Program, Youth Bureau and matters pertaining to the Housing Consortium.

GENERAL SERVICES / COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

To be responsible for internal departmental services, including the Offices of Purchasing/Central Services, Insurance and Safety. Further jurisdiction includes intergovernmental and public services, including the Office of Real Property Tax Service Agency and Board of Elections. Further to be responsible for the delivery of services and supervision of the Office for Aging, the Veterans' Service Agency and for such other agencies, boards and commissions not assigned elsewhere that would affect these services.

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GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY & REFORM

To be responsible for looking at ways the County is operating and develop alternatives to make County Government run more efficiently.

MENTAL HEALTH / PUBLIC HEALTH / RESIDENTIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

To 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. To be responsible for all matters involving Public Health and those areas of health under the jurisdiction of the Public Health Department, and all matters pertaining to the Golden Hill Health Care Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / EDUCATION, TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

To be responsible for all educational activities, including but not limited to, the Ulster County Community College. Also to be responsible for reviewing and reporting on all cultural affairs in the County, including the County Historians, Ulster County Libraries and Cooperative Extension. Further, to be responsible for the Ulster County Tourism/Public Information Office in its tourism and promotion roles. To work closely with all departments and intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies responsible for the promotion of industry and commerce, overall economic development and promotion of Ulster County, including the Planning Department, Rural Transportation, Ulster County Development Corporation, Hudson Valley Regional Council and the various Chambers of Commerce in Ulster County.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS 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, the Environmental Management Council, Soil and Water Conservation District, Forest Practice Board and the Agricultural Advisory Board. Further, to be responsible for the Office of Ulster County Consumer Affairs Bureau and Weights and Measures.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE / PUBLIC SAFETY / DWI 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 and STOP DWI. Further, to be responsible for the activities of the Fire Coordinator's Office and Communications, 911 Management, Emergency Management Office/Civil Defense and the Traffic Safety Board, and to be the liaison with the Arson Task Force, and the Emergency Medical Services.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the standing committees set forth herein and above shall consist of seven to nine members with the membership thereof being proportionate to and in the same ratio as the majority and minority members of the Legislature are to the entire membership of the Legislature, 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,

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and moves its adoption.

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16

NOES: 16

(Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, DePew, Every, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Hathaway, Meyer, Noonan, Roberti, Stock and Tipp

(Absent: Legislator Maloney)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

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