

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Governmental Services, Environmental & Administrative Committee

**DATE:** May 17, 2010

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Dean Fabiano, Kenneth Ronk, Robert Parete and Brian Shapiro

**LEGISLATORS ABSENT:** Richard Parete

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amanda LaValle, Coordinator, Department of the Environment  
Vic Melville, Corp Observer, LWV  
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**
2. **Approved minutes from April 19, 2010 meeting.** Motion by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio. All in favor.
3. **Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 119** - Confirming Appointment of Member to the Environmental Management Council.

Legislator Shapiro spoke briefly regarding the individuals being appointed. Legislator Shapiro motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. Approved unanimously (8 - 0).

**Resolution No. 126** - Designating Chairman Frederick J. Wadnola as the Ulster County Legislature's Member to Serve on the County Jury Board

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to move the resolution. Approved unanimously (8 - 0). There was no discussion on the resolution.

**Resolution No. 131** - Setting a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2010 (A Local Law That Will Establish the Office of Conflict Defender Within the County of Ulster) to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Legislator Rodriguez mentioned that the County has been working toward establishing this office for a number of years. The record is noted that this local law would repeal Local Law No. 1 of 2008.

There was brief discussion about the position and if a job description is available. The job description is already in place.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Shapiro to move the resolution. Approved unanimously (8 - 0).

**Resolution No. 132** - Setting a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2010 (A Local Law Amending the Ulster County Charter, Local Law No. 2 of 2006, and Amending the Administrative Code for the County of Ulster, Local Law No. 10 of 2008) to Reduce the Number of Legislative Districts from 23 to 21, Effective at the General Election of 2011, to be Held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7:05 PM

RESOLUTION REQUIRES NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

**Resolution No. 133** - Amending The List of Titles of County Officials and Employees Required to File Disclosure Statements Pursuant to Local Law Number 11 of 2008 (A Local Law Known as the Ulster County Ethics and Disclosure)

Legislator Shapiro asked exactly what changes were being made. They are highlighted in bold font in the body of the resolution.

Legislator Parete asked what prompted the resolution? Resolution No. 110 from April 2010, Approving the Proposed Certificate of Incorporation and Consenting to the Formation of a Local Development Corporation which requires members of Ulster County Development Corporation/Public Authority to file disclosures. There also were some duplicate entries which are being corrected and certain titles (i.e. Department of Environment has a Coordinator not a Director).

There was discussion regarding changing the list. Clerk Karen Binder explained that this list had previously been changed by resolution which was deemed acceptable by the Counsel to the Legislature and the County Attorney at that time.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. Unanimously approved (8 - 0).

**Resolution No. 143** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide Computer Information Technology Education Services To The County Employee Workforce - Department Of Information Services

The record is so noted that Legislator Belfiglio will abstain from voting on this resolution for reasons of employment.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to move the resolution. Unanimously approved (8 - 0).

#### 4. Late Resolutions

**Resolution No. 145** - Authorizing The Purchase of an E911 Emergency Communications Phone System - Amending the 2010 Ulster County Budget - Department of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

The record is so noted that this resolution although late, did receive the approval of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee.

Chairman Roberts asked Legislator Belfiglio as a member of the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee to offer any comment on this resolution.

Legislator Belfiglio explained that this purchase is at no cost to the County and is covered by reserves which are earmarked for the express use of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management for major capital purchases of E911-related equipment.

The current 911 phone system in use at EC/EM is over fifteen years old and is no longer supported by the manufacturer, thus requiring the acquisition of parts from third party suppliers. Leasing versus purchasing has been considered. The purchase will yield a total savings of \$62,249.95 in finance charges.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to move the resolution. Approved unanimously (8 -0).

**Resolution No. 148** - Adopting Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2010 (A Local Law Superseding Section 214(2) of the County Law to Authorize Abstract Publication of Local Laws)

Chairman Roberts noted that adoption of this local law will save publication fees for the County of Ulster. The record is so noted that there was no public comment on this local law at the public hearing.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit. Approved unanimously (8 -0).

**Resolution No. 149** - Authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with the New York State Office of Homeland Security for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program - Amending the 2010 Ulster County Budget - Sheriff's Office

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. The funding is federal pass through. There was discussion regarding the goals to be accomplished in connection with this program. Motion unanimously approved (8 - 0).

**Resolution No. 150** - Appointing Members to the Periodic Compensation Review Committee

Legislator Rodriguez stated that there was a great deal of discussion in the Democratic caucus. There is concern about appointing former Legislators to this committee and new names would be offered. The discussion continued and Legislator Shapiro brought up the spirit of the Ethics Law and its impact on these appointments. The committee discussed whether or not to pass the resolution as a late and then amend the resolution on the floor. The record is so noted that there would perhaps be changes to the names in the draft resolution which was submitted.

Legislator Rodriguez, Deputy Chair offered the motion to temporarily postpone consideration of this resolution until later in the meeting. Legislators Ronk and Petit moved the motion. Motion unanimously approved (8 - 0).

**Resolution No. 151** - In Support of New York State Assembly Bill No. A9919 and New York State Senate Bill No. S7338 Authorizes County Clerks to Retain a Portion of Fees Collected for Motor Vehicle Related Services Through the New York State DMV Website or the Utica Processing Center

The record is so noted that this resolution was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee on May 11, 2010.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to move the resolution. Approved unanimously (8 - 0).

## 5. Departments/Agencies:

### Department of the Environment

**Amanda LaValle, Coordinator of the Department presented the Annual MS4 Stormwater Report.**

Under the federal law commonly known as the Stormwater Phase II, Ulster County is regulated as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The Departments of the Environment, Public Works, Information Services and Planning worked together to achieve this year's stormwater (SW) Program objectives. Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation (UCSWCD), Ulster County Cornell

Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCE-UC), and Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) significantly contributed to meeting the County's stormwater goals particularly in the Areas of Public Education and Outreach (MCM1) and Public Involvement/Participation (MCM2).

The County's MS4 Annual Report is prepared to comply with MS4 regulations and is submitted to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

The full annual report is available for review at <http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/stormwater.html>, and any comments may be submitted via e-mail to [stormwater@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:stormwater@co.ulster.ny.us) or in writing to the UC Department of the Environment, PO Box 1800, Kingston, New York 12402.

The program's mandates are divided into six minimum control measures (MCM). The summary report provides an overview of the control measures: MCM1: Public Education and Out-Reach, MCM2: Public Involvement/Participation, MCM3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, MCM4: Construction Site Runoff Control, MCM5: Post-construction Stormwater Management Practice and MCM6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.

The two page summary provided to everyone present is attached.

\*The committee revisited **Resolution No. 150**, postponed from earlier.

Chairman Roberts and Deputy Chairman Rodriguez spoke to Legislative Chairman Frederick J. Wadnola and Minority Leader Jeanette Provenzano regarding the appointments on Resolution No. 150 - Appointing Members to the Periodic Compensation Review Committee. Agreement was reached that the resolution would be amended accordingly.

Legislator Shapiro motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to amend the resolution to add Don Bell from Ruby, NY, as a member of the committee. Motion approved unanimously (8 - 0). Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. Unanimously approved (8 - 0).

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature