

# COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee

DATE: May 13, 2009

TIME: 5:15 PM

PLACE: Library/Conference Room B  
Ulster County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman A. Lomita and Legislators B. Cahill,  
S. Cummings, F. Dart, R. Gerentine, D.  
Gregorius, G. Noonan, J. Provenzano, S.  
Zimet

LEGISLATORS ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Budget Director A. Smith; Deputy Budget  
Director S. Ronga; Legislature Clerk M. Carey;  
Deputy Clerk M. Dellay; Deputy Clerk K.  
Spinozzi; Legislative Counsel D. Heppner;  
Management Analyst D. Fawcett; Contract  
Mgr. S. Van Sicklen; Comptroller E. Auerbach;  
Lee Cane

## **1) RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution No. 147 – Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Accept And Reject Bids For Purchase And Refund On Parcels Of County Owned Property At The April 22, 2009 Public Auction**

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Donaldson.

At the May 6 meeting, the Town of Lloyd parcel was held at the request of Legislator Hansut.

Motion adopted at May 6 meeting and reaffirmed.

Noes: Legislator Zimet.

## **2) TSEC REPORT**

CEO Vincent Cozzolino gave the consortium report. In 2008 Ulster County provided \$200,000 in funds for TSEC. Of that amount \$1.5 million was leveraged. One million dollars went to Prism Solar in the Town of Lloyd. A total of 65 jobs were created in 2008.

In 2009, TSEC received \$150,000 from Ulster County. The Department of Energy granted TSEC \$1.5 million which required a 20% match. Prism Solar received a \$750,000 grant from NYS. It is expected that 175-500 jobs will be created.

Two new firms, as yet unannounced, will result in the creation of 10-300 jobs in Ulster County.

TSEC will return to Ways & Means in August.

## **3) ART SMITH - REPORT ON NYS BUDGET IMPACT ON ULSTER COUNTY**

Much is unknown. The State, as of 4/1/2009, is no longer paying the counties for boarding State-ready prisoners or parole violators. This will result in a \$200,000 cost to Ulster County. Probation across-the-board cuts amount to \$58,000.

With the repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws, the number of board-ins could decrease.

DSS will not be getting \$1.3 million that was expected.

Sales tax will be adjusted on 6/29. Final adjustment will be on 7/10.

Motion to adjourn by Legislator Cahill; seconded by Legislator Dart.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lomita, Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee