

**Ways & Means Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: December 3, 2015 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, J. Parete
ABSENT: Legislator Allen, Belfiglio, R. Parete
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Rodriguez, Legislative Counsel Guerin, Jay Mahler, Sue Plonski, Kathy Lasko, David Dellehunt, William Clark, Karen Peters

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:25PM**
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New Business

- Legislator Gerentine gave William Clark the floor. A discussion on the Family Court House ensued. Handouts were given to the committee. Topics included the following:
 - The additional judge given to the Ulster County Family Court.
 - A timetable of the current communications between the Executive office and the OCA
 - Where the county currently stands on a long term solution for family court.
 - The current items that need to be addressed in the current family court house that are needed to make it safe.
 - How the courthouses of the county are the responsibility of the county.
 - If the current facility is appropriately being maintained.
 - The new possible locations for the facilities, and the layout requirements for these locations.
 - The ramifications if no actions are taken including a second letter from the OCA, and a withholding of state funding.
 - A clarification that a majority of the dialogue has been between the OCA and the Executive office.
 - How the OCA feels that the current situation is not moving forward.
 - Reimbursement rates on the interest associated with the interest associated with the capital project.
 - The cost of current plans discussed.
 - How one of the potential new locations would require a public referendum.
 - How the county would have to wait to expend funds, with the exception of phase II, until the referendum is passed.
 - The current steps that would need to be taken in the short term to appease the OCA.

Old Business

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Briggs and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:18pm. .

Dated the 23rd day of December, 2015
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
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