

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 14, 2018 – 5:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig
V. Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney, and Joseph
Maloney
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Kathy Nolan and Brian Woltman; Nicholas Pascale,
Legislative Counsel; Kyle Barnett, Legislative Counsel; Nina
Postupack, County Clerk; Jennifer Clark and Marie Bing,
County Attorney; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters;
Daniel Michaud, NYC DEP Bureau of Water Supply; Matthew
Schuab, NYC DEP Bureau of Water Supply

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM**

Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 326 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. from August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023 for land records software and implementation services for \$435,500.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Nina Postupack, County Clerk, explained that her office is changing software vendors due to lack of customer support from current vendor. Ms. Postupack stated that IQS, Inc. currently contracts with approximately 27 of the County Clerks throughout the State, that this contract will allow the Department to start e-filing and e-Recording, that the Department will continue to have all of the same capabilities they have currently plus some new additional features. Moreover, Ms. Postupack detailed the amounts and purposes of subscription fees within the new contract. Legislator Bartels noted an error in the contract stating that viewing costs will exist. Ms. Postupack confirmed that there are

no fees to view files and that an amendment to the contract is necessary. Legislator Bartels confirmed that no new charges will be implemented upon execution of this contract.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, Maloney (James), and Maloney (Joseph)
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 345 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey The Poor Farm Reservoir Property, Tax Map No. 86.1-1-41, To The City Of New York Without Consideration Pursuant To Section 72-h Of The New York State General Municipal Law – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to convey the included property in fee to the City of New York without consideration, excepting only that the City of New York shall pay all costs associated with or required for said conveyance, with all rights reserved within the deed.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Chairman Gerentine recapped concerns raised over the Resolution during the prior week’s Ways & Means Committee meeting. Marie Bing, Esq., Assistant County Attorney, introduced Daniel Michaud and Matthew Schuab from the NYS DEP. Mr. Schuab explained that the Bureau of Water Supply had been working with the County for roughly 2 years on the transfer of this property, explaining that they have a repair project on the Catskill Aqueduct which can only be accessed through the use of this property. Mr. Michaud introduced himself as the program manager for the Catskill Aqueduct Repair and Rehabilitation Program, which is working to complete repair and rehabilitation of a hundred year old aqueduct that has never seen this level of repair before. Mr. Michaud disclosed that the Bureau has been working with Village of New Paltz since 2011 to find a backup water supply which will be required during this rehabilitation project, explaining that the possibility of using this property as a backup has been discussed and why it would not be feasible, as well as other options that have been considered. Moreover, Mr. Michaud discussed the impact of building a dam on the property. Legislator Bartels said it’s important to hear that the organization is working with the Village of New Paltz and asked if they’re also working with Mohonk

Preserve. Mr. Michaud confirmed that the organization has been in close contact with the Preserve and that an agreement remains in existence for the Preserve's easement on the property.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, Maloney (James), and Maloney (Joseph)
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To discuss Resolution No. 346 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Establish The Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective To Be Made Up Of Various Counties For The Purposes Of Exploring Potential Savings On Stop-Loss Insurance – Personnel Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish The Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective for the purposes of exploring potential savings on Stop-Loss Insurance.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: Legislator Archer proposed an amendment to the Resolution to require presentation of materials received no more than ten (10) days after receipt, and to require the County Executive Branch to provide the Ways & Means Committee with a detailed briefing which shall include, but not be limited to, information on cost savings, plan management and protection of employee data, and as to any conditions or penalties for withdrawal from MHFC prior to acceptance by Ulster County of a stop loss carrier quote. Legislator Joseph Maloney asked why a ten (10) day period is provided rather than requiring each report to be received at the same time. Legislator Archer stated that the amendment is intended to provide the Committee with some knowledge of the intended action prior to it taking place. Jennifer Clark, Assistant County Attorney, explained that Relph is the current Insurance Consultant for the County, and as such they will be working to obtain quotes from several predetermined organizations for Ulster County, then they will go to one of these organizations and ask what the price difference would be if they are involved in the intermunicipal agreement. Further, Ms. Clark explained that the County will then compare the quotes and determine what the best option is.

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 346, as Amended – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Establish The Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective To Be Made Up Of Various Counties For The Purposes Of Exploring Potential Savings On Stop-Loss Insurance – Personnel Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement to establish The Municipal Healthcare Financing Collective for the purposes of exploring potential savings on Stop-Loss Insurance.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, Maloney (James), and Maloney (Joseph)

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 347 – Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment for the included properties for the amounts disclosed, and authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to said bidder making payment, a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in said parcel.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business:

Legislator Archer noted the dispute between the County Executive and the Comptroller with regards to the County's IT Systems and the potential breaches of those systems, suggesting that the Committee or Legislative leadership hire an outside organization to perform a forensic investigation of the systems in order to ascertain if there were any issues and to review the County's policies to ensure that data is protected. Legislator Archer stressed the importance of not making a decision as to who was right and who was wrong without an understanding of the alleged breaches from an independent party. Moreover, Legislator Archer questioned if there are policies the County needs to put into place to ensure that data is protected in the future. Committee members agreed that the Ways & Means Committee should take the initiative to ensure that an investigation is conducted. Legislator Joseph Maloney abstained from the discussion and the vote.

Old Business:None

Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:02 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: September 12, 2018