

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Administrative Services Committee

DATE: July 23, 2007

TIME: 6:08 P.M.

PLACE: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Brian Cahill, Legislators Robert Parete, Joseph Stoeckler, Gary Bischoff, Robert Aiello, Joan Every

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator Kraft (excused)

OTHERS ATTENDING: Sylvia Wohlfahrt, Director Information Services, Dorothy Martin, Director Real Property, Christopher Fiore-Asst. Director-Information Services, Randy Geuss, Deputy Technology Officer-Information Services (attending to take minutes for meeting).

The meeting was called to order.

Chairman Cahill and Sylvia Wohlfahrt spoke briefly on the required approval dollar levels required for the purchasing of IT related software and hardware for County needs. Equipment and Software request less than \$3000.00 is reviewed and approved by the department head. Equipment and Software request greater than \$3000.00 will be reviewed and approved by Chairman Cahill and the Director of Information Services, Sylvia Wohlfahrt. Information Services will provide a list to the committee, all purchases that were approved during the previous month.

Also discussed was the UC Sheriff "Blackberry" PDA replacement suggestion. Sylvia indicated that this replacement program is in review.

A discussion was held on a proposed UC Municipality Agreement with the Town of Marbletown for the purpose of the County providing IT related services to Marbletown. The purpose of this particular municipality agreement is to provide the town with support and assistance with a GIS project at the town. Marbletown has received a dollar grant from the NYS Department of State in the sum of \$12,000.00 in support of the project. Supervisor Vincent Martello (Marbletown) is in support of this proposal. Legislator Bischoff requested additional information regarding what particular NYS agency is funding this grant, along with the grant timeframe and duration. Legislators Stoeckler and Bischoff motioned to go forward with the municipality agreement proposal, All were in favor, motion was passed.

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Next, Chairman Cahill discussed the need to re-design the Ulster County Web Page. A consensus of the committee and Ulster County Information Services was to form and establish a Web Site Design Committee. The committee is to address current issues with the County Web Page relative to improving the websites "Usability and Appearance" for use by citizens accessing the site.

The committee has agreed to form the committee and meet during the August 2007 timeframe.

Dorothy Martin, Director UC Real Property along with committee members discussed the issues surrounding Ulster County large parcel classifications. Chairman Cahill pointed out and discussed issues with respect to the NY City reservoir owned properties located with-in Ulster County, as to current property assessment values. Legislators J. Stoeckler and Robert Parete pointed out that municipalities like the Town of Olive where NY City owned land exist, continue to question that current assessment "values" of said owned properties are less than what they should be. Also discussed was the continued practice of purchasing Ulster County located parcels of land by NY City Government which also contributes to issues surrounding large parcel value assessment rates.

Legislator Joan Every is concerned that "other" municipalities in Ulster County are "paying for the low large parcel assessment values currently being paid by NY City. Legislators Cahill and Stoeckler also discussed the need to review current tax base issues and lower tax collection concerns in these Ulster County municipality locations where NY City owned property reservoir locations exist. (Hurley, Olive, Warwarsing, etc).

Legislator Robert Parate read to the committee a letter sent to UC Legislator Chairman Donaldson from Mr. Allen Rosa regarding current lawsuit issues surrounding large parcel classifications and values in Ulster County. Legislators Bischoff and Robert Parete discussed the difficulties with placing assessment dollar values on reservoir type properties. Also cited was Resolution 220, passed on July 9, 1998 which speaks about a inter-municipality agreement between reservoir located towns and the County, which needs to be "updated". It was suggested that the UC County Attorney review the current inter-municipality agreement, and indicate updates of the current active agreement to the committee. Motion was carried, Legislators Stoeckler, Robert Parete and Robert Aiello.

5-0 passed.

Chairman Cahill then motioned that the committee go into executive session.

After the executive session, the committee voted on a motion to re-appoint Dorothy Martin, Director Real Property, for a 6-Year term as UC Director Real Property. 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. was made by Legislator Stoeckler, seconded by Legislator Bischoff. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Brian Cahill, Chairman
Administrative Services Committee**