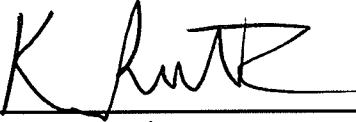


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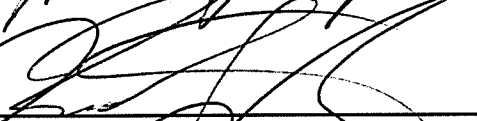
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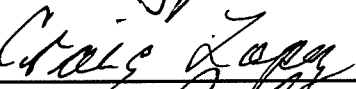
Kevin Roberts, Chairman



Hector Rodriguez, Deputy Chairman



Kenneth Ronk



Craig Lopez



Richard Parete

Today's Date: July 23, 2012

# Social Services Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** July 9, 2012 @ 6:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Library Conference Room, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Kevin Roberts  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Lisa K. Mance  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Craig Lopez, Richard Parete and Hector Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Kenneth Ronk  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy Executive Kenneth Crannell

- Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM
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### MOTIONS:

#### MOTION NO. 1

**Text Of Motion:** RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2012.  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Lopez, Parete, Rodriguez, and Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. Of Votes In Favor:** 4  
**No. Of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion Passes

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### Contracts –

- Abstract Number L42-1 – Gateway Community Industries/Professional Services

#### Description:

Annual Agreement to provide a Food Stamp Employment and Training Program for recipients of Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits (food stamps) in accordance with the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and 1985, as amended.

Motion to approve Contract made by Leg. Rodriguez, seconded by Leg. Lopez to send to Ways and Means. Motion passes 4 – 0.

#### Discussion:

Deputy Crannell indicated that L42-1 was a continuing Contract.

All in favor of the abstract.

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## **New Business:**

### **Safety Net Discussion –**

**Chairman Roberts** gave the floor to Leg. Rodriguez to discuss Safety Net. Leg. Rodriguez specified that there were many directions that could be taken among which included linking safety net with sales tax, changing percentages back to previous split that the Towns had budgeted for (negotiate separately with City of Kingston with regard to sales tax and safety net). Leg. Rodriguez requested input.

**Leg. Parete** asked why certain Towns would not have budgeted for Safety Net.

Discussion ensued with regard to payments made by certain Towns, when and how payments were or were not made, when changes occurred, what payments weren't being made.

**Leg. Roberts** asked for explanation from Deputy Crannell on the Safety Net Expenditures 2009-2011 and the Town/City Sales Tax Share v. Safety Net Local Share informational handouts provided by the Deputy (on file with the Clerk of the Legislature).

**Deputy Crannell** indicated Ulster County is only County in New York that hasn't absorbed the safety net costs. Indicated ongoing issue of the Towns not budgeting costs.

**Chairman Roberts** indicated that Committee should meet with the Town Supervisors and get their feedback with regard to safety net issue.

**Dep. Crannell** indicated that there may be distinction with the City of Kingston. When costs are absorbed, all administrative functions are taken over. When it comes to City, the City must affirmatively vote to give up administrative part of the program.

**Leg. Rodriguez** suggested meeting with the Supervisor Association.

**Chairman Roberts** directed Leg. Employee to contact Supervisor Valk to meet with the Committee. Asked Deputy how they determine amount each town receives with regard to sales tax.

**Dep. Crannell** indicated it is dictated by percentage based upon population and assessment.

**Leg. Parete** noted that higher populated properties received higher revenues.

**Leg. Rodriguez** referred to property assessments and indicated that revenues were based upon that.

**Chairman Roberts** asked Deputy Crannell when sales tax agreements comes up for the City of Kingston. Asked if there's a deadline for safety net solution...looking at October as possibly being the deadline. Agreed that decision by Committee should be in place by August.

**Dep. Crannell** offered to provide documentation with regard to how other Counties share sales tax revenues, etc.

**Leg. Parete** asked what percentage was being looked at and what were the goals of other members of the Committee. Asked what direction the County Executive was leaning towards. Stated that if Ulster was only County in New York State which Towns were absorbing safety net costs, it must be wrong.

Chairman Roberts set Agenda and selected July 23, 2012 as date to meet with the Supervisors and Mayors in Legislative Library.

Next Scheduled Committee Meeting is July 23, 2012 @ 5:15 PM, COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Legislative Library with the regularly scheduled meeting being 7/30/12.

There being no further business before the meeting, on the motion duly made by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Lopez, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

**Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012**

**Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee, Ulster County Legislature**

**Minutes Approved on:**

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