

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE & RULES

DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2011

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY  
THOMAS  
GIRARD  
MCCOY  
WOOD

OTHERS PRESENT:

DANIEL G. STEC, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY/ADMINISTRATOR  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS MONROE  
SOKOL

SUPERVISORS CHAMPAGNE  
CONOVER  
KENNY  
LOEB  
MERLINO  
STRAINER  
TAYLOR  
VANNESS

THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
JONATHAN ALEXANDER, *THE POST STAR*  
AMANDA ALLEN, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mr. Bentley called the meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee to order at 12:48 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to the Committee members, a copy of which is also on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2010 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the review, Mr. Bentley advised Agenda Item 1 was a request from Sullivan County for support of legislation adopted by the Sullivan County Legislature on December 29, 2010, imploring the New York State Legislature to enact substantive reform of the section of the Real Property Tax Law governing tax exemption criteria.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. McCoy and carried unanimously to approve a resolution in support of the initiative presented by the Sullivan County Legislature and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Bentley said Agenda Item 2 consisted of a request from the Town of Hague for support of a resolution calling upon Governor Andrew Cuomo and members of the State Legislature to fund and/or eliminate State mandates, provide immediate relief to overburdened taxpayers by linking the amount of property tax paid to income, reform the real property tax system and address cost drivers in the provision of local government services/operations, before implementing a property tax cap.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously in favor of the above referenced request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Agenda Item 3, Mr. Bentley announced, included a request from the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for support of a resolution in opposition to the fee purchase of the former Finch and Follensby Pond lands by the State of New York. He noted that the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages (AATV) had passed a

similar resolution and he recommended the County's resolution mirror that one.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the above referenced request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Bentley apprised that Agenda Item 4 pertained to a referral from the Social Services Committee to consider legislation requiring food stamp and service recipients to take classes through Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) to help people become more self-sufficient.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve a resolution requiring CCE class participation for food stamp and service recipients to be presented at the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Agenda Item 5 was a referral from the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for a resolution in support of the task force assigned to address the new invasive species found in Lake George, Mr. Bentley advised.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to approve a resolution relating to the previously mentioned item for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Bentley stated that Agenda Item 6 consisted of a referral from the December 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for further discussion regarding a request from the Adirondack Council seeking \$13,000 from the Public Service Commission to support the Council in their opposition of the Champlain Hudson Power Express application for construction of a power cable from Canada to New York City, as well as the use of taxpayer dollars to fund this opposition to something that was arguably beneficial to the region.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. McCoy and carried unanimously to authorize the Chairman of the Board to forward a letter opposing any contribution of funding for this cause.

Agenda Item 7, Mr. Bentley stated, pertained to a referral from January 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to consider urging the State and Federal Government to work in a bipartisan manner in order to improve the strength of the Country.

No discussion was held on this issue, nor was any Committee action taken.

Continuing to Agenda Item 8, Mr. Bentley referenced a referral from the Assigned Counsel division of the Criminal Justice Committee, urging Legislators to change the County Law pertaining to conflict defenders/indigent counsel.

Motion was made by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the above referenced request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative & Rules Committee, on motion made by Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist