

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2010

The Public Health and Environmental Protection Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Nirchi (Chair), S. Buchta, G. LaBare, M. Pasquale, S. Messina for J. Sanfilippo

Members Absent: None

Others Present: K. Cusano, Mental Health, C. Nord, DSS; M. Gerchman, Budget; C. Edwards, Health; S. Reagan, WPNH; P. Brennan, D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; J. Sluzar, Law; B. Klipsch, J. Marinich, J. Garnar, C. Marion, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:02 P.M. Ms. Messina moved the agenda, seconded by Ms. Buchta. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL FOR 2010

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHUYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR SERVICES FOR THE BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CHEMUNG AND SCHUYLER COUNTY CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2010-2011

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES FOR THE BROOME COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CHEMUNG AND SCHUYLER COUNTY CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR 2010-2011

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TIOGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY LEGISLATION FOR ELECTRONIC WASTES AND URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN BROOME COUNTY TO DO THE SAME

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
The Department of Health provided a copy of a recommended amendment. The amendment will be presented to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#44 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY NO 4 OF 2010, ENTITLED:
"A LOCAL LAW CREATING CHAPTER 100 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE PROVIDING THAT A SPECIAL HAULING PERMIT SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR USE OF COUNTY ROADS BY CERTAIN VEHICLES THAT EXCEED THE WEIGHT OR DIMENSIONAL LIMITS IN SECTION 385 OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK."

Mr. Sluzar stated that a previous resolution was drafted specific to the gas industry but the road assessment results indicated that the County can not target one industry. Mr. Sluzar also noted that they are checking into concerns about the insurance requirements. Mr. Brennan stated that when applying for a permit a truck route will have to be provided by the applicant. Mr. Brennan believes that County roads will not show much deterioration but there may be damages that are specific. Mr. Pasquale noted that there is no reference to bridges in the proposed local law. The committee recommends to the County Administration Committee to amend the resolution to include bridges in Chapter 100-5. Responding to a question about enforcement, Mr. Brennan stated that the County could establish its own enforcement program or request enforcement from the DEC and the State Police, both of whom currently have portable scales and enforce overweight vehicle regulations.

Ms. Messina voted in favor of the resolution but was uncomfortable voting before all amendments were made and asked the Chairman if she could change her vote. The Chairman granted her request.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-1 (Messina).

Cindy Nord provided the committee with information on the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. (On file with the minutes). She stated that the County and the City of Binghamton receives program funds and the County administers both programs. She said the program provides financial assistance, housing relocation and stabilization, data collection and evaluation and administrative costs. She stated both programs are currently at maximum capacity.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Ms. Buchta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Messina. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 P.M.