

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2016

The County Administration Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, October 13, 2016 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: R. Keibel (Chair), S. Flagg, J. Shaw, M. Sopchak, M. Whalen

Members Absent: None

Others Present: S. Baker, A. Martin, C. Dziedzic, C. Cramer, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; M. Kalka, J. Knebel, OMB; S. Britton, Health; R. Behnke, Law; J. Wilber, Public Defender; J. Flynn, Purchasing; D. Hamlin, S. Pufky, RPTS; G. Kilmer, Transit; R. Campbell, J. Tillotson, SUNY Broome

The County Administration Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:01 PM. Mr. Sopchak made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Flagg.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#55 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SIMMONS HANLY CONROY LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Mr. Behnke stated that the lawsuits referenced in this Resolution are against large pharmaceutical companies who produce opioids, similar to the "Big Tobacco" lawsuits many years ago. He further stated that Simmons Hanly Conroy has represented over 5,000 individuals, the U.S. Department of Justice, several other states, and several New York Counties in suing pharmaceutical companies, and that they are really the only firm who has and is capable of handling this case. He also stated that the 33.3% contingency fee is an industry standard.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#61 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 8 OF 2016, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 194 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM IN BROOME COUNTY"

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#62 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 9 OF 2016, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING SUNY BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO MAKE PURCHASES THROUGH NEW YORK STATE OR SUNY CONTRACTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO BEST VALUE CONTRACTING"

Mr. Keibel stated that the Committee still had questions regarding this Local Law and entertained a motion by Mr. Flagg, seconded by Mr. Sopchak, to table this Resolution until next month, the November Committee cycle, in order to have all Legislators questions answered.

Motion to table carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sopchak, seconded by Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.