

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2021

The County Administration Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, June 10, 2021 via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Members Present: C. O'Brien (Chair), S. Flagg, D. Reynolds (Voting Representative for J. Shaw), K. Myers, B. Weslar

Members Absent: None

Others Present: C. Marion, Arena; M. Heefner, Aviation; M. Sullivan, BCC; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, County Exec's Office; K. White, N. Williams, DSS; M. Korchak, P. Memos, District Attorney's Office; M. McFadden, Health; C. Williams, K. Andrews, D. Camin, Info. Tech.; R. Behnke, Law; S. Baker, K. Beebe, M. Kaminsky, S. Ryan, M. Whalen, K. Wildoner, C. Hall, A. Martin, R. O'Donnell, M. Tanzini, Legislature; M. Whitcombe, T. Eaton, OFA; JP Tschang, R. Murphy, OET; J. Knebel, OMB; R. Holdrege, M. Smolinsky, Office of the Sheriff; T. Behan, Personnel; T. Carey, K. Zumbach, Probation; M. Decker, G. Kilmer, Public Transportation; RPTS; T. Dellapenna, Risk & Insurance; S. Arnold, D. Smith, SWM; S. Arnold, WPNH; V. Gialanella, Visitor

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairwoman at 4:03 p.m. Mr. Weslar moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL S8235 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A10293 DESIGNATING CERTAIN EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS AND OPERATORS AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS CAMIN AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

It was noted that this Resolution was withdrawn by the Administration in the prime Personnel Committee. No action taken.

#38 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF BROOME/TIOGA COUNTIES FOR AN EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS SUPPORT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2021-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#53 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#54 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 4 OF 2021, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING REVISED RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT"

There was lengthy discussion regarding the proposed revised residency requirements with several Legislators expressing their views on the change. Mr. Whalen and Mrs. Ryan felt the amendment was being rushed without a thorough review. They also expressed concerns about policy makers not residing within the area where their policies would impact. Mrs. Ryan stated that she had spoken with residents, who, when asked, were opposed to this change. Mrs. Myers and Mr. Reynolds gave their support for the changes, noting that there is a shrinking applicant pool and some department heads are having a difficult time hiring critical positions. Mr. Reynolds also stated that the residency rules should be consistent and fair for everyone and not arbitrary as is current practice with occasional waivers. Mr. Garnar stated his support for the change and explained how several departments will be positively helped by this change. Mr. Weslar stated that while he supported the change and plans to vote for it in Session, he was voting against it in committee to support concerns raised by two of his colleagues.

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

#55 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 5 OF 2021, ENTITLED: " A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE, CODE OF ETHICS"

Several Legislators thanked those that worked on the committee to bring forth good changes to the Code of Ethics and clear up areas that were ambiguous. Mr. Reynolds stated that the anti-bullying piece of this is still being worked on and anticipated that it will be submitted for consideration for the July Session.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Reynolds made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Myers. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.