

**BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 1, 1995**

The Legislature convened at 4:06 P.M. with a call to order by the Chair, Arthur J. Shafer. The Clerk, Richard R. Blythe, read the fire exit announcement and then called the Attendance Roll: Present - 16, Absent - 3 (Burger, Hull & Pasquale) Mr. Pasquale arrived during the session.

The Chair, Mr. Shafer, led the members of the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silent meditation.

The following petitions, communications, notices and reports were presented to the County Legislature:

**WRITTEN OR ORAL PRESENTATIONS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
1995 STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS - POSTPONED TO 3/16/95**

- 1.Designating County Attorney Joseph James Slocum as Acting County Executive, February 13-15, 1995.
- 2.Declaration of Public Emergency: Broome County Highway Maintenance Facility.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, NOTICES & REPORTS:
PETITIONS: NONE**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1.Minutes from:
 - a.Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - b.Binghamton Regional Airport
 - c.Community Services Board
 - d.EMC Advisory Committee on Composting
 - e.EMC Solid Waste Committee and Nanticoke Landfill Task Force
 - f.Landfill Siting Committee
- 2.Letter appointing Patrick Brennan as Acting Commissioner of Public Works, February 21 through March 1, 1995.
- 3.NYS Department of Transportation (Official Order): (Abandonment of the East Windsor Road (B.C.Route 29), as relocated during construction of I-508).
- 4.Letter from MacArthur School PTA supporting maintenance of South Branch Library.
- 5.Letter from Budget Director, Timothy M. Costello, regarding transfer of funds to provide appropriations for Workers' Compensation.
- 6.1995 Guide to NYS Government Leadership.

7. Letter criticizing 1995 Broome County Budget.
8. Letter to A. Shafer from Senator D'Amato regarding unfunded federal mandates.
9. List of Members to 1995 Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors.

NOTICES: NONE

REPORTS:

1. Monthly Reports:
 - a. Department of Social Services (September and October 1994).
 - b. Community College: Budget Transfers (Nov. & Dec., 1994, Jan., 1995).
2. 1994 Final Report
 - a. Broome County Arts Council
 - b. Ross Park Zoo
3. Court Facilities Plan (Renovation of George Harvey Justice Building).

LETTERS FROM THE CHAIR, ARTHUR J. SHAFER:

1. Letters authorizing designated representatives for Legislators Margaret M. Coffey, Andrew Kavulich, Vincent A. Pasquale and Mark R. Whalen at their various Committee meetings through the 1995-96 legislative term.

Mr. Cahill moved, seconded by Mrs. Coffey to receive and file the above noted reports and to authorize the Clerk to publish pertinent portions in the Journal of Proceedings. **Carried.** Ayes-16, Nays-0, Absent-3 (Burger, Hull & Pasquale)

The Chair made a brief explanation concerning resolutions that were held over at the prior session, indicating that most were held over with the understanding that they would be presented for consideration at the March 16th., 1995 Regular Session. However, because of special circumstances the chair noted in February, that the following resolution would be presented for consideration at a March 1st., 1995 Special Session. Since a Special Session was not called, the Chair requested that the resolution be considered at the Regular Session. There was no objection to this and the following was again presented for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 71 heldover by Mr. Schofield

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF WYOMING CONFERENCE FOR COUNSELING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES THERAPEUTIC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR 1995.

Carried. Ayes-16, Nays-0, Absent-3 (Burger, Hull & Pasquale)

RESOLUTION NO. 106

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by PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Seconded by Mr. Howard

AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF DOUGLAS P. MacKECHNIE AS NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WILLOW POINT NURSING FACILITY

WHEREAS, The Personnel Officer has recommended the hiring of DOUGLAS P. MacKECHNIE, RD #2 Box 73, Heritage Road, Clinton Corners, New York 12514 as Nursing Home Administrator of Willow Point Nursing Facility at an annual salary of \$69,000.00 effective March 20, 1995 which is 18% above the minimum salary of \$58,432.00, and

WHEREAS, Douglas P. MacKechnie is qualified for the position of Nursing Home Administrator and has the experience and education which justify said salary, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature authorizes the hiring of Douglas P. MacKechnie, RD #2 Box 73, Heritage Road, Clinton Corners, New York 12514 as Nursing Home Administrator of the Willow Point Nursing Facility at an annual salary of \$69,000.00 effective March 20, 1995.

Carried. Ayes-16, Nays-0, Absent-3 (Burger, Hull & Pasquale)

RESOLUTION NO. 107

by PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Seconded by Mr. Whalen

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR WILLOW POINT NURSING FACILITY.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with a request from the Willow Point Nursing Facility, as contained in PDR# 95-152C, this County Legislature hereby authorizes extension of the one (1) full-time, temporary Assistant Nursing Home Administrator position (unlicensed), Grade H, Union Code 02 (Administrative II) at an annual salary of \$46,649, 12.5% or \$5,064 above the minimum at budget line WC160028.1600, effective March 2, 1995 through April 21, 1995, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to provide funds for the temporary position referenced above, as requested by BT# 8721, this County Legislature hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make the following transfer of funds, not to exceed \$6,685:

	<u>Index</u>	<u>Sub-</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>Code</u>	<u>object</u>	<u>Code</u>		
FROM:	160028	1000	204000	Salaries - FT	\$6,685
TO :	160028	1600	204000	Salaries - Temp	\$6,685

Carried. Ayes-16, Nays-0, Absent-3 (Burger, Hull & Pasquale)

RESOLUTION NO. 108

by FINANCE COMMITTEE

Seconded by Mr. Miller

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEX J. McLAUGHLIN AS BROOME CO. COMPTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 401 of the Broome County Charter, provides that "There shall be a Department of Audit and Control, headed by a Comptroller who shall be appointed by the County Legislature" and that person "shall serve for a term of four (4) years." and

WHEREAS, your sponsoring committee recommends that, Alex J. McLaughlin residing at 75 Mills Road, Harpursville, NY 13787 having been deemed qualified by the Personnel Department, and having been interviewed by your sponsoring committee, be appointed as Comptroller, effective March 20, 1995 for a term expiring December 31, 1996, said expiration date reflecting the end of the term in accordance with the intent of the Charter and Code, and

WHEREAS, it is desired at this time, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Broome County Charter, to make said appointment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of the Broome County Charter, does hereby appoint Alex J. McLaughlin as Comptroller of Broome County, commencing March 20, 1995 and expiring December 31, 1996.

Carried. Ayes-17, Nays-0, Absent-2 (Burger & Hull)

RESOLUTION NO. 109

by FINANCE COMMITTEE

Seconded by Mr. Lindsey

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH CORPORATE CARE MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE AND COST MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF RISK AND INSURANCE FOR 1995 THROUGH 1996.

WHEREAS, the Manager of Risk and Insurance requests authorization for an agreement to provide Workers' Compensation case and cost management services for the period from March 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996, and

WHEREAS, your sponsoring committee has reviewed said request and recommends continuing this service with the current vendor, Corporate Care Management, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$63,000.00 per year, and

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WHEREAS, said services are necessary to provide monitoring of the Workers' Compensation program, including identification of cases amenable to case management, monitoring cost of rehabilitation, therapists, vocational counselors, and other services, submission of periodic reports with recommendations to achieve rehabilitation goals and reduced costs, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature hereby authorizes an agreement with Corporate Care Management, Inc., 142 Corporate Drive, Binghamton, New York 13904 for Workers' Compensation case and cost management services, for the period March 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in consideration of said services, the County shall pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed \$.87 per participant per month, the total amount not to exceed \$63,000.00 per year for the term of this agreement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the payments hereinabove authorized shall be made from budget line 050013.4747.602000 (Other Fees For Services), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized representative is hereby empowered to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the Department of Law, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Heldover under the 'Rules' by Mr. Whalen

Mr. Wike moved, seconded by Mrs. Sweet to adjourn at approximately 4:20 P.M.

Carried. Ayes-17, Nays-0, Absent-2 (Burger & Hull)