

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2016

The County Administration Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, April 14, 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: D. Reynolds, S. Baker, M. Kaminsky, A. Martin, C. Hall, C. Dziedzic, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; M. Kalka, J. Knebel, OMB; D. Hickling, M. Heefner, S. Cornwell, J. Shapiro, J. Worhach, DA; D. Schofield, DPW; C. Edwards, S. Britton, Health; D. O'Keefe, IT; T. Behan, J. Katz, Personnel; J. Flynn, Purchasing; D. Hamlin, S. Pufky, RPTS; D. Harder, M. Clapp, Sheriff; B. O'Bryan, Chamber of Commerce; O. Blaise, Coughlin & Gerhart; J. Roby, M. Brockett, Press & Sun-Bulletin

The County Administration Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:00 PM. Mr. Shaw made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Sopchak.

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

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE EXTEND THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR LEVEL ONE SEX OFFENDERS

At the request of Mrs. Kaminsky, Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to amend the Resolution and replace the text with the attached.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Mr. Whalen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaw to table this Resolution to next month in order to allow the Legislators time to review the State Legislation that Mrs. Kaminsky is asking the Legislature to support.

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

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS, LLC FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES FOR BROOME COUNTY FOR 2016-2017 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 4 OF 2016, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION C701 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE

At the request of the Administration, this Resolution was withdrawn. No action taken.

#30 RESOLUTION ASSIGNING ALL BROOME COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH TW TELECOM TO LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR BANDWIDTH ON THE POINT-TO-POINT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BROOME COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2016

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 5 OF 2016, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 257 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE"

Mr. Keibel and Mr. Flagg expressed some concerns they have received from town supervisors and town justices over possible loses in revenue. They both requested Mr. Cornwell meet with municipal leaders to answer any questions they have and to better explain the changes to the traffic diversion program.

Mr. Cornwell stated that this change is being made in order to comply with a recently enacted State Law and will allow the DA to create a trust account that he could spend at his discretion to fund the DA's Office and other expenses.

Mr. Whalen expressed concerns over authorizing an unsupervised fund which doesn't require any reporting of expenditures.

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

#36 RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF JEFFREY P. KRAHAM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OLIVER N. BLAISE III, AS BROOME COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS FOR THE TERM 2013-2016

Mr. Blaise introduced himself and gave an overview of his background.

Carried for lateness. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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. Flagg, seconded by Mr. Sopchak. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

Sponsored by: County Administration and Public Safety & Emergency Services Committees

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, on January 1996 New York State adopted the Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) commonly known as Meghan's Law, and

WHEREAS, SORA was enacted to protect the citizens of New York State from dangerous sex offenders by requiring sex offenders to register as sex offenders in the area where they reside, and

WHEREAS, SORA has designated sex offenders in three classifications:

- Level One – least likely to re-offend
- Level Two – medium chance of re-offending
- Level Three – high chance of re-offending

and

WHEREAS, the 20 year registration has expired, allowing hundreds of Level 1 sex offenders to be released and free to move and roam anywhere they want to go without a way of monitoring their movements, and

WHEREAS, there are 279 Level 1 sex offenders in Broome County, and

WHEREAS, members of Broome County Legislature deem this a very dangerous practice for the residents of New York State to release Level 1 sex offenders from the registration act, and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation currently under consideration in the New York State Legislature with regard to sex offender registration:

- Assembly Bill A.9532, which requires level one sex offenders to register for life, with a right to petition for relief after 30 years; and
- Senate Bill S.6066 and companion Assembly Bill A.8503, would which extend the requirement of level one sex offenders to register as a sex offender from twenty years to thirty years and would also allow local governments to place reasonable restrictions on where a sex offender is permitted to live;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this County Legislature commends the New York State Senate and Assembly for the introduction of A. 9532 and S.6066/A.8503, and urges the New York State Legislature to pass said legislation, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward a certified copy of the resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, Senator Frederick J. Akshar II, Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend, Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo, and the New York State Association of Counties.