

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 14, 2019

The County Administration Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Thursday, November 14, 2019 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: C. O'Brien (Chair), S. Flagg, S. Baker (Voting Representative for J. Shaw), K. Wildoner, M. Kaminsky

Members Absent: None

Others Present: C. Cramer, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, G. Bucciarelli, OMB; J. Dutcher, Info. Tech.; R. LaClair, WPRNC; T. Dellapenna, Risk & Insurance; D. Harder, Sheriff, K. White, DSS; R. Behnke, County Atty; S. Pufky, M. Decker, RPTS; R. Kaufman; Health Dept.; E. McCurdy, Intern; M. Whalen, K. Myers, M. Pasquale, D. Reynolds, A. Martin, J. Bertoni, C. Hall, Legislature

The committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Baker moved the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it.

#1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER FOR A SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2019-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE FOR A SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH POINTCLICKCARE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE WILLOW POINT REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER FOR 2020-2021

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 10 OF 2019, ENACTING THE "EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS PROTECTION ACT OF 2019"

Mr. Whalen questioned the use of the word "annoying". Mr. Behnke stated that it is not an improper use of the word and it is used in State Law to define harassment. Mrs. Kaminsky thought this was already a law. Mr. Behnke stated this enhances the penalty of harassment under penal law. Responding to a question from Mrs. Myers, Mr. Baker stated that its important to adopt this law because it has been shown that there is an increase of incidents of harassment against first responders. Mr. Reynolds stated that this is consistent with State law and it is another tool that can be used to deter persons from interfering with the duties of first responders and covers first responders that are not part of a governmental unit. It is not intended to interfere with freedom of speech.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#48 RESOLUTION URGING THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL S.335 (AKSHAR) AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.5065 (ABBATE) A/K/A THE "COMMUNITY HEROES PROTECTION ACT"

Mrs. Kaminsky sighted the definition of a hate crime and doesn't understand how this fits. Mr. Reynolds stated that the Legislature passed a similar Resolution in 2017 and it seeks to change the NY State law to accommodate these individuals from being targeted because they are wearing uniforms. Mrs. Myers questioned the intent of the bill and it was suggested that she check with Senator Akshar or Assemblywoman Lupardo.

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

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Kaminsky. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.