

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, EFFICIENCY & SAVINGS**

Monday, May 3, 2010, 1:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

GOES Committee Members Present: Hon. Michael B. Kaplowitz, Chair; Legislators Bill Burton, Judy Myers, John Nonna.

In Attendance: BOL: T. Bernard, M. Montalto; CEO: G. Oros, K. Delgado.

With a quorum present, the GOES Committee was called to order at 1:15 pm.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Myers, the following minutes were approved 4-0: 1/26/10, 4/5/10. 4/13/10.

ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION:

• **APPROVAL OF 'PART B' OF THE NYS JOINT LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

The Committee members continued their review of the submissions for the State Package from both the Legislature and the County Executive's (CE) Office. The Committee decided on the final four items that would make up Package 'B' – the third and final piece of the Westchester County 2010 Joint State Legislative Package.

On the motion of Legislator Burton and seconded by Legislator Myers, the following four pieces were approved 4-0, and agreed to by CE Chief of Staff George Oros to be Part 'B' of the State Package:

- *Information Technology Procurement Savings Act of 2009, which would provide local governments and school districts more contract flexibility;*
- *To allow not-for-profits that provide services to a county to make purchases, or contract for services, through that county in the same manner as other political subdivisions can;*
- *Direct the PSC to allow residential ratepayers the option of obtaining a "smart meter" through a PILOT in Westchester County;*
- *Require boat safety certification for the operation of motor and sail boats.*

• **BRIEF REVIEW OF 'BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE' RESOLUTION**

Chair Kaplowitz noted that this Resolution was forwarded to everyone via email for their review prior to today's meeting. The Committee members reviewed it and were conceptually in agreement with it. Chair Kaplowitz pointed out that, at the Committee's suggestion, the County Attorney's Office modeled the Resolution after the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC), which reports to the Committee on Budget & Appropriations. Chair Kaplowitz asked Committee staff to forward this draft Resolution to Bill Kaye (CBAC Co-Chair), as there may be some value in the two advisory committees overlapping at some point and time. The Committee members agreed.

Chair Kaplowitz suggested that we set up a joint meeting with the Legislation Committee, chaired by Legislator John Nonna, on Tuesday, May 18th to finalize any details and sign out the Resolution – formally creating the Business Advisory Committee – and then could plan on how to solicit participation and from whom, etc. Legislator Nonna agreed. Lastly, Chair Kaplowitz thanked Board Chairman Ken Jenkins for his creativity and leadership on this initiative.

- **DISCUSSION OF GUESTS TO BE INVITED TO NEXT WEEK'S MEETING (*Proposed Consolidation of the Departments of Health and Mental Health*)**

Chair Kaplowitz requested that at the May 18th meeting, the GOES Committee also meet jointly with the Community Services Committee, which is chaired by Legislator Alfreda Williams, on the topic of Consolidating the Departments of Health and Mental Health. Although Legislator A. Williams was not present at this time, the Community Services Committee Coordinator, Melanie Montalto, stated that although she would have to confirm with Ms. Williams, she did not see a problem and all three committees could meet jointly on Tuesday, May 18th, at 3:00 pm (Community Services regular time slot).

Chair Kaplowitz asked the Administration to please have the two Departments' Commissioners present, as well as any other relative personnel. He also asked that those Commissioners, as well as Legislator Judy Myers (a member of the Board of Health), reach out to the members of the Board of Health and extend an invitation to the meeting. Committee Staff will invite the County Attorney.

There was no further business before the Committee.

On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Burton, the GOES Committee adjourned at 3:35 pm.