
**BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008**

The Legislature convened at 5:30 p.m. with a call to order by the Chair, Mark R. Whalen. The Clerk, Eric S. Denk, read the fire exit announcement and called the Attendance Roll, Present-17, Absent-2 (Sanfilippo, Shafer).

The Chair, Mr. Whalen, led the members of the Legislature in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a prayer offered by Legislator Buchta.

RESOLUTIONS HELD OVER FROM PREVIOUS SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 333

(Automatic Holdover)

By County Administration and Personnel Committees

Seconded by Mr. Mather:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 7 OF 2008, ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS TO FIFTEEN"

Mr. Hull made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keibel to amend the resolution to delete all language and replace with language as follows:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY CONSOLIDATION OF THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Broome County Legislature has determined that a commission should be formed to comprehensively review the duties, function, and organization of the Broome County Legislature including, but not limited to, a comparative analysis with other counties in the State of New York including the number of Legislators, their compensation, length of terms, scope of responsibility, and considerations of the costs associated with seeking office, and

WHEREAS, the Broome County Legislature has determined that said analysis should be completed and presented to the Legislature no later than July 31st of 2009 in order to allow ample time to create the ballot referendum for the 2009 election, and

RESOLVED, that the Broome County Legislature hereby establishes a commission to comprehensively review the duties, function, and organization of the Broome County Legislature including, but not limited to, a comparative analysis with other counties in the State of New York including the number of Legislators, their compensation, length of terms, scope of responsibility, and considerations of the costs associated with seeking office, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said analysis shall be completed and presented to the Legislature no later than July 31st of 2009 in order to allow ample time to create the ballot referendum for the 2009 election, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately

Amendment failed. Ayes-6, Nays-11 (Materese, Schofield, Hutchings, LaBare, Black, Cleary, Garnar, Kuzel, Reynolds, Buchta, Whalen), Absent-2 (Sanfilippo, Shafer). **Resolution carried.** Ayes-13, Nays-4 (Keibel, Hull, Herz, Mather), Absent-2 (Sanfilippo, Shafer).

RESOLUTION NO. 391

(Heldover by Mr. Hull)

By Public Works and Finance Committees

Seconded by Mr. Howard

RESOLUTION DECLARING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT CR 352 COLESVILLE ROAD OVER OUAQUAGA CREEK BIN 3349200, TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT OF THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAW AND AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF NECESSARY REAL PROPERTY BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION

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