

Law & Major Contracts

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Damon Maher

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Monday, March 13, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510

With a quorum present, Chair Maher called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Erika Pierce and Jewel Williams Johnson; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, and Shatika Parker; Melanie Montalto, and Marcello Figueroa; Law Dept.: John Nonna and Justin Adin

Present: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2023-76 **ACT - Amend Outside Counsel Agreement with the Wicks Group**

Guest: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna

Mr. Nonna said that since the Wicks Group had been the County's aviation counsel for five years, he proposed to extend the agreement for only six months, and then do an RFP at the end of the year to see who else is out there that might possibly provide better service.

Legislator Gashi agreed that this was a good idea.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Chair Maher, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

2023-80 **ACT - Enter into Agreement re: Migi Asset Acquisitions**

Guest: Law Dept.: Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin

Mr. Nonna and Mr. Adin discussed the item. Legislator Barr mentioned that in a previous

matter involving hiring outside counsel for a matter involving bankruptcy court, Mr. Nonna had said he wanted to have the attorneys in the Law Department develop more of an expertise in bankruptcy. She asked if any progress had been made to that end. Mr. Nonna said they had been handling too many other matters to find time to develop separate expertise.

Legislator Barr asked how we can put something into place to ensure that we do not enter into deals with Migi in the future. Mr. Nonna that since this is from the prior administration, we don't know what due diligence the Planning Department did on Migi. He noted that the Planning Department should keep a list of defaults. Mr. Adin said that on a bid, a bidder would have to disclose if they had previously done business with the County, but he is not sure if that applies to a proposal. Mr. Nonna and Mr. Adin suggested that the committees should invite the Planning Department to discuss what systems they have in place, and also have the Law Department attend.

Mr. Nonna noted that they are trying to move the responsible bidder law along. It is in currently with the County's Director of Operations, and she wants to discuss it with the construction industry to see if legitimate contractors are comfortable with it.

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Smith, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT