



Intergovernmental Services

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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Monday, April 5, 2021

4:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation

With a quorum present, Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Present: Legislator Clements and Legislator Covill

Remote: Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Parker

MINUTES APPROVAL

March 24, 2021 at 4:00PM

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Parker, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

March 31, 2021 at 1:00PM

On motion of Legislator Borgia, seconded by Legislator Covill, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2021-216](#) 2021 Priorities for Federal Legislation and FY 22 Appropriations

Forwarded from the County Executive, his 2021 Priorities for Federal Legislation and FY22 Appropriations.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Ellen Hendrickx, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Kyle McIntyre,

Assistant to the County Executive, discussed the various updates to the County's 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities and Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations. Ms. Hendrickx began by discussing the statistical changes to the section for the SALT deduction. The next change at Legislator Shimsky's request added broadband to the definition of the Federal Infrastructure Proposal. This was followed by a discussion on the section pertaining to the Airport PFAs/PFO remediation, and an addition indicating Westchester joining over 100 plaintiffs in Federal Court to bring suit against various public and private parties involved with the foams manufacturing and use. Changes to the Indian Point Energy section were discussed next, followed by the inclusion of net neutrality in the broadband section. An addition to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Services section included support for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. The final edit pertained to ongoing opioid lawsuits with pharmaceutical companies and the financial burden on the County of combatting this epidemic, to which Chairwoman Covill requested the Department of Health and Department of Community Mental Health be included as well.

Chairwoman Covill returned to the previous section for the Lake Isle Dam Repair to address a typo in the last sentence, before going back to the section on the SALT Deduction and requesting the addition of language be added "we support exploration of different fair and equitable revenue raising suggestions in order to ensure that lifting the SALT repeal remains revenue neutral". Chairwoman Covill said the item would not be voted out today as there was one more item that needed to be addressed. She then asked if Legislator Borgia if she was ok with the language used in the Indian Point Energy Center, to which Legislator Borgia stated that she wanted the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) to be struck and replaced with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Chairwoman Covill said the legislation would be voted out of committee on Monday before the Board Meeting, and Ms. Hendrickx and Mr. McIntyre said the changes would be made and returned shortly.

This COMMUNICATION was tabled

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 4:20 PM.