

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2009

A special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Broome County Legislature was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: G. LaBare Chair for M. Whalen, S. Herz, B. Klipsch, J. Marinich

Members Absent: M. Whalen

Others Present: D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; M. Klein, Personnel; J. Knebel, Finance; M. Kalka, Budget; D. Hamlin, Town of Fenton; G. Kniffen, Town of Kirkwood; D. Preston, Town of Conklin; M. Mariniaccio, Town of Dickinson; P. Andreasen, F. Majewski, Town of Vestal; M. Turna, H. Snopeck, Town of Chenango; D. Hannon, Village of Johnson City; P. Schwartz, City of Binghamton; T. Whitesell, Town of Binghamton; M. Wicks, Town of Colesville; T. Augostini, J. Bernardo, Town of Union; J. Baumgartner, Public; N. Dooling, Press & Sun-Bulletin; R. Wu, News 10 Now; J. Kane, Fox 40; N. Jenereski, WBNG TV; D. Reynolds, S. Buchta, J. Garnar, T. Cleary, D. Moran, M. Diffendorf, R. Keibel, W. Howard, S. Messina, M. Nirchi, R. Materese, C. Marion, E. Denk, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. LaBare at 5:05 pm. Mr. Herz moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Klipsch. Mr. LaBare turned the meeting over to Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds stated that the meeting was called regarding "Resolution Amending Resolution 180 of 1965, Entitled: "Resolution Imposing Taxes on Sales and Use of Tangible Personal Property and Certain Services, Occupancy of Hotel Rooms, Admission Charges and Club Dues, Pursuant to Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York", as Last Amended by Resolution 210 of 2006, In Relation to the Allocation of Sales Tax Receipts."

Mr. Reynolds gave some history of the resolution saying that it was initiated by the County Executive's Office and came to the Legislature as a late resolution for the regular October session. It passed at a special Finance committee meeting on October 22, 2009 and was held over at the October Legislative Session to the budget session on November 9, 2009 where it was tabled to the next regular session. There was a special Finance meeting held on October 29, 2009 for discussion with representatives from municipalities and it was decided that another meeting was necessary. Mr. Reynolds stated that he was quite sure the resolution as presented, or some version of it, would pass at the regular November meeting.

A listing of 17 of Broome County's mandated services and the cost of 8 of the programs showing a local increase of \$7,578,475 from 2008 to 2009 est. along with 36 non-mandated services was provided to everyone.

Mr. Reynolds stated they are open to ideas and alternative solutions and currently are looking different options. A sales tax analysis was provided showing the breakdown municipalities would receive under the 50/50 allocation, the 55/45 allocation and the cap for 2010, 2011 and 2012 using projected sales tax receipts.

Some Town and Village representatives voiced concern over the way the proposed resolution was brought forth and they didn't understand the concept of the cap at the first meeting. Many of the Town and Village representatives stated that they are not in favor of any reallocation but understand the position the County is in and would prefer the cap over the other options presented. Many municipal officials stated they have already passed their 2010 budgets. Many municipal officials also stated that they would be willing to work with the County on how to proceed in the future.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.