

Summary of Minutes

AGENDA/CHARTER COMMITTEE

April 23, 2012

5:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Boyce called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karla Boyce (Chair), Jeff McCann (Vice Chair), John Howland, Vincent J. Esposito, Cynthia Kaleh (RMM), Jeffrey R. Adair (Ex-Officio)

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Richard Yolevich, Joshua Bauroth, Michael Rockow and Tony Micciche

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Jerry J. Helfer (Asst. Co. Exec.), Scott Adair (CFO), Brett Granville (Dep. Co. Atty.)

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of March 26, 2012 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

12-0140 - A Local Law to Prohibit Cyber Bullying in Monroe County – County Executive Maggie Brooks, Legislator Carmen Gumina and Legislator Mike Barker

MOVED by Legislator Howland SECONDED by Legislator McCann.

ADOPTED: 5-0

12-0141 - The Monroe County Sensible Opportunity for Legislative Equality (SOLE) Act – Legislator Joshua Bauroth

MOVED by Legislator Kaleh, SECONDED by Legislator Esposito.

Legislator Kaleh MOVED and Legislator Esposito SECONDED a Motion to Table.

FAILED: 2-3 (*Legislators Esposito and Kaleh voted in the Positive*)

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(President Adair Voted on the following Items)

President Adair MOVED and Legislator Howland SECONDED a Motion to Lift File Number 12-0052 from the Table.

ADOPTED: 6-0

President Adair MOVED and Legislator McCann SECONDED an Amendment to File Number 12-0052 which replaces the referral to read as follows:

2012 WORK PROGRAM FOR THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE

OBJECTIVES OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

In response to the tough economic times which face the residents and taxpayers in the State of New York, we, the Monroe County Legislature, intend to utilize policies which create jobs, reduce spending, maintain or reduce property taxes, promote ethical leadership, steward public infrastructure and enhance public safety by enacting the following work plan.

Jobs

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to work to create an environment in which private enterprise can grow and be able to flourish. Through careful oversight and strategic utilization of economic incentives, including, but not limited to, PILOT agreements, and facility bonding, we will strive to provide businesses with the ability to create jobs locally while remaining competitive with businesses in other states and countries.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly economic expansion and growth, and increase opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic, and financial flexibility for the County**
- **Encourage bi-partisan cooperation to facilitate positive relationships with community stakeholders in order to fuel economic development**

Spending Reductions

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to reduce and eliminate unfunded state and federal mandated spending. If programs are deemed by the state or federal government to be essential, then they should be fully funded by the state or federal government. In support of this objective, the Legislature will work with the County Executive to lobby both the State and Federal governments for mandate relief.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Oppose unfunded mandates, including County control of the relevant programs and program expenditures and oppose any re-alignment initiatives which fail to fully fund services shifted to the County**
- **Encourage the use of intermunicipal agreements which save expenditures by both county and other municipal partners**

Property Tax Stability

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to provide basic government services in a way which does not increase the property tax burden on taxpayers. Monroe County must continue to find innovative ways to pay for required programs without imposing additional property taxes on its residents.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Encourage and seek legislation that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County while balancing the economic realities facing taxpayers in our community**

- **Evaluate current and future state budgets for impacts on the County's provision of required services and revenue streams attached to such mandates**

Ethical Leadership

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to promote an environment free of unethical and wasteful government behavior. By leading from example, the Legislature must set a high standard for ethical conduct and personal integrity. Only by this example, are we able to govern effectively.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Promote policies which encourage personal responsibility in and out of the workplace**
- **Encourage usage of the Monroe County Whistleblower Hotline by employees or members of the public who witness or have information regarding unethical, illegal, or unacceptable behavior by Monroe County employees**

Infrastructure

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to oversee county projects and improvements to our infrastructure in a diligent manner considering the costs to taxpayers, the environment, and neighbors.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Ensure projects are being done in cost effective manner while focusing on projects in areas of need for roads, bridges, and other infrastructure necessities**
- **Consider the environmental impacts of county policies, practices, and infrastructure projects**

Public Safety

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to ensure effective and efficient public safety is provided. Through responsible oversight, the Legislature, working collaboratively with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Monroe County District Attorney, the Monroe County Public Defender, the Monroe County Department of Public Safety, the Monroe County Office of Probation – Community Corrections and other community resource groups, will continue to increase the level of expertise and strategic investment of resources to adequately provide public safety services to our community.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Develop policies which will analyze and seek to reduce the recidivism rate amongst the Monroe County inmate population**
- **Encourage use of technology to streamline the provision of public safety equipment and services**

Human Services

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to thoroughly and effectively review the programs of the Monroe County Department of Human Services in order to assess their efficacy.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Request periodic reporting about programs run by or through the Monroe County Department of Human Services**

- **Discuss and suggest ways to more effectively and cost efficiently provide human services to specific populations in our community including, but not limited to, the elderly, children, and youth**

Monroe County Visibility

It shall be the general objective of the Monroe County Legislature to advocate for this community by highlighting cultural treasures and our economic infrastructure and by continuing to promote diversity in the community and in local government.

To support this objective the Legislature will:

- **Provide community educational updates regarding Monroe County Government and the role it plays in community life**
- **Promote Monroe County through tourism and business advocacy organizations**

ADOPTED: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other matters, Chairwoman Boyce adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

The next Agenda/Charter Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 21, 2012** at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey K. DiCaro
Deputy Clerk of the Legislature