



**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**June 2, 2016 – 10:30 AM**

**Committee Members: Catherine Owens (Chair), Nadia Rajsz (Vice Chair), Scott Samuelson, Alan Sorensen, Mark McCarthy**

**AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS: None**

**PRESENTATION:**

- 1. Sullivan County Community College Budget**

**REPORTS:**

1. Purchasing & Central Services - Monthly Report
2. Board of Elections - Monthly Report
3. Cornell Cooperative/Consumer Affairs - Monthly Report
4. County Clerk
5. Sullivan County Community College

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. Urging the State to Enact Mandate Relief Measures that will reduce Property Taxes and costs for Counties and Local Governments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**COMBINED: LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM,  
CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS  
AND RESOLUTION COVER MEMO**

**To:** Sullivan County Legislature

**Fr:** Joshua Potosek, County Manager

**Re:** Request for Consideration of a Resolution: Urging the State

**Date:** June 02, 2016

**Purpose of Resolution:** [Provide a detailed statement of what the Resolution will accomplish, as well as a justification for approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.]

Resolution urging the State to enact Mandate Relief Measures that will reduce  
Property Taxes and costs for Counties and Local Governments

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**Is subject of Resolution mandated? Explain:**

No

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**Does Resolution require expenditure of funds? Yes \_\_\_ No**

**If "Yes", provide the following information:**

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are funds already budgeted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "Yes" specify appropriation code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If "No", specify proposed source of funds: \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source:**

County	\$ _____	Grant(s)	\$ _____
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State	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
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Federal Government	\$ _____	(Specify)	_____
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**Verified by Budget Office:** 

**Does Resolution request Authority to Enter into a Contract? Yes \_\_\_ No**

**If "Yes", provide information requested on Pages 2 and 3.**

Request for Authority to Enter into Contract with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Other Party to Contract: .

Other:

Duration of Contract: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a renewal of a prior Contract? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "Yes" provide the following information:

Dates of prior contract(s): From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Amount authorized by prior contract(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Resolutions authorizing prior contracts (Resolution #s): \_\_\_\_\_

Future Renewal Options if any:

\_\_\_\_\_

Is Subject of Contract – i.e. – the goods and/or services Mandated? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "Yes" cite the mandate's source; describe how this contract satisfies the requirements:

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If "No" provide other justification for County to enter into this Contract: [County does not have resources in-house, best source of the subject materials, required by grant, etc.]:

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Total Contract Cost for [year or contract period]: (If specific sum is not known state maximum potential cost): \_\_\_\_\_

Efforts made to find Less Costly alternative:

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Efforts made to share costs with another agency or governmental entity:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures (Bid, Request for Proposal, Quote, etc.)

Not Applicable

Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Legislative Approvals:**

- A. Director of Purchasing: *Cathy Jones* Date 5/26/16
- B. Management and Budget: *Jay M* Date \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Law Department: *[Signature]* Date 5/26/16
- D. County Manager: *[Signature]* Date 5/26/16
- E. Other as Required: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vetted in Government Services Committee on 06/02/2016

**RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
COMMITTEE URGING THE STATE TO ENACT MANDATE RELIEF  
MEASURES THAT WILL REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES AND COSTS FOR  
COUNTIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, counties have long had a central role in the administration and financing of a wide variety of state programs; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities in New York State face significant fiscal challenges that are amplified by a slow economic recovery and a state imposed restriction on local revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, in most instances the county fiscal challenges are directly tied to state imposed mandates and reduced state reimbursement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the state capped the growth in the local share of Medicaid, so that local taxpayers will not pay more than \$7.5 billion per year to fund the state's growing Medicaid program; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the state enacted pension reforms that will reduce out year pension expenses of new public employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the hard cap on county Medicaid costs and pension reforms have been very helpful for local governments operations but more reform needs to be done to enable local governments to provide local services, pay for state mandates and stay under the state imposed property tax cap.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Sullivan County Legislature strongly encourages the Governor and State Legislature to work to address the underlying causes to county property taxes and the fiscal stress facing many localities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Clerk to the Sullivan County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature, NYSAC and all others deemed necessary and proper.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

