

Legislative and Research Committee Minutes
April 14, 2009 4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Raymond, Southworth, Veitch, and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services.

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Veitch gave a brief update on the VLT activity as follows:

As part of the franchise agreement with the NY Racing Association, part of the agreement was to have better video lottery terminals at Aqueduct Racetrack. After the appointment of Delaware North as the operator of the video terminals, Delaware North changed the terms of the agreement. When that happened, the State of New York felt that they couldn't proceed with the contract, and as a consequence there currently is no operator.

The City of Saratoga Springs together with Chairman Johnson, Supervisor Veitch, and Mayor Johnson held a press conference supporting forward movement on the issue. The next step is to bring in the other eight counties mentioned in the IDA report of 2006 that dealt with the economic impact of racing.

Mr. Veitch requested the committees support of a resolution urging the State of New York to get moving on the issue and resolve it as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Veitch for committee support urging a resolution of the VLT operations at Aqueduct Racetrack. Unanimous.

Mr. Tremblay distributed handouts with regard to Commercial Driver's License requirements for the Fire Service. He requested committee support in taking this issue to the Legislative meeting in Albany and reinforcement that the Legislation needs to be passed allowing Fire Personnel to drive fire apparatus, not only to and from fire emergencies, but to and from non emergency events without a CDL license.

Mr. Rowland said the 2009 Legislative Agenda Meeting with State Legislators will take place on April 20th at 1:00 p.m. in Albany. The van will be leaving the county complex at 11:45 a.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom