

Legislative and Research Committee Minutes

January 12, 2010 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wright; Supervisors Hargrave, Lawler, Raymond, Rowland, Southworth, Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Barbara Plummer, Clerk to the Board.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Ms. Raymond the minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Wright appointed Mr. Rowland as committee Vice Chairman. Mr. Roland accepted.

Mr. Wright asked all committee members to submit their Legislative Agenda items to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Hellwig said he would compile the information and distribute it to all committee members for their review before going to Albany to meet with Legislators.

Ms. Raymond suggested contacting Mr. McDonald to secure a larger meeting room for the Legislative Meeting in March.

Mrs. Southworth said she went to the Autism Forum that Senator McDonald hosted. Discussion took place on a bill in front of the Assembly and the Senate, talking about changing it, so that private insurance companies are required by law to pay for things like Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy. These therapies are currently not being paid by private insurance companies, but are being paid for at the County level through Medicaid. Ms. Southworth said she would gather the information and distribute it to all committee members for their review. This should be one of our legislative issues when meeting with the legislature in March, as it could potentially save the county a lot of money, she said.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a resolution to authorize the Chairman to act on behalf of the Committee on matters where time is of the essence. Unanimous. (Committee Approval Only)

****The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd at 4:00p.m.****

Mr. Lawler suggested that the Sales Tax Distribution might be an item to bring to the Legislative Agenda Meeting in March.

Mr. Wright suggested including the collection of 911-surcharge money as an agenda item.

Ms. Raymond suggested having Mr. Pitcherale attend the next committee meeting to explain what information he can share with the committee with regard to the 911-surcharge money.

Ms. Raymond suggested including the issue of zip code boundaries and how they relate to the distribution of sales tax.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Rowland the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom