

Legislative and Research Committee Minutes
November 8, 2017 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Art Johnson; Supervisors Bill Peck, Dan Pemrick, Jean Raymond and Tom Richardson; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney, Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to approve a resolution urging the preservation of the Federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes. Unanimous.

Mr. Johnson said the proposed Tax Reform Bill was released by the Ways and Means Committee on Thursday. The bill includes eliminating the State and Local Tax Reduction which is critical to New York State and other states. The bill is eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes and caps the deduction for local property taxes at \$10,000. Mr. Johnson said that both republican and democrats oppose this deduction as it is primarily devastating to NY taxpayers, low and middle class taxpayers. Mr. Johnson said that NYSAC is also opposing it and are encouraging all counties to pass resolutions in opposition to the elimination. Mr. Dorsey previously distributed a draft resolution via email. Mr. Johnson said that he believes Congresswoman Stefanik, Congressmen Faso and Tonko are also opposed.

Mr. Dorsey gave a brief update regarding the Opioid litigation. Mr. Dorsey said that a retainer agreement has been executed by the County and on Monday he was emailed a 258-page draft complaint. He will review the document and hopes to file the complaint in the County Clerk's office within the next week.

Mr. Dorsey said that the Public Hearing for the Local Law regarding the Loudon Road forest parcel will be held on Wednesday 11/14. Mr. Johnson said that he has been contacted by a person regarding the Pettis Road parcel in Northumberland asking to include this parcel in the Local Law. It was decided to treat the Pettis Road parcel as a separate Local Law and will be brought up at the next Legislative & Research meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Pemrick, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board