



Sullivan County

Government Services Committee

Meeting Minutes - Final

100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Chairman Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Vice Chairman Catherine Scott
Committee Member Joseph Perrello
Committee Member Brian McPhillips
Committee Member Matt McPhillips

Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:00 AM

Government Center

Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Catherine Scott called the Government Services Committee meeting to order at 9:01am.

Roll Call

Present: Catherine Scott, Joseph Perrello, Brian McPhillips and Matt McPhillips

Absent: Nicholas Salomone Jr.

Comments:

Nadia Rajs, Luis Alvarez

Michelle Huck, Dan Hust, Russell Reeves, Allyson Smith, Melanie Hogland, Robert Freehill,, Sharon Jankiewicz, Alex Rau

Ken Walter, Star Hesse, Lise Kennedy, Jerry Stevens, Dr. David Potash, Sean Welsh, Keri Whitehead, Lou Setren, Martha Scoppa, Colleen Monaghan, Herb Clark, Ashley Leavitt, Scott Schulte, Pennie Huber, Marc Baez

Note

MOMENT OF SILENCE

At this time there was a Moment of Silence for former District 3 Legislator Michael Brooks.

Vice Chair Catherine Scott stated **we would like to ask for a Moment of Silence for former District 3 Legislator, Michael M. Brooks.**

We felt it was appropriate to ask for a Moment of Silence in this committee as he was the Chair of this committee as well as Vice Chair of the Legislature.

Mike was a very compassionate man about his family and community. Out of all the things as a legislator, we would have to say that Mike was most passionate about the Broad Band Project. Rest in peace Michael M. Brooks. You will be truly missed.

Brian McPhillips, District 3 Legislator stated putting politics aside, being a public servant is very difficult. There are sacrifices for ourselves and for our families and we put whatever we can on the line to represent our communities. That could be easily said for Mike and what he meant to District 3. He was a devout family man and community man. He was dedicated through many years of service on the school board, town council and through this seat as a legislator. In honor of Mike and what Mike represented to his district, he will yield his seat and leave it vacant for today in Mike's memory.

Chair Rajsz thanked Brian McPhillips and stated even though she and Mike were on different sides of the isle, we did agree more than not. He will be missed.

Reports:

Allyson Smith gave an update on the Purchasing & Central Services dept.

1. Purchasing & Central Services

[ID-7328](#)

Attachments: [April 2025](#)

Director Allyson Smith gave an update to her report on Purchasing and Central Services.

2. **County Clerk**

County Clerk Russell Reeves gave an update on the County Clerks Office and DMV.

3. **Board of Elections**

No one was present from the Board of Elections.

4. **SCCC**

President Dr. David Potash gave an update on the SCCC. Keri Whitehead, oversees the Financial Aid office gave an update on the financial aid office functions at the local high schools.

5. Cornell Cooperative Extension

Executive Director Colleen Monaghan gave an update on Cornell Cooperative Extension.

At this point Joseph Perrello left the meeting at 9:32am and returned at 9:35am.

Discussion:

Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Lise Kennedy made a public comment.

At this point Joseph Perrello left the meeting at 9:44am

3. Martha Scoppa made a public comment.
4. Star Hesse made a public comment.

Star Hesse public comment

[ID-7378](#)

Attachments: [Star Pub Com Gov Serv 250403](#)

Lise Kennedy public comment

[ID-7379](#)

Attachments: [Government Services Committee April 3 Lise K](#)

Ken Walter Public Comment

[ID-7380](#)

Attachments: [kenwalterapril gov svcs comment](#)

Resolutions:

Brian McPhillips moved Resolutions #1 and #2 in a block, seconded by Matt McPhillips all in favor 4-0.

1. To abolish Resolution No. 69-25 and authorize execution of the 2025 annual contract between the County of Sullivan and Cornell Cooperative Extension [ID-7345](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 4/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 1 Legislator McPhillips

Absent: Chairman Salomone and District 7 Legislator Perrello

2. To authorize a contract with Sullivan County Community College to cover the facilities costs for the use of the buildings for use by The Hudson Valley Rivermen. [ID-7353](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, that this Resolution be carried at Committee to the County Legislature meeting on 4/24/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Vice Chairman Scott, District 3 Legislator McPhillips and District 1 Legislator McPhillips

Absent: Chairman Salomone and District 7 Legislator Perrello

Adjourn

There being no further business, Brian McPhillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt McPhillips. The Government Services Committee was adjourned at 9:49am