

RESOLUTION NO. 221

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIVE-STREAM VIDEO EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED BY RESOLUTION NO. 378 FOR 2011

Introduced: 6/9/14

By Audit and Finance Committee and Mr. Domalewicz:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 378 for 2011 this Honorable Body requested that the Division of Information Services design a plan to begin live streaming of the Legislature's full meetings, and

WHEREAS, To comply with said resolution, the Division of Information Services has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program in an amount up to \$200,000 with a 10% County match regarding the purchase of live-stream video equipment, and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the grant funding will be used to purchase and install the required software and hardware components to create a live streaming interactive platform which includes a centralized network hub to manage communications and feedback from the public during meetings and to maintain the security of the system and the system will contain a main server which will store the meetings for future public access, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program in an amount up to \$200,000 with a 10% County match regarding the purchase of live-stream video equipment to comply with Resolution No. 378 for 2011, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Messrs. Clenahan and Nichols proposed the following amendment:

Add after the first Whereas clause:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 378 for 2011 clearly expressed that open government is a crucial element of honest and effective democracy and openness

strengthens democracy and promotes efficient and effective government and the Division of Information Services was requested to begin live internet streaming of the full County Legislature's meetings beginning with the first meeting in January, 2012, and

Add after the first Resolved clause:

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body fully supports the aforementioned grant application to purchase equipment, however, it is the determination of this Legislative Body that live streaming of the full Legislative meetings can be accomplished well prior to the grant award determination and therefore, the Division of Information Services is directed to implement a live internet streaming of the full County Legislature's meetings immediately, and, be it further

On roll call vote the following voted in favor of the amendment: Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Busch, Messrs. Carman, Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Crouse, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Hogan, Jacobson, Joyce, Mss. Kinsch, Lockart, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson, Stevens, Tunny and Ward – 37.

Those opposed: - 0

Abstained: Mr. Clouse

Amendment was adopted. 6/9/14

Resolution as amended was adopted by unanimous vote. 6/9/14

Mr. Clouse abstained.