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Intro. Res. No. 2060-2012
Introduced by Legislator Cilmi

Laid on Table 11/7/2012

**RESOLUTION NO. -2013, ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT
CONTRACT AGENCY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk provides many important services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the County frequently contracts with private non-profit organizations ("contract agencies") to provide these vital services; and

WHEREAS, funding to these agencies typically approximates \$100 million annually; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is limited oversight of contract agencies by the County, with no outcome-based accountability; and

WHEREAS, some administrators of contract agencies have salaries that are disproportionately high in relation to the agency's budget and, as a result, may reduce the level of services available to County residents; and

WHEREAS, duplication of administrative functions among agencies reduces funding available for service delivery; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of agencies could result in decreased administrative costs and thus provide for enhanced service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the County should examine its relationship with each contract agency to ensure the funding provided is allocated based on actual need and efficacy of service delivery rather than historical norms; and

WHEREAS, the County should also examine the scope of service provision in totality to determine whether consolidation and/or further measures of accountability are in order; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1153-2006 authorized the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature to appoint an ad hoc committee to oversee contract agencies, but that committee has lapsed; and

WHEREAS, a new, permanent committee should be formed, with a membership which includes legislative and executive representation, to examine the County's relationship with contract agencies, to improve efficiency of service delivery, provide oversight of contract agencies, and ensure the County's funds are used to maximize services provided; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that a Suffolk County Contract Agency Oversight Committee ("Committee") is hereby created to review the County's relationship with contract agencies, eliminate waste and duplicative services, and provide oversight of contract agencies; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that this Committee shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

1. the Commissioner of Social Services, or his or her designee;
2. the Commissioner of Health Services, or his or her designee;
3. the County Executive, or his or her designee;
4. the Director of County Office of Budget & Management, or his or her designee;
5. the Director of the Performance Management; or his or her designee;
6. the Director of the Legislative Office of Budget Review, or his or her designee;
7. one (1) Legislator from the Majority caucus, selected by the Majority Leader;
8. one (1) Legislator from the Minority caucus, selected by the Minority Leader;
9. the County Comptroller or his or her designee;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Committee shall be selected by a majority of the membership of said Committee; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened for the purposes of organization and the appointment of a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and a secretary; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Committee shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the Chair upon his or her initiative or upon receipt of request signed by three (3) or more members of the Committee. Written notice of the time and place of such meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the dated fixed by the notice of such special meeting; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that five (5) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Committee at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of the Committee, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Legislature; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee may delegate to any member of the Committee the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Committee is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to hold a least four (4) public hearings throughout the County of Suffolk to assemble the data and information necessary to complete this valuation, study and report required with all reasonable efforts to be made to ascertain the views, wishes and opinions of the County of Suffolk; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that said Committee shall seek advice and counsel from contract agency staff in the performance of their duties; and be it further

13th **RESOLVED**, that said Committee shall issue a written report, following a comprehensive review of the County's contract agency system; and be it further

14th **RESOLVED**, that this special Committee shall therefore annually submit a report of its findings and determinations, together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature, the County Executive, for review and appropriate action; and be it further

15th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: