



Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York

RESOLUTION NO. 282-2011

DATE: August 10, 2011

BY SUPERVISOR _____
FINANCE COMMITTEE
CHAIRWOMAN: LYNDA SCHEER

SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF PROFESSIONAL
GOVERNANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors oversees a \$150 million budget and twenty-eight major departments. The existing Federal and State mandates, ever increasing, are implemented and revised annually, and accounting procedures and reimbursement criteria are complex and vary greatly from department to department. A system of governance via a Board of Supervisors, still with its strengths, faces tremendous challenges managing present-day complexities via a primary controlling body; and

WHEREAS, In response to these challenges, and in a time of economic hardship, the County Manager Initiative Subcommittee was formed from the County Government Committee and tasked with identifying ways in which focused professional management could improve efficiency in providing County services, reduce costs and taxes, and promote the County-wide interests of its citizens.; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager Subcommittee believes establishing and filling a County Manager position is an effective way to significantly improve the day-to-day management of Columbia County government, and by doing this, to secure the efficiencies and cost savings which will benefit the residents and taxpayers of the County; and

WHEREAS, Part-time Town Supervisors, with priorities divided between their regular day jobs, Town business and their constituents' needs do not always have the time to manage the complex programs, processes and priorities facing the County. The result of this situation is decisions take too long to make, and when made, take too long to implement, potentially costing the County millions of dollars in lost opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors agrees with the concept of professional governance and management in Columbia County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Columbia County Attorney, and the County Manager Initiative Subcommittee.

Approved:

County Attorney

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