

RESOLUTION NO. 378

REQUESTING THE COUNTY DIVISION OF INFORMATION SERVICES TO DESIGN A PLAN TO BROADCAST ALL FULL MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE INTERNET

Introduced: 9/12/11

By Messrs. Clenahan, Domalewicz, Audit and Finance Committee, Messrs. Morse, Commisso, Nichols, Joyce, Cotrofeld, Dawson, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Mendick, Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Clay, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, Open government is a crucial element of honest and effective democracy and openness strengthens democracy and promotes efficient and effective government, and

WHEREAS, The right of the People to know what their government is doing is protected by the First Amendment and democracy can only function when there is transparency in government and the People have the ability to hold their elected officials accountable, and

WHEREAS, The People of Albany County have the absolute right to access the proceedings of their County Government, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature should provide the most access possible to its full meetings and should include the use of newer technology such as live streaming on the internet, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Legislature is hereby requesting that the Division of Information Services design a plan to begin live streaming (the taking of media and broadcasting it live over the Internet) of the Legislature's full meetings, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Division of Information Services is requested to complete this plan by January 1, 2012 and begin providing live internet streaming of the full County Legislature's meetings beginning with the first meeting in January, 2012, 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.

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 9/12/11

Adopted by unanimous vote. 10/11/11