
MEMORANDUM

TO: DAVID MANCHESTER, CHAIRMAN, CHEMUNG COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: BRYAN MAGGS, ATTORNEY TO THE LEGISLATURE

SUBJECT: CHARTER PRESCRIBED LEGISLATURE POWERS AND DUTIES

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2021

I have been asked to identify the provisions in the Charter that speak to the Legislature hiring consultants, performing studies, and authorizing payment for those services.

Charter Section 203 “Powers and Duties” directs that “the County Legislature shall be the governing body of the County and shall be the legislative, *appropriating*, and *policy-determining* body of the County” [emphasis added].

Additional specific powers enumerated within Section 203 include the powers to:

- (a) make appropriations;
- (f) adopt by resolution all necessary rules and regulations for its own conduct and procedure;
- (j) make such studies and investigations as it deems necessary to be in the best interest of the County and in connection therewith to obtain and employ professional and technical advice;
- (m) determine and make provision for any matter of County Government not otherwise provided for.