

## **Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** June 20, 2017 – 5:30  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Thomas J. Briggs, Tracey Bartels, Carl Belfiglio, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney, Legislative Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Chris Allen  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Herbert Litts, III; Legislator David B. Donaldson; Legislator Jennifer Schwartz Berky; Legislator Manna Jo Greene; Legislator Rodriguez (6:00 – 6:08); Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Kyle Barnett, Legislative Counsel; Chris Ragucci, Minority Counsel; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Beatrice Havranek, County Attorney; Marie Bing, County Attorney's Office; Jennifer Clark, County Attorney's Office; Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Ilona Ross

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM**
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**Motion No. 1: To postpone Resolution No. 96** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2017, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Clarify Budget Modification After Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 11, 2017 At 6:20 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution would schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:20 PM for Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017, A Local Law Amending the Ulster County Charter and Amending the Administrative Code for the County of Ulster to Clarify Budget Modification After Adoption.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed the need for an amendment to the Resolution in order to subject it to referendum. Legislative Chairman Ronk suggested making the changes proposed within the Resolution through the form of a Charter Revision Commission rather than through the proposed Resolution. Discussion pursued on how the Resolution would effect the executive branch in

emergency cases. Committee members reached agreement that the Resolution should be amended to include a clause stating that it is subject to a mandatory referendum. It was determined that the exact wording must be before the committee prior to vote.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed for 1 month

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 261** - Authorizing The County's Share Of The Reconstruction Of South Putt Corners Road, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$171,750.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$171,750.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$171,750.00 in serial bonds for the County's portion of the construction, construction supervision, and construction inspection phase of Capital Project No. 336.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 262** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum of Understanding With The State Of New York, Allowing The New York State Department of Correctional Services And Community Supervision To Use Space At Ulster County's Old Jail – Department Of Public Works, Division Of Buildings And Grounds

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for leased property known as the "Old Jail" for a term no later than June 1, 2017 through the last day of that calendar month immediately preceding the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commencement Date.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed the terms and conditions of the contract. Legislator Bartels expressed concerns over additional costs of the contract which would be incurred through requirements for cleaning, plowing, janitorial, and other provisions. Beatrice Havranek, County Attorney, explained the history of the situation leading to the contract in discussion and stated that she has attempted to work with the state to amend the contract and that the State is not interested in negotiating the terms and conditions. Beatrice Havranek was able to work with the State to adjust the janitorial services required from daily down to weekly. Additionally, Beatrice Havranek stated that some of the expenditures required within the terms and conditions of the contract are already incurred and would continue to be if the contract were rejected, such as plowing and heating. Committee members discussed the history of County paroles and stated a desire to offer parole services within Ulster County to avoid travel to outside Counties. Legislator Rodriguez questioned whether the County plans to demolish the building in contract. Discussion pursued on how demolition would be effected by the terms of the contract.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 21: To amend Resolution No. 263** - Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget For Capital Project 494 - Business Resource Center Renovations To Accommodate Family Court – Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2017 Capital Fund Budget to provide funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of performing a Project Labor Agreement Analysis.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** Legislator Rodriguez stated that he spoke with Marc Rider, Director of Purchasing, and that it was disclosed to him that the cost of the study is actually \$22,500.00, \$18,000.00 of which is for

the study and \$4,500.00 of which is for the contractor for their time and work in overseeing the study. Chairman Gerentine suggested amending the resolution to bond for the amount needed.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 263, as Amended** - Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget For Capital Project 494 - Business Resource Center Renovations To Accommodate Family Court – Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2017 Capital Fund Budget to provide funds in the amount of \$22,500.00 for the purpose of performing a Project Labor Agreement Analysis.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved as amended

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**Motion No. 7: To amend Resolution No. 264** - Authorizing The Financing Of Certain Planning Costs Relating To The Renovation Of The Business Resource Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$25,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$25,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$25,000.00 in serial bonds for the performance of a Project Labor Agreement Analysis for the renovation of the Business Resource Center.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed the requirement that Resolution 264 must match Resolution 263 due to the fact that Resolution 264

is for the issuance of a bond for the purpose of financing Resolution No. 263.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 264, as amended** - Authorizing The Financing Of Certain Planning Costs Relating To The Renovation Of The Business Resource Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$22,500.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$25,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$22,500.00 in serial bonds for the performance of a Project Labor Agreement Analysis for the renovation of the Business Resource Center.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved as amended

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 266** - Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$79,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Reconstruction Of Various Road Shoulders, Throughout And In And For Said County

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$79,000.00 in serial bonds for costs related to the increase in shoulder mileage for Capital Project No. 498.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Belfiglio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 268** - Authorizing The Frost Valley Road S-Turn Project, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,880,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$230,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay Part Of The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$230,000.00 in serial bonds for Capital Project No. 504.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and Maloney, Legislative Chairman Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** In response to the Special Joint Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee and the Legislative Programs, Education, and Community Services Committee on June 12, 2017, Chairman Gerentine shared with the board that, in addition to the \$6,400,863.00 annual contribution approved at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the County is spending \$4,198,948.00 for currently open capital projects. Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, added that the County is also currently paying for bonds for completed Community College Capital Projects from prior years. Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, expressed praise in the President of the College and in changes that the College has made over the recent past.

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Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Briggs  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 6:13 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Amber Feaster  
**Minutes Approved:** July 11, 2017