

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: December 1, 2020 – 5:15pm
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom / Dial in by phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 949 1186 3179
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman James Delaune
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Deputy Chair Thomas Corcoran, Legislators Peter Criswell, John Parete, Mary Wawro
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster
Jamie Capuano, VP for Administrative Services, SUNY Ulster
Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive
Nina Dawson, Director, Youth Bureau
Dr. Jared Buono, Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County
Lynn Archer, Legislator
Paul Ostrander [arrived @ 5:45pm]

Chairman Delaune called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

Motion No 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2020 Meeting
Motion By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell
Discussion: None
Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Motion No. 1 Moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 3, 2020

SUNY Ulster Update : Dr. Alan Roberts, President
SUNY Ulster
Refer to annexed transcript

SUNY Ulster Administrative Update: **Jamie Capuano,**
Vice President for Administrative Services,
SUNY Ulster
Refer to annexed transcript

[President Roberts and VP Capuano depart meeting / 5:36pm]

Cornell Cooperative Extension Update: **Dr. Jared Buono,**
Director,
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County
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Resolutions for December 1, 2020 Session:

Resolution No. 426 – Amending the Policy for Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature

Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Parete

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 2 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 426**

Resolution No. 439 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Resource Allocation Plan And Inter-Municipal Agreements With The Various Municipalities To Be Funded Under the Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau

Motion By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 3 **Moved to Adopt Resolution 439**

Resolution No. 440 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Additional Funding for Brighter Futures Initiative’s Part-Time Case Manager Position – Youth Bureau

Motion By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro
Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 4 **Moved to Adopt Resolution 440**

Resolution No. 455 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$106,365.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau

Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell
Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 5 **Moved to Adopt Resolution 455**

Resolution No. 456 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$79,870.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau

Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro
Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 6 Moved to Adopt Resolution 456

[Nina Dawson departs meeting / 5:54pm]

New Business

1. Creating a process for soliciting and reviewing proposals for funding Ulster County nonprofit organizations [Refer to transcript]

[Marc Rider & Lynn Archer depart meeting / 5:56pm]

Chairman Delaune asked if there was any old business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Delaune, Corcoran, Criswell, Parete, Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion approved

Motion No. 7 Moved to Adjourn

[Adjourned / 6:05pm]

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Sheehan, Assistant to VP for Academic Affairs & VP for Enrollment Management, SUNY Ulster

Transcript

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Chairman Delaune

Call the meeting to order. Let's see. Jerry if you do the attendance, please.

Jerry Sheehan

Sure.

Jerry Sheehan

Chairman Delaune.

Jerry Sheehan

Here.

Jerry Sheehan

Deputy Chair Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Here.

Jerry Sheehan

Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Here.

Jerry Sheehan

Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Jerry Sheehan

Legislator Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Here.

Legislator Parete

Mary, sorry to hear about your loss.

Chairman Delaune

Yes.

Legislator Wawro

Thank you.

Chairman Delaune

All right. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes and transcripts of the November 4, 2020 meeting?

Legislator Parete

I'll move it Mr. Chairman.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second that.

Chairman Delaune

Thank you. All in favor?

Committee Members

Ayes. (5-0)

Chairman Delaune

Great. Dr. Roberts. Jamie, do you want to give us an update?

Dr. Roberts

Yep. Welcome. And I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving [inaudible] a lot smaller and seemed to go pretty well. With an update, [inaudible] was coming in slow, like we expected not too much different than that. Counselors are working diligently remotely, which takes a little more time. It's more challenging, making appointments for students walking options, we have been very successful in developing different formats for delivery, but it probably won't seem that different to the students. But from the perspective of faculty members are getting more comfortable. We're feeling better about that. Certainly are hoping for the spring. Hopefully the last time we'll have to use a lot of this technology. But we're looking forward to spring we're just going to keep all hands-on deck and keeping our eyes closely on state support, were cut 20% on two different occasions. Which gaming? on that, which we're hoping the government comes through? Some kind of relief would be nice.

Chairman Delaune

Excuse me, Dr. Roberts. I don't know if it's just mine. But uh, you're you're breaking up a little bit.

Dr. Roberts

Let me get closer to the mic. Well, as I was saying, you know, we certainly are hoping for some relief from the state. But the one thing we certainly are very pleased are counting on, you guys have not missed a beat with us. And it's so important. To give a report to our staff. [inaudible] Challenge. County has been solid revenue support for us. Thank you. [inaudible] It means alot to us. Testing continues to be a challenge. But I won't get too involved with that. I'm going to throw it to Jamie.

Jamie Capuano

Hey, thanks, Dr. Al. So we've been obviously monitoring state aid on allocations across the board. We still don't have any updates on the remaining 20%. from the fourth quarter. We did receive our first quarterly payment, which was good news. It was reduced by 20%. But again, at least we're getting some of that cash flow kind of coming back in on the state side of the house. So we're closely tracking I'm sure the county is as well in terms of what's happening at the federal level, monitoring to see what if there's going to be a state relief package. But we're also closely monitoring our spending on a daily basis and really holding holding the budget lines as tight as we can. right now. We have deployed testing. So we've been doing pool testing, it's been a huge success for us. We've been really monitoring the students with weekend emails, and some phone calls to tell them that they didn't report for testing. So they had been really doing great. We were happy to report about 98% compliance with our 100 percent testing mandate from SUNY. So that was really good news for us. Again, I think that the tracking of the students, really making sure

that they report to the testing locations and that they're getting the tests are important. We've been negative across the board on our pool test, which is also great news. So we're happy to see that continuing to spring. Students are used to it now. So we're happy to continue. We did sign an MOA with both of with all of our unions at this point on testing. So all of the unions will participate in testing which is great and really does keep the campus safe.

Dr. Roberts

Noting as we move into the spring, now's a challenge for building the budget for the following year. So we'll start a series of budget hearings, we'll ask each budget manager to present some type of scenario and we're setting it up into three categories that will be a red, green and yellow. And that'll basically be well, if we get funding with the anticipated act. This is what our plans will do comes in state, use that a certain point, the yellow zone, and if it comes in red, hope it doesn't come in, don't get the state to be the serious one [inaudible]. That'll be our spring challenge. So, we're up for it.

Chairman Delaune

Great. Thank you. Any questions?

Legislator Criswell

I have a question.

Chairman Delaune

Sure.

Legislator Criswell

So um, I also sit on the Public Health Committee, and we had a hearty discussion last night about vaccinations. And I just wonder what your thinking is at this point about vaccinations, distribution, mandatory, not mandatory, all those questions that are swirling around.

Jamie Capuano

So I think a lot of those questions, we're going to kind a hold and see what the state does on that. If SUNY obviously comes down and mandates the mandates of vaccination, we have the kind of bandwidth to make sure that we're monitoring that. Our health services are already well versed and getting immunization records from our student populations. So we're we will be able to monitor and track that. Looking at the priority list, I don't I don't think students in the college setting are going to be very high on the priority list right now, unfortunately. And it has to be those health care workers that are getting first, first in on the vaccine. So I don't see an end of testing in, you know, on our campus, in the short duration here. I think we will continue the testing. That is just again, protecting us campus wide until we get to a point where the vaccine is readily available for everybody. And we'll be obviously close eyes to see what the state does on mandates for that.

Chairman Delaune

Thank you Jamie, appreciate that.

Jamie Capuano

Absolutely.

Chairman Delaune

All right. Any other questions?

Legislator Criswell

Yeah, I have one and that has to do with in the event that COVID comes back full, full force again. Do you see any additional layoffs?

Dr. Roberts

Yeah. You know, again, that's our code red, we look at. And again, we drove it down to the lowest level, we got the unions involved. We had them make their list of priorities and where those cuts would come from. Furloughs may be the first avenue where we ask everyone to take a number of days that were nonpaid that a couple different methods to do that. No, everyone took three day then [inaudible]. That would be the most significant look at incentives for retirement. We do that in the early rounds. The last thing we would do is layoffs.

Deputy County Exec. Rider

To just add one thing, I mean, Legislator Delaune, COVID is back in full force currently in in the county and the state. I mean, what the numbers that we are getting of new confirmed cases every day, which is typically in the 50s, and has been for the last couple of weeks, is higher than anything we saw in April at the peak. So, we're at our new peak, essentially. Not that things are closed. And we're seeing the economic impact yet. And we haven't seen the hospitalizations here quite as bad. But part of that is that they're doing better at the hospitals for treatment. And so instead of sticking someone on a ventilator for two weeks, they're doing a steroid treatment and other antivirals and other COVID treatments to try to prevent them from ever going on to a ventilator. But you know, as far as cases, we're we're back in it.

Jamie Capuano

Yes, Chairman Delaune, in terms of if we go remote and we see that, you know, a decline in the enrollment, as Dr. I said, going into budget, I think we are well positioned at this point. We have

held all vacancies and done internal postings. So, where we have vacancies, we've been able to say okay, we're going to do an internal posting. Let's fill it with an internal candidate first that has created more kind of movement within our group rather than bringing new in, which is really kind of helped our budget lines. We're also open conversations with our unions to really start to say individuals working in certain really focus areas aren't as busy as other focus areas, can we start to really think about where out of title work and how that might look for it for individuals, rather than going through their furlough retrenchment, kind of as an option to look at.

Chairman Delaune

Great thank you.

Jamie Capuano

Absolutely.

Chairman Delaune

Anyone else? No? Well, thank you both for taking the time. And we have Cornell Cooperative Extensions, Director Jared Buono out here for an update on Cornell. Jared.

Jared Buono

Hi, everybody.

Jared Buono

My name is Jared Buono. If I don't think I've met all of you. If you're not familiar with Cooperative Extension, we're your land grant resource and Ulster County. We've been here since 1913. We bring research and evidence based practices from Cornell to the communities throughout New York. Every county in New York has a cooperative extension office. And in your office, we focus on agriculture, environments, youth development were 4-H and community health programs. We have about 30 staff. And we've been busy in 2020. I think I updated this committee earlier in the year and Ways and Means just a couple months ago. Since that time, we've continued to do our online work, and several in person programs which continue to this day. Although we're keeping a close eye on just about everything, we're able to do that through having drive-thru programs, outdoor distance programs, etc. But that's probably going to wrap up soon. Our office doors right now require you to make an appointment to come in. But this year, we were able to service some of the only after school programming that occurred. For example, out in New York City watershed we've been doing a program out there. We've had over 650 participants over this year. And I can tell you that families are in absolute there, these programs are in huge demand. 4-H club program is in huge demand. We have several new clubs that opened up almost all of them are virtual now. And I think we've had about 50 families just in the last few months, because parents are looking for activities to do with their kids. And 4-H clubs are the perfect outlet. So, demand has gone up not only in youth, but a lot in agriculture. Our calls this year, all of a sudden everybody's interested

in food systems. And a lot of people want to grow their own food, which has always been something you could do in Ulster County. But now it's we're this hotspot, we're in that sweet spot between York and Albany, where people can come and buy an acre or two and actually make a go at growing some things. Plus, you know, we've got established farms that have been here forever 12 generations or more. So, continuing to service that has kept us quite busy. We fielded close to 20,000 emails this year about agriculture in Ulster County alone. And we've done over 500 field visits across all of our experts. So, a, 2020 has really changed the food system. And we're trying to keep up with all those changes. You know, retail has, has gone away for the wine and grape growers, or sorry, the wholesale, whereas retails gone through the roof. Farm stands have been super busy hiring folks, because farms are now part of people's recreation and mental health. I mean, they've always been driven through New Paltz in the fall and seeing the traffic. But now it's just it's just so much bigger. So, we're trying to keep all of that supported as we move forward.

Jared Buono

And yeah, it's been it's been an interesting year. We've had to overcome about \$100,000 shortfall. A lot of it has to do with we had a loss for program generated funds. We weren't able to do the fair, things like that. We've been able to overcome that for 2020. We're facing a similar deficit for 2021. You know, we're looking at a 20% cut in our it's called, State - County Law 224 match. That's the law which Cornell Cooperative Extension isn't trying to support a government agency. Your contribution from the legislature gets matched by the state up to about 16%. It looks like that's going to be cut at the state level. So, we're dealing with that for 2021. Luckily, Cornell, our extension administration on campus has been able to access more funds, and they're helping out all the counties, we've gotten about over between 2020 and 2021, we'll probably have gotten about \$45,000 of additional support from Cornell campus for the county operations, which is, it's been a life a lifeline to us and able to keep us going. Thus far, we've only had one layoff. And we've, you know, cut costs as much as we can, we're pretty bare bones for 2021. But we really appreciate your support. I believe Ways and Means put forward, our what we got at the 2020 level, which we really need every cent of it to keep going and to to satisfy all the demand that's out there. So just a couple things about looking forward into 2021. We're going to continue are we provide sanitizer and masks, health information for farm workers and farms, that grew up to about 3000 gallons of hand sanitizer distributed to the food system so far and Ulster County. Food systems, there's a lot of talk now everyone is interested in the food system. So, there may be some there may be some something forming that we can integrate the Food and Nutrition with the production in Ulster County. However, I think there needs to be more in terms of supporting the production side. Right now we don't really have an Ag Council for the whole county. And I know you've been talking to Legislator Delaune about how we maybe put that together. I think now is the time this winter should be the time that we start to explore that. And I'm happy to lead those efforts. I'd like to talk to Legislator Delaune and Marc at the County Exec's. office as well about maybe how we put that together and Ulster County just to bring the different agencies together because there's so much change happening.

Chairman Delaune

Sure.

Jared Buono

We'd like to facilitate and host that or support it in any way we can.

Chairman Delaune

We can do that.

Jared Buono

And we also talked about, we're putting together a panel, I don't have a date, but it'll be sometime in mid-January on changes to the food system post COVID. Cornell put out a white paper if I haven't shared it with all of you. I don't think I've shared it with this committee, but I will send it around talking about everything from the business aspects to the food security and to the food safety. That is going to change the way we do one of the largest industries in Ulster County moving forward. So I'll share that and continue to disseminate that information. Thanks again. Uh, yeah. Thanks.

Chairman Delaune

Great. Well, that's very exciting. And yeah, I'd be I'd be happy to work with you on that. Banks. Can you just give me a synthesis of that white paper?

Jared Buono Sure. It talks about how there's just been a realignment in the economy. There are specific chapters on the different industries. So, apple had its own chapter and dairy had its own chapter. The apple industry has done quite well. Vegetables in some cases have done quite well. We ran out of pumpkins in the Hudson Valley. We were importing pumpkins from New Jersey this year. But it came up into the pumpkin [inaudible] that type of specific thing for the for the different groups. But I'll send you the paper.

Chairman Delaune

You're not saying that dairy is making a comeback here are you? I'd be shocked to hear that.

Jared Buono

No. I wish. We can try.

Chairman Delaune

Great. Well, thank you, Jared. Any questions? No? Well, thanks again for being here. And I look forward to your phone call.

Jared Buono

Yep. Talk to everybody soon. Thanks, everybody.

Committee Members

Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Delaune

All right, we'll move on to resolutions.

Chairman Delaune

Resolution 426, Amending the Policy for Funding, Non County Organizations, Ulster County Legislature. Someone want to move that?

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Chairman Delaune

Okay, second.

Legislator Parete

Yup, I'll second.

Chairman Delaune

All right discussion.

Legislator Criswell

So, I'd like to talk to this.

Chairman Delaune

Please, Peter.

Legislator Criswell

So, it was clear that there was some consternation, and I'll say that last meeting when we were talking about this resolution that I think there was a feeling that it really kind of gutted this committee's oversight power. And so, what I did was I actually went back and worked with Vicky to kind of redo this resolution and kind of put language back in, I think that had been eliminated. I think that it's going to actually kind of rectify the problem, because what I did basically was just looked at what the mission of this committee was, and inserted that language rather than the language that was in there, which was just specific contracts, which I think really narrowed our ability to look at the broader scope of the arts and all the different things that are mentioned in

in our committee's purview. So, if you'd like to take a look at the rewording of that resolution, do you have that, Jim, the newest wording of that? Is that in there?

Chairman Delaune

All right. I think it comes down to five something. Paragraph five.

Legislator Criswell

Yeah, basically, what it is, as I said, it basically just takes our missions, our mission and puts it in there and says, you know, any contracts related to and lists out what our mission is as a committee. And then in the subsequent references, it does the same thing. It says, refer back to the committee mission kind of thing. So, we can actually look at the language but, but that's basically what I did. And I did that, because I heard that there was a lot of (sure Jay if you want to do that, that'd be great.) But I but I definitely heard from the committee that there was some angst about what was happening. So, I went ahead and did that.

Chairman Delaune

Oh, Legislator, Archer, would you like to comment?

Legislator Archer

I'm here. Sorry. I didn't get a chance to look at it. I was actually curious to hear. I know that some things came up when we were talking about it in Ways and Means. So, I apologize, I just haven't had a chance to take a look at it. But I will and, and provide feedback.

Legislator Criswell

Yeah, so now you can see the language is up there. And it's pretty straight forward. So, what it did is it just took out those very specific contracts, and it brought it back into the broader view of what the committee oversight is there. So, you can see that in the red. And then you can see that in the following red. It also just refers back to that paragraph saying, the oversight granted to this committee.

Legislator Archer

So in your mind, Peter, can you walk me through? How does that happen? From a process perspective? How does that change? What you know, what can we expect, like going forward and how it would be different than what it has been, just so clear?

Legislator Criswell

What I saw happening in the language was it basically limited this committee's oversight to just a very few contracts. And, to me, this committee, again, I'm a newbie, so you know, correct me if I'm wrong, but there are a lot of potential programs, a lot of potential contracts that could come under this legislative programs committee. And to me that language was not covering that. It was

very specific to six contracts or whatever those number of contracts were in there. And I just felt like that was a, it was a narrowing of what we what we are supposed to be doing as a committee.

Legislator Archer

So being specific about the types of contracts, I'm sorry, because I it [inaudible]

Legislator Criswell

The actual specific contracts that were listed in there. I think there were six different contracts listed and libraries were not listed. I just think that it took it took what this committee could do, and narrowed it to a very specific, Arts Mid-Hudson, Bardavon, Cornell Cooperative, Ulster County, you know, those six different things. It basically took anything that's outside of those contracts out of our purview. And I just thought that was a very odd choice. And so that's why I wanted to put this language back in saying, No, we have a broader purview, and it includes the arts in general, Ulster County Community College, historian, libraries, which is a large subject matter. So, so do you see what I'm trying to do is broaden it rather than...

Legislator Archer

Yep, but it but it doesn't get to, I guess the question that I was asking is, so with this change in language, how what do you see different in the process? Because last time we spoke, there was a lot of conversation about how to do outreach, you know, why is it the same programs we're seeing over and over what other kinds of things could be done? So, it's kind of like helping I mean, I actually think it'd be a great exercise for the two committees to sit down and have a conversation of, you know, what that policy really means right?

Legislator Criswell

Absolutely. And I love what you're saying. I think that for me, step two after this would be to actually work on what Legislator Parete was talking about, which was this, this matrix of, you know, what does it mean, to say arts? You know, what is what does that encompass? And who are we talking about? What does it mean to say, libraries? You know, because there you even heard at the last, I think it was the Ways and Means Committee, there was a lot of controversy about libraries, and how is that working. And so, I think that we have to do some work to further identify the scope of each committee. But to me, putting this committee language back into this resolution was step one. And step two would be what John was talking about, and what you're talking about now, and I'm all for it, I think, let's do that.

Legislator Archer

So, it's almost like if I may, Chair Delaune, just, you know, having your committee flush out in their minds what it looks like. And we could do the same in Ways and Means and then come together and kind of hash it out and what the intent was. Because I don't think that it was meant to be as an I, my word. So, you know, as confining potentially, as you as you felt that it would be.

But again, you know, until you start to go through the process, it's really hard to tell, and this was our first year. And I know even some of the organizations were a little confused and frustrated. So we want to make the process transparent for everybody make it easier. The whole point here is to address the needs of things that we feel strongly about that add and contribute to our community. Right. So, you know, so maybe down the road, we won't after you all, do your piece, we could do something similar, and then have a conversation around what is the process looks like then.

Chairman Delaune

That's great. I mean, I that I included in the, on the agenda, just that conversation. So yeah, let's do that, and then come together as two committees and figure this out. Because as John said, there's plenty of arts groups, there's plenty of deserving nonprofits, you know, throughout the community. Let's see what we can do about talking to all of them. So, I mean, and ultimately, this does go to Ways and Means. So, thank you Peter for your work. Any more discussion on this?

Legislator Criswell

You know, just have one more quick thing.

Chairman Delaune

Please.

Legislator Criswell

We might find that as we're doing this shuffle, you know, things that are currently under our purview might switch to another committee or things that are in another committee might switch to ours. I think, you know, taking a fresh look at it. You know, from the largest perspective, actually, is that what you're talking about, as well, Lynn?

Legislator Archer

I'm sorry. Can you say that? Again?

Legislator Criswell

I'm just saying that things that are currently under our, or under another committee's purview things might switch around, as we kind of look at it and say, holistically, wait a minute, this actually would make much more sense in Energy and Environment.

Legislator Archer

In health or something. Yes, absolutely. But again, it's helping to establish what's the criteria, it's not just a giveaway, but if there's an expectation on a return of what we're doing here. So, what are the things that we're seeing that are adding value into the community? Absolutely.

Legislator Criswell

Absolutely. And I think there's also an area of expertise that certain committee members have. You know, I have a big arts background. So, I think that I can bring that to this conversation. Other people have, you know, backgrounds in public health, or whatever it is. So, so I think that's also a piece of the puzzle, as we're kind of throwing things up on the wall and seeing where they end up shuffling into.

Chairman Delaune

I think this has been, you know, really productive. This will be very productive. Yeah. I like about this committee is that we all during different times, would go out and visit these recipients. And so, you know, I'd like to continue doing that. But yeah, anyway, John.

Legislator Parete

May I? Legislative Criswell has captured the two- there's two issues with this. One is our mission. And one is the process. And he's absolutely right. My concerns with our mission is the appearance of their eviscerating, the good work that we could do and very specifically, the research and development of where and how grants are or whatever word you want to use, are, are awarded. And so I think with them, Legislator, Criswell's resolution we're starting to, we're going to be recapturing our mission statement. And then from there, there's a different issue that can be addressed in a joint committee meeting or whatever, but at least we know, we have a job to do. Otherwise, we could meet with the college president anytime, and I don't have a whole lot to do there. This is very important. And I Legislator Criswell, I thank you for jumping on it. And you'll probably keep hearing me chirp a little bit about this stuff. And don't hesitate, don't ever hesitate to tell me go away or sounds wonderful, or whatever you want to say.

Legislator Criswell

Thank you, sir.

Chairman Delaune

Well, I think what we need to do is really figure out a time that we can devote, you know, some, some thought into this. And it's not going to happen at one of these meetings, because we don't have that much time. So, um...

Legislator Parete

Don't you, but wouldn't you say we have to pass this to recapture our mission? And then you can do what you have to do.

Chairman Delaune

Absolutely. So, let's do that then.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Chairman Delaune

Okay, so I'll call for a vote then. All in favor of Resolution No. 426.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Delaune

Any opposed? Passes. Thank you all.

Chairman Delaune

Resolution 439, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute a Resource Allocation Plan and Inter-Municipal Agreements with the Various Municipalities to be Funded Under the Resource Allocation Plan, Youth Bureau.

Chairman Delaune

And we have Nina Dawson is the Executive Director of the Youth Bureau here to speak to these that this and other resolutions that we have before so Nina.

Nina Dawson

Hi, good evening, everyone. I'm really quick because I know we are all in time constraints at all time ever since COVID. So basically, the resource allocation plan is a requirement by the state to be reviewed, and hopefully passed by the legislature to allow us to process these programs to continue to process programs. This is something we do every year. So, don't just put it in a nutshell. Unless anybody needs anything else?

Deputy County Exec. Rider

One thing I'll add is that I think we realized today that the inner municipal agreements, there were a few towns that still did these summer programs, and Nina has those contracts working through contract management. This resolution approves those. And so, we need to follow up with you on those draft contracts. They weren't in the backup. But we do intend on doing some of the contracts with the town's, but we did need to get this land approved, which was really given short time by OCFS. They did not provide us a lot of turnaround in the allocation plan, as far as sending us what we're going to be allocated, and then requiring it to be turned around approved.

Committee Members

Right, right.

Chairman Delaune

Great, so any questions?

Legislator Parete

I'll move it.

Chairman Delaune

Okay. Second.

Legislator Corcoran

Second.

Chairman Delaune

All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Nina Dawson

What's that resolution number?

Chairman Delaune

That is 439.

Nina Dawson

Got it.

Chairman Delaune

Resolution 440 - Amending the 2021 Ulster County Budget to Reflect Additional Funding for Brighter Futures Initiative, Part Time Manager Position, Youth Bureau. Nina

Nina Dawson

Yes, this position is as a result of growth in the brighter futures initiative. So originally, we started out with 10 youth in Ellenville 10 in Kingston, and now we've actually grown 20 - 20 in each location. And it really requires a full-time person but we are we found a beautiful fit, a part time position which will really be reimbursed on the two brighter futures but we need to increase our line [inaudible].

Chairman Delaune

Okay. And this additional funding is in the amount of?

Jared Buono

It's equivalent to half of the full-time salary, which is 30? Oh gosh. I don't have it in front of me, but I can get it for you. It's half of our full-time person's salary. It's going to be the same exact rate of pay.

Legislator Corcoran

\$24,484.00 sound right?

Deputy County Exec. Rider

Yeah, it's in the resolution. I was just gonna...Yeah.

Nina Dawson

Yeah. Thank you.

Chairman Delaune

Any questions?

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Legislator Criswell

I just wanted to comment that Leah's resume is amazing.

Nina Dawson

She is amazing. You're gonna see that.

Legislator Criswell

When you look through is just like, really great programs, really diverse ways of reaching out and very cool.

Nina Dawson

She's amazing. You can take her and put her in front of a kid that's really deep and dark. And she can actually get through to that kid. She's amazing. Great fit.

Chairman Delaune

Terrific. Alright, I've got a motion do I have a second.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Chairman Delaune

All right. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Delaune

Any opposed? And that passes.

Chairman Delaune

Resolution No. 455 - Approving the Execution of a Contract for \$106,365. Entered Into By The County Family of Woodstock Inc. Youth Bureau. Nina.

Nina Dawson

Yes, this, um, I actually sent submitted you guys something very, very late today, as a matter of fact, giving the clarification of what the difference between RHY which is runaway homeless youth, and YDP, which is youth development funding. So, family of Woodstock would fall under Runaway and Homeless Youths, along with transitional living. So, it's a two family of Woodstock programs that fall under our RHY. And it's required by upstate that every county have Runaway and Homeless Youth. So, and family, Woodstock does a great job. This year, unfortunately, state is going to reimburse at a much lower rate. But each year, we have to actually bring that before the legislature to have you approve it.

Chairman Delaune

Any questions? All right. Someone want to move this?

Legislator Corcoran

I'll move it.

Chairman Delaune

Second?

Legislator Criswell

Second.

Chairman Delaune

All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Delaune

Any opposed? Okay. Thank you, Nina.

Nina Dawson

Thank you.

Chairman Delaune

Resolution 456 - Approving The Execution Of The Contract for \$79,870. Entered Into By The County, Family of Woodstock. Nina.

Nina Dawson

This is just a continuation of what I just said. So one is RHY Runaway and Homeless Youth and the others YDP. That's what this one is. So.

Chairman Delaune

Any questions? I have someone move this.

Legislator Criswell

I'll move it.

Chairman Delaune

Second.

Legislator Parete

Second.

Chairman Delaune

Thank you. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Delaune

Any opposed? That carries? Thank you, Nina for taking the time to spend with us.

Nina Dawson

Thank you. Thanks, everyone. Stay healthy.

Chairman Delaune

Thanks. So, under new business, we have creating a process for soliciting and reviewing proposals for funding Ulster County nonprofit organizations. So we got a little bit into it a couple of minutes ago, but what do you folks suggest as a beginning this process?

Legislator Parete

Um, first, I guess the resolution has to get through the the full legislature before we [inaudible] back again. I couldn't be prepared with the litany of things but I'm not going to do that now. You know, I'll listen to everybody, but we're not there yet.

Chairman Delaune

Oh, that's true. And that's a good point.

Legislator Criswell

Can ask a question?

Chairman Delaune

Sure.

Legislator Criswell

Do you think this is going to get pushback from Ways and Means or from other legislators?

Chairman Delaune

Well, we have the Chair of Ways and Means here. I don't believe it will. Lynn you have a thought on this.

Legislator Archer

I am one vote. So, the way I would put it is I think you all coming to coming forward with a plan and you know how you're going to measure success and all that could be valuable. Um, where it's going to fall out. I can't even - I just looked at it myself. And, and in fact, I feel I'm going to leave your conversation now because I really believe this is a meaningful conversation for your group. And I'm happy to follow up with anything afterwards but you know I just wanted to hear what you know where you all are headed. And I'm, I'm appreciating where you're coming from. And I think you know, there's a couple of steps that have to happen. So, I'm going to leave the meeting and allow you guys to have your conversation.

Chairman Delaune

Well, thank you. Okay,

Legislator Archer

Thanks.

Deputy County Exec. Rider

Lynn gets to go so I'm gonna go to so. Take care everybody.

Legislator Criswell

Thanks Marc.

Legislator Criswell

So, that just gave me a thought. I think that was actually Lynn saying, you know, this would be a helpful thing. Maybe if we could craft a very simple little game plan of, you know, when this passes, here's what our next steps will be. I don't think we have to have the whole thing laid out. But just, we will, you know, dig deep into our mission, try and do a larger survey of what that mission covers. I'm just riffing right now. But yeah, I think if we could put together even just a paragraph that then we can share with other legislators, if there's concern. Because I agree with her. I think, you know, we have to, we have to have backup, you know, it can't just be this, you know, this big statement without saying, you know, we're actually going to look at this. And we're going to see, what does this mean, actually, what, here's what this committee wants to be holding? And here's why, you know, here's the way that we're going to be examining it, or something along those lines, you know.

Chairman Delaune

So, Peter, if you would, you know, let's work on this and circulate it and see what folks have to think. And, John, you can then chime in.

Legislator Parete

I just have an interesting comment. You know, Lynn, comments about us bringing forth our ideas, is exactly what that committee that she chairs should have been doing. The things that we're concerned about, or think we're concerned about. We don't have jurisdiction over it anymore. I have no problem discussing with you fine folks, some of the things that I think really needs to improve. And I'm not talking about who gets funding. I'm talking about the process. That the process and the fairness of it, and the do the due diligence, that is required in this public business. So, I mean, I I got a very bad shoulder. So, I can't pat myself on the back. But sometime in April, or May, I sent an email to the Ways and Means Committee saying, where's your matrix for doing this stuff? Where are we going? Didn't hear a thing until they took it away from us. So, if you want it, I'm sure. You know, you and Legislator, Criswell, and everybody can, can send it and I'm sorry for my raspy voice, I hope it's not my death rattles here you know. But I'm um we don't have to have a whole matrix done. But it's kind of ironic what they should be doing in recognizing that the concerns. Now we should be do - we have to do to justify recapturing our mission!

Chairman Delaune

Well, I guess that's the reality of the situation as it stands right now. And there is work that has to be done to satisfy you know, some of your concerns. And I think it's worth going through this effort. And I'd certainly like to hear from you. And I think your input would be important. And so, we're going to loop you into this, John. Okay.

Legislator Parete

Whatever you say, boss.

Chairman Delaune

Well, that's great. Thank you.

Legislator Parete

I don't mean to say that I'm an outsider. I. I've been thinking about this a long, long time. And it's the right thing to do.

Chairman Delaune

Yeah, it is.

Legislator Parete

It's the right committee to do it.

Legislator Criswell

I just have one other.

Chairman Delaune

Mary, you have any thoughts? I'm sorry, Peter.

Legislator Criswell

No, go ahead please, please.

Legislator Wawro

I'm sorry. I'm just jotting down some lists and stuff that we can, you know, that I'll share with everybody after...

Chairman Delaune

Well, you know, it's come up before and I think it is a valid issue. And that is that if groups start thinking of this as a grant opportunity throughout the county, then we could just be inundated with applications. So, I think it's important to really figure out what it is we're looking for. And you know how we do those solicitations. Because it could become a nightmare. Yeah.

Legislator Parete

You know, the controller, Miss Gallagher, probably sent out to all you folks, some thoughts that she had, and a procedural copy of something that they do in Dutchess County, where she previously headed, I think, some not for profits. Very interesting. There's other ones, like consolidated funding application that they use in some areas and an estate, to at least, yes, follow procedures, you know, follow the accounting principles, and make sure people are aware, and then make some decisions. But I don't think it's that difficult to be honest with you Mr. Chairman to...

Chairman Delaune

I guess one of the things I've been thinking about it a little bit, and, and one of the things that came to mind is that it would be nice going into this exercise, how much money would be allotted?

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Chairman Delaune

You know, and does that come from Ways and Means, you know, where does that come from? Because that's certainly going to impact the process.

Legislator Parete

Sure. And that's one of the thoughts that there's a pile of money, and then the committee makes their decisions. I suppose that's the executive.

Legislator Criswell

I just had one, one additional thought for this. I just want to make sure that this stays as a really positive thing. I think what we're trying to do is we're trying to expand our reach to folks in the county, we're trying to support interesting, cool programs that are giving back to our constituents. And I just want to make sure it's a positive way rather than like a battle with other committees or things like that, because I think that this is a really positive thing that you're doing. And I think it's an expensive thing. And I just want to make sure that I personally want to keep that in mind as I move forward in this process.

Chairman Delaune

Well I think it's all in the presentation. Right. And that's why we should reach out to March. We should find out what other committee members think. Get some input from John and put it down on paper, and how can you argue with it if it makes sense? So, you know, I don't think that'll be too difficult to process and, you know, we can start that anytime.

Legislator Parete

Yep. Yep.

Chairman Delaune

So, I don't have anything else is any other comments? No, okay, we'll move to old business. Anyone have any old business?

Legislator Parete

Stay healthy.

Chairman Delaune

You too place looks good. I like the lights.

Legislator Parete

Yeah. Let the sunshine in.

Chairman Delaune

Yeah. Looks nice. Alright, so do I have a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Parete

I'll do it. I'll move it.

Chairman Delaune

Alright a second.

Legislator Criswell

Second.

Chairman Delaune

What, what time is the public hearing?

Jay Mahler

6:15. I was just gonna say I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the public hearing in just 11 short minutes.

Chairman Delaune

Okay then. Thankyou Jay. Thank you all. This was good.

Legislator Criswell

You have a new career.

Legislator Parete

Right, right, right, right.

Chairman Delaune

All right. I'll see in 11 minutes. 10 minutes.

Legislator Parete

Thank you.

Chairman Delaune

Okay.

[END 6:05pm]