

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 8, 2017 – 5:00
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Thomas J. Briggs, Chris Allen, Tracey Bartels
Carl Belfiglio, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Kyle Barnett, Legislative
Counsel; Chris Ragucci, Minority Counsel; Legislator Jennifer
Schwartz Berky; Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Ken
Cannel, Deputy County Executive; Chris White, Deputy
Director of Planning; Marie Bing, County Attorney’s Office;
Jennifer Clark, County Attorney’s Office; Cliff Faintyck, Ulster
County Resident

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:19 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To postpone the Minutes of July 11 and July 18, 2017

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio
Discussion: Minutes were not circulated prior to the meeting.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, and
Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

**Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 287 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In
Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Catskill Watershed Corporation–
Department Of Public Works**

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with the Catskill Watershed Corporation for revenues in the amount of \$900,000.00 for the removal of the Mt. Pleasant Bridge in the Town of Shandaken beginning upon execution and ending within one year.

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Confirmed that this contract is for the removal of the Mount Pleasant Bridge in the Town of Shandaken which the County agrees to implement and Catskill Watershed Corporation agrees to reimburse all expenditures for.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 319 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc. D/B/A Relph Benefit Advisors – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc. d/b/a Relph Benefit Advisors for \$630,000.00 to act as the broker of record for the Ulster County Employee and Retirement Health Insurance Benefits Plan.

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 318 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community College – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract extension with Ulster County Community College for \$75,000.00 for the SUNY Ulster Community College Entry and Student Success (SUCCESS) Program to provide academic and career advice to high-school aged youth whose family qualifies for certain public assistance benefits for an additional year ending July 31, 2018.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Ken Crannel, Deputy County Executive, confirmed that this contract creates a new program partnering with SUNY Ulster Community College that will work to identify children from low income households to provide an additional support system with the goal of improving enrollment in the college. Mr. Crannel agreed to follow up with a report on the program's progress after a year of operation. Mr. Crannel clarified that this program does not pay for tuition but rather provides support to encourage children to enroll in college, to be successful in college, and to aid in the employment process. Legislator Maio expressed desire for the County to become involved in the current programs ran by the College which teach children about different industries, specifically wanting to encourage students to become involved in government.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 328 - Amending Capital Project No. 451- Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 (PIN 8761.21) - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications and Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf of Ulster County With the New York State Department of Transportation For Funding Construction and Construction Inspection Phase And – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget - Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the further progress of Capital Project No. 451, appropriates the sum of \$1,734,069.00 to cover the cost of participation in the construction and construction inspection phase of the project, authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications, and reimbursement requests for Federal aid on behalf of Ulster County with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project, authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director and Deputy Director of Planning to execute any Agreements,

certifications, and reimbursement requests on behalf of the County with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project identified in the Federal-Aid Local Project Agreement, and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make payments associated with the construction and construction inspection. Furthermore, this resolution amends the 2017 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget to record the construction and serial bonds in the amount of \$1,734,069.00 (\$1,387,255.00 of Federal Revenue Dollars and \$346,814.00 of County funds).

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 330 - Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Children’s Alliance To Support The Family and Child Advocacy Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2017 Ulster County Budget to increase Staid Staid and Professional Service Expenditures by \$7,000.00 in order to accept funding from the NYS Children’s Alliance to support the Child Advocacy Center.

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 331 - Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 21 O’Neil Street, City Of Kingston, County Of Ulster, For Use As A Child And Family Advocacy Center And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute, On Behalf Of Ulster County, Any And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement, any amendments thereto, and such other documents as may be necessary, with the American National Red Cross, to establish the terms and conditions pursuant to which the American National Red Cross shall sell and the County shall purchase and take title to 21 O’Neil Street in the City of Kingston.

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: Confirmed that this property has been leased from the Red Cross for roughly 5 years. Ken Crannel, Deputy County Executive, explained that the building is used to provide services for children who are subjected to violence and sexual crimes, which allows children to avoid reliving trauma by having to go to various facilities, such as the hospital and the police station. Mr. Crannel explained that the building has therapy and exam rooms, that there are law enforcement and other case worker personnel from the County in the building, and that when the building was first leased, there was a capital project to renovate it to its current unique specifications. Marie Bring stated that she has been involved in the Contract under discussion and that Brooks & Brooks, PC (surveyors) would be donating services related to this building. Legislator Belfiglio expressed concerns over the potential for large capital costs as a result of the purchase in discussion. Legislators Belfiglio and Briggs expressed concern over the County performing its own inspection of the building.

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

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 332 - Amending Capital Project No. 474 – Reconstruction of Various Parking Lots – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 474 to reflect an increase in project costs equal to \$45,000.00 for materials to cover the repair of the underlayment of the Office Building which was found to be further deteriorated than anticipated, making the total project cost \$312,076.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: Confirmed that this project is completed. Burt Gulnick, the Commissioner of Finance, explained that the two amendments almost doubled the initial \$150,000.00 contract costs due to the addition of more parking lots (the alleyway and underground storm drains at the Courthouse and the Ulster County Office Building) for \$117,076 and due to unforeseen issues with the Ulster County Office Building parking lot.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 334 - Establishing Capital Project No. 509, Roof Replacement Program – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget – Department of Public Works (Building and Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a Capital Project for the purpose of replacing the roof of the Business Resource Center and the Public Works Building and amends the 2017 Ulster County Capital Budget by increasing expenditures in the following amounts: Professional Services Architectural Expenditures \$77,050.00, Professional Services Other Fees \$53,000.00, Professional Services Environmental \$11,000.00, and Capital Outlays Construction \$1,438,950.00; and by increasing revenues in the following amount: Serial Bond Proceeds \$1,580,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 336 - Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment in specified amounts for the included parcels from the individuals listed and authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to the owner making payment, a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in the parcel.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 337 - Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept a \$3,500.00 payment for Parcel No. 85 from a specified bidder and authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to said bidder making payment, a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in said parcel.

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 338 - Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Amends Resolution No. 286 of 1968 to impose an additional 1% rate of such taxes for the period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020 in accordance with Chapter 61 of the Laws of 2017.

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Confirmed that the amendment is for the purpose of extending the additional 1% tax for an additional 2 years.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To discuss Resolution No. 339 - Amending the 2017 Ulster County Budget to Reinstate Sequestration Funding Due to Reinstatement of Ulster County's 1% Temporary Sales Tax – Department of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2017 Ulster County Budget to reinstate appropriations equal to \$209,090.00 to various specified divisions for which funds were sequestered into contingency awaiting the State Legislature's approval of the continuation of the 1% County sales tax effective December 1, 2017.

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Confirmed the value of the sequestration plan is \$290,090.00 and that the sum of all budget line items is equal to \$290,090.00. The resolution currently reads as a Budget amendment to decrease Distribution of Sales Tax Sales Tax Sequester of \$209,090.00 with a financial impact of \$209,090.00 but should read as a decrease of \$290,090.00 with a financial impact of \$290,090.00.

Motion No. 13: To amend Resolution No. 339 - Amending the 2017 Ulster County Budget to Reinstate Sequestration Funding Due to Reinstatement of Ulster County's 1% Temporary Sales Tax – Department of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2017 Ulster County Budget to reinstate appropriations equal to \$209,090.00 to various specified divisions for which funds were

sequestered into contingency awaiting the State Legislature's approval of the continuation of the 1% County sales tax effective December 1, 2017.

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: An amendment was made to adjust the resolution to correctly read as a decrease in Distribution of Sales Tax Sales Tax Sequester of \$290,090.00 with a financial impact of \$290,090.00.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 339, as amended - Amending the 2017 Ulster County Budget to Reinstate Sequestration Funding Due to Reinstatement of Ulster County's 1% Temporary Sales Tax – Department of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2017 Ulster County Budget to reinstate appropriations equal to \$290,090.00 to various specified divisions for which funds were sequestered into contingency awaiting the State Legislature's approval of the continuation of the 1% County sales tax effective December 1, 2017.

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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 Belfiglio
No. of Votes in Favor:	7
No. of Votes Against:	0

Time:	5:44 pm
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Respectfully submitted:	Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved:	September 13, 2017