

**Authorizing A Budgetary Transfer For The Purpose Of Retaining Outside Legal Counsel**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, and Roberts)

Chair of the Legislature, Peter J. Criswell, offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to § C-20 of the Ulster County Charter and §A2-15 of the Administrative Code, there shall be Legislative Counsel and Minority Counsel who shall provide legal counsel to the Legislature and Minority Caucus, respectively; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § C-20 (D) of the Ulster County Charter and §A2-15(D) of the Administrative Code, the Legislature may retain Special Counsel where it deems it necessary notwithstanding the provisions of § C-72 of the County Charter; and

WHEREAS, due to the diverse nature of the legal matters currently confronting Ulster County, the Legislature deems it appropriate for Legislative and Minority Counsel to consult with outside counsel from time to time specializing in area(s) of law relevant to Legislative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Legislature is the appointing officer for Counsel to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Legislature does not wish to appoint an individual to Position No. 10401110 LEG COUNS, but intends to keep Position No. 10401110 LEG COUNS listed within the 2024 Ulster County Budget, as well as future budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature deems it appropriate and necessary to utilize the funds available from keeping Position No. 10401110 LEG COUNS vacant for 2024 to retain the services of specialized outside legal counsel, in consultation with Legislative and Minority Counsel, to obtain expert legal advice on certain matters confronting the Legislature; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.1040.1006-1400.1400 (App. #)	Part Time Pay	\$32,811.00

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AA.1040.1006-8000.8000 (App. #)	Retirement	\$ 5,076.00
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AA.1040.1006-8010.8010 (App. #)	Social Security / FICA	\$ 2,510.00
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AA.1040.1006-8020 (App. #)	Health Insurance	\$ 8,471.00
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<b><u>INCREASE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
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AA.1040.1006-4300 (App. #)	Professional Services	\$ 48,868.00
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Litts)

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on March 14, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature