

**Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program -
Amending Capital Project 621 – Voting System Replacement —
Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Elections
(Ulster County Board Of Elections)**

Referred to: The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Erner, Fabiano, Litts, and Nolan), The Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee (Chairman Heppner and Legislators Gavaris, Levine, Roberts, and Ronk), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Roberts, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairman of the Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee, Jonathan R. Heppner, and Deputy Chair Kevin A. Roberts offer the following:

WHEREAS, Capital Project No. 621 was established pursuant to Resolution No. 58 dated February 15, 2022 in the amount of \$1,400,000.00 for the purchase of replacement voting systems because the current fleet of voting systems are no longer supported with replacement parts or under warranty; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections must certify and test any voting systems that will be deployed and vendor submissions for the Hart Intercivic Verity 2.7 Voting System, Dominion D-Suite 5.16 Voting System, ES&S ESV 6.3.0.1 Voting System or Clear Ballot Clear Vote 2.4 are the four competitors in the New York marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Elections has conducted several open house visits for the public to review the new technologies by three of the four New York vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Elections estimated the cost of new voting systems based on information obtained prior to the New York State Certification process; and

WHEREAS, the NYS approved voting system vendor pricing quotes received by the Board of Elections are closer to \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the necessary voting system equipment would create an increase to the project of approximately \$600,000.00 bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$2,000,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, Projected Capital grants from the New York State Board of Elections can be used to offset a portion of the projected \$600,000.00 increase, but details of these funds will not be made available until later in the fiscal year creating a delay in purchase of equipment that must be tested and deployed by November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Capital Project No. 621 supports a quality and efficient experience for resident voters of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Ulster County Board of Elections request that Capital Project No. 621, Voting System Replacement, be amended to reflect a change in the amount of \$600,000.00 to include software, hardware and service to supply the Board of Elections with a new fleet of Voting Systems; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2023-2028 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program is amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 621	Voting Machines	\$600,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 621 for the purchase of Voting Machines be amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 621	Voting Machines	\$600,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2023 Ulster County Capital Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

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	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH-1997.0621-2200.2380 (App. #)	Voting Machines	\$600,000.00
HH-1997.0621-3500.5710 (Rev. #),	Serial Bonds	\$600,000.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on April 4, 2023

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on April 11, 2023

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on April 13, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$600,000.00 – COUNTY CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

\$600,000.00 – SERIAL BOND REVENUE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

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 18th Day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three, 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 21st Day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
21st Day of April 2023.

Approved by the County Executive this
24th Day of April 2023.

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

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive