

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: November 15, 2016 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, K.L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Richard A. Gerentine
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio(@5:11), Maloney
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Greene, Legislative Attornies, Erica Guerin, Nicholas Pascale, Chris Ragucci, Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, Chris White, Evan Gallo, Marie Bing, Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum, Mike frier, Howard Bahl

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, and the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the November 22, 2016 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 291: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2016 (A Local Law Regarding Campaign Finance Reform in Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 At 6:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a Public Hearing for Local Law No. 9 of 2016.

Motion No. 2: **Moved to discuss Resolution No. 291**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels stated that there were supposed to be meetings on this for changes and there has been none. She stated that she still had concerns. General discussion ensued on the topic. Legislator Bartels said she is in favor of the idea of the law but would like to meet with the attorneys and the sponsor to see if they could make changes.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to postpone Resolution No. 291**

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution postponed 1 month

Resolution No. 451: Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2017 Levy

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes equalization rates for the county.

Motion No. 4: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 451**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 452: Extending The Term Of Insurance Coverage For A Family Of A Corrections Officer Who Died In The Line Of Duty

Resolution Summary: This resolution provides additional insurance coverage for an office who died in the line of duty.

Motion No. 5: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 452**

Motion By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Legislator Briggs stated in the future that a resolution should be created to provide this benefit for all employees who die in the line of duty.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 454 Setting A Policy To Require Additional Notice Of Available Parcels, Encouraging And Promoting That Parcels Return To Tax Rolls

Resolution Summary: This resolution creates a policy for additional notice of parcels available for sale by the county.

Motion No. 6: **Moved to discuss Resolution No. 454**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion:

Commissioner Gulnick informed the committee his office informs the neighboring parcels in march prior to the auction. Legislator Bartels asked if it was a codified policy that he sends out his mailers. He stated that it was not. Legislator Bartels asked if this could be postponed until Commissioner Gulnick speaks to Legislator Loughran.

Motion No. 7: **Moved to postpone Resolution No. 454**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: Legislator Belfiglio
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution postponed 1 week

Resolution No. 456 Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the distribution of mortgage tax receipts.

Motion No. 8: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 456

Motion By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 457 Requesting The New York State Legislature To Introduce Home Rule Legislation To Authorize Ulster County To Collect Hotel And Motel Tax From Third-Parties

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests home rule legislation to authorize collections of Hotel Motel Tax from third parties.

Motion No. 9: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 457

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels stated that this resolution is in regard to Air B&B third part collections and she felt we are pulling the cart before the horse. General discussion ensued on the topic. Legislative Counsel spoke regarding that the county currently does not have the authority to collect the tax monies on behalf of third parties. Discussion ensued regarding whether this resolution should be brought forward at this time.

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

Voting Against: Legislator Bartels

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 461 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rose & Kiernan Inc– Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rose & Kiernan Inc.

Motion No. 10: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 461**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels asked if this service could be done in house and what the cost was. Commissioner Gulnick stated that we have not currently looked at the cost to do this in house. Howard Bahl spoke on the professionalism of Rose & Kiernan.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions Adopted

Resolution No. 463 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVEA Engineers – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with HVEA Engineers.

Motion No. 11: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 463**

Motion By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 464 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell – Ulster County District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell.

Motion No. 12: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 464**

Motion By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 465 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NCA Comp Inc –Insurance Department

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with NCA Comp Inc.

Motion No. 13: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 465**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 466 Amending Capital Project No. 451 To Provide For Additional Engineering and Right-of-Way Services for the “Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4” Project (PIN 8761.21) And Amending the 2016 Capital Project Fund-Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends capital project No. 451.

Motion No. 14: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 466**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Legislator Belfiglio asked if the price for this resolution was inclusive of the compensation for the landowner. Chris White stated the 4 property owners they are negotiating with are being sent letters next week and there is some possibility of adjusting those numbers. He stated he expects the first quarter of 2017 will include those numbers.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 468 Amending Capital Project No. 406 – For The Purchase And Remediation Of Flooded Homes Damaged During Hurricane Irene And Tropical Storm Lee - Department Of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends capital project No. 406.

Motion No. 15: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 468**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 470 Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A 0.2% Cost Of Living Adjustment– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This resolution accepts additional state funding.

Motion No. 16: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 470**

Motion By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 473 Approving Ulster County's 2017 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Ulster County Probation, DWI Division

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves and authorizes execution of the 2017 STOP DWI program.

Motion No. 17: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 473**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 474 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Lealand Holdings, LLC, For Office Space For Department Of Health – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the chairman to execute a lease with Lealand Holdings, LLC.

Motion No. 18: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 474**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 475 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With 1500 NYS Route 208, LLC, For A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Department Of Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the chairman to execute a lease with 1500 NYS Route 208.

Motion No. 19: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 475**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 476 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This resolution conveys property to the original owners.

Motion No. 20: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 476**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 477 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept A Bid For A Parcel 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 bid on a county owned piece of property.

Motion No. 21: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 477**

Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Chairman Gerentine advised the committee members of a letter received from the firm O'Connor Davies and that there is no impact on the County of Ulster regarding it.

Adjournment

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

TIME: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted: Donald J. Quesnell, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved: December 13, 2016