

**Eliminating Management Position, Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Joe Maloney offers the following:

WHEREAS, the primary functions of the Budget Department are overseen by the Chief Finance Officer of the county; and

WHEREAS, the position is not necessary to operate the county and is therefore a misuse of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, the position of Director of Budget and Innovation was a newly created position included in the 2022 Budget that specifically sought to give a certain employee in the Budget Office a raise, as discussed in the Ways and Means Committee meeting on November 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the employee has since been elevated in the Executive administration with a larger pay increase; and

WHEREAS, the origination and history of the positions is as follows:

- 2014: ACE Director \$91K
- 2015: ACE Director \$91K
- 2016: ACE Director \$93K
- 2017: ACE Director \$93K
- 2018: ACE Director \$95K
- 2019: ACE Director \$97K
- 2020: Director of Innovation \$97K
- 2021: Defunded
- 2022: Director of Innovation & Budget \$114K; and

WHEREAS, there were three additional full-time financial positions added to the 2022 budget to assist with the spending and tracking of the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the current Budget already includes several financial positions that should be utilized to handle the daily financial tasks of county government; and

WHEREAS, the number of appointments in Ulster County government have grown since the inception of the charter, and the exodus from civil service tested positions cuts the community out from being able to apply and be considered in a more fair and transparent process; now, therefore, be it

**Resolution No. 27      February 15, 2022**

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RESOLVED, that the 2022 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>DELETE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1340-1950 (PC #)	Director of Budget & Innovation *Annual Salary	\$114,192.00*

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-1340-1095-1300-1300 (App.#)	Regular Pay	(\$114,192.00)
AA-1340-1095-8000-8000 (App.#)	Retirement	(\$ 10,335.00)
AA-1340-1095-8010-8010 (App.#)	Social Security	(\$ 5,920.00)
AA-1340-1095-8020 (App.#)	Health Insurance	(\$ 25,861.00)
AA-1990-1331-4660 (App.#),	Contingency	\$132,232.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Defeated in Committee: Ways and Means on February 8, 2022

Petition to Discharge not executed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$132,232.00 – BUDGETARY SAVINGS