

**Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** May 9, 2024 – 4:30 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Kovacs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris (arrived 4:33 PM), Hansut (arrived 4:34 PM), Harmon, Kitchen (arrived 4:54 PM), Levine, & Uchitelle (arrived 4:35 PM)  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Collins, Nolan & Roberts; Minority Counsel Pascale; Comptroller Gallagher & Deputy Comptroller Dinstuhl; Commissioners Quigley & Torres & Deputy Commissioner Bloom – Board of Elections; Director Doyle – Planning Department; Under Sheriff Mullen, Major Bleau & Director of Community Relations & Incarcerated Individuals Juanita Hodgkiss – Sheriff’s Office; Deputy County Executives Capuano & Contreras – UC Executive’s Office

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Chair Kovacs called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Regular Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Levine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Harmon

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes Approved**

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Resolutions for the May 14, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

**LATE Resolution No. 261** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,231,589.12 Entered Into By The County – PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice, P.C., Professional Care Dental Services, P.C., Personal Care Registered Professional Nursing, P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution approve a contract for \$4,231,589.12 with PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice, P.C., Professional Care Dental Services, P.C., Personal Care Registered Professional Nursing, P.C. to provide medical and dental care for inmates under the care abd custody of the Ulster County Sheriff (the “Sheriff”) at Ulster County Jail Facility from 5/1/24 – 4/30/27.

**Motion No. 2:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 261**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Levine

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 155** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Commission Of Human Rights Of The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code, And Chapter 216 Human Rights Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To The Number Of Members And Appointment Structure Of The Commission Of Human Rights, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 18, 2024 At 7:00 PM

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Commission Of Human Rights Of The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code, And Chapter 216 Human Rights Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To The Number Of Members And Appointment Structure Of The Commission Of Human Rights, at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

**Motion No. 3:** **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 155**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Postponed**

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**Resolution No. 217** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Section A27-2(B) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Ensure Proper Staffing Levels At The Ulster County Board Of Elections, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 18, 2024 At 7:25 PM

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Section A27-2(B) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Ensure Proper Staffing Levels At The Ulster County Board Of Elections, at 7:25 PM in the Legislative Chambers on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

**Motion No. 4:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 217**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Harmon  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

Legislator Uchitelle noted the lateness of public hearing start time and asked if could be earlier. Legislators Harmon and Uchitelle withdrew their motion and second to adopt the resolution.

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 217 to change the Public Hearing start time to 7:00 PM**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Harmon

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment Adopted**

**Motion No. 6:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 217 as amended**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Uchitelle  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Harmon

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 7  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

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**Resolution No. 237** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article V Of The Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006) And Amending Article V Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Modify Various Provisions In Relation To The Commissioner Of Health Or Public Health Director And The Medical Examiner

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution adops Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2024 A Local Law Amending Article V Of The Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006) And Amending Article V Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Modify Various Provisions In Relation To The Commissioner Of Health Or Public Health Director And The Medical Examiner.

**Motion No. 7:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 237**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Uchitelle

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Harmon, Levine & Uchitelle  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Hansut, Kitchen & Kovacs  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 3  
**Disposition:** **Resolution Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 240** – Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Brigid Walsh to the Ulster County Board of Ethics for the term indicated.

**Motion No. 8: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 240**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Levine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**LATE Resolution No. 260** – Supporting The Application By The Margaretville Telephone Company To The New York State Connectall Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) To Provide Service To The Unserved Areas In The Town Of Denning And Authorizing The Submittal Of Any Necessary Authorizations And Certifications By The Chair Of The Legislature As Required By The Program – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution supports the application by the Margaretville Telephone Company to provide digital infrastructure to the unserved areas in the Town of Denning in the amount necessary to ensure the closure of gaps in service through the New York State ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) Phase 3.

**Motion No. 9: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 207**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hansut

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 8

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

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**Forthcoming Resolution(s)**

Chair Kovacs advised the members that the following Resolutions defeated in committee successfully executed Petitions to Discharge and would appear on the May 14, 2024 Session agenda:

- Resolution No. 168 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent
- Resolution No. 188 - Adopting A Policy That Being A Licensed Physician With Experience In Public Health Shall Be A Preferred Criteria In The Legislative Confirmation Of The Appointment Of The Head Of The Ulster County Department Of Health
- Resolution No. 207 - Establishing A Policy To Maximize And Prioritize The Procurement Of Safe, Effective And Comprehensive Outpatient And Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal And Stabilization Services In And For The County Of Ulster

**New Business**                      None

**Old Business:**                      None

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:**                      Legislator Gavaris

**Motion Seconded By:**                      Legislator Levine

**Voting in Favor:**                      Legislators Criswell, Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Kovacs, Levine & Uchitelle

**Voting Against:**                      None

**Votes in Favor:**                      8

**Votes Against:**                      0

**TIME:**                                      5:03 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:**                      Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

**Approved:**                                      June 13, 2024

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