# Housing & Transportation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** July 3, 2025 – 4:00 PM

**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Collins

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist

Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Clinton, Corcoran (Arrived 4:10 PM), Criswell, Harmon,

McCollough, Stewart (Arrived 4:13 PM)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislator Walls

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Kathy Nolan, Deputy County Executive James Amenta, Deputy County Executive LaValle, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Joel Bluestein, Michael Shaieb, Jodi Lennon, Brent Lord, Robin Panick, Beth Lisick, Susan Auchincloss, Stuart Auchincloss, Betsy Blair, Lee Kalish, Nick Mercurio, Patty Goodwin, Douglas Stoll, John Voelckes, Kevin Smith, Meg Carey, David Hilliard, Harrison Balduf, Ernie Hunt, Ken Anello, Helen Chase

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Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2025 Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Collins, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Minutes Approved

#### Resolutions for the July 15, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

**Resolution No. 275** - Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A "Rail With Trail" Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Amends the "Rail with Trail" Policy to extend rail use as described therein, and to extend the Ashokan Rail Trail East in the direction of the City of Kingston to connect to the extended operating permit area, and at the point of connection, stating that Rail with Trail should co-exist, and designating a use to the Undesignated Section as stated therein.

Motion No. 2 Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 275

Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Postponed

**Resolution No. 342 -** Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A "Rail With Trail" Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor For Increased Available Railroad Operation

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the "Rail with Trail" Policy to remove a segment requiring further investigation on a specific segment of the corridor and to require an increased available railroad segment to exist, co-located with public trail wherever feasible, in the segment between MP 8.33 and Basin Road at MP 10.01, and to require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to remove any segment of the railroad tracks.

Motion No. 3 Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 342

Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 225 - Updating The Ulster County Pedestrian And Bicycle Policy

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the Ulster County Pedestrian and Bike Policy to include an additional paragraph which requires the Commissioner of Public Works to submit a written report to the Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee detailing considerations made in compliance with the Policy.

Motion No. 4 Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 225

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Postponed

**Resolution No. 337** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$235,916.66 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$235,916.66 with Family of Woodstock for the operation of the Family House Program for runaway and homeless youth for a term commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion No. 5 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 337

Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 338** - Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located At 21 Elizabeth Street City Of Kingston, NY (SBL 56.124-1-12) To The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the required steps for the transfer of real property owned by Ulster County and located at 21 Elizabeth Street, Kingston, NY (SBL 56.124-1-12) to the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation.

Motion No. 6 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 338

Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator McCollough

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 339 -** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P\*2

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2025, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing Real Property Tax Exemption Of The County Portion Of The Real Property Taxation And Special Ad Valorem Levies For The Creation Of New Accessory Dwelling Units In Accordance New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 4 Title 2 Private Property Section 421-P\*2.

Motion No. 7 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 339

Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 340 -** Establishing Capital Project No. 737 For UCAT < 30' Rolling Stock Purchase 2025 - Amending The Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 737 - <30' Rolling Stock in the amount of \$529,388.00 for the purchase of four (4) <30' Ford Cutaway Buses.

Motion No. 8 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 340

Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

## **New Business:**

None.

#### **Old Business:**

Legislator McCollough asked Planner Doyle for an update on the Glen Street Gate. Planner Doyle stated the gate has been repaired, but at the request of the City of Kingston will remain open until the traffic light on Route 32 has been installed.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**TIME:** 4:24 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist

**Approved:** August 7, 2025

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