

**Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 7, 2023 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Laura Petit
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan
ABSENT: Legislator Fabiano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle, UCAT Director Toni Roser, Recovery & Resilience Director Nate Litwin, Rokosz Most

Chair Petit called the meeting to Order at 6:03PM.

Motion No. 1 **Moved to Approve July 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Motion Made By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the August 15, 2023 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 337 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston, Where The County Is A Subrecipient Of The City's ARPA-SLFRF Funds, For The Renovation Of Elizabeth Manor, Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: Accepting \$500,000 for the renovation of 21 Elizabeth Street

Motion No. 2 **Moved Resolution for POSTPONEMENT**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Petit called the question.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 439 Authorizing The Execution Of Sub-Lease Agreement With The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. For Space At The Work Force Innovation Center Located At iPark87 In The Town Of Ulster – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair to execute a lease agreement with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance for u to 20,000 square feet of space in iPark87 at \$12.75/ft² with a 2% annual increase.

Motion No. 3 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: Legislator Nolan stated that the way the resolution is written implies that the number of jobs to be created would have to be in one year rather than by 2025. Legislator Nolan requested that it be amended to reflect as such.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to AMEND Resolution 439 to replace “in” with “by”**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: None.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Amended**

Motion No. 5 **Moved to ADOPT Resolution AS AMENDED**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 446 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With SAMADHI For Office Space At 368 Broadway – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair to execute a lease agreement with SAMADHI for 2,224 square feet of office space at 368 Broadway for the term beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2028 at a cost of \$14.00/square foot for the first year.

Motion No. 6 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Erner
Discussion: Legislator Nolan indicated zy would be abstaining. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Petit
Voting Against: None
Abstentions: Legislator Nolan
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 447 Abandonment Of Portion Of Albany Post Road, County Road Number 79, Town Of Gardiner, To Adjoining Property Owner, Authorizing The Chair To Sign Agreement With The Adjoining Property Owner

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Blue Planet Holdings LLC to abandon .15 acres of County Property in Gardiner.

Motion No. 7 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Erner
Discussion: Legislator Litts stated that it did not seem fair to be giving away this property without the county being compensated. Legislator Nolan cautioned that they felt the time and cost associated with finding a relator, assessment and negotiating a price could result in a higher cost than the county may receive for the property. Legislators concluded that the property should be assessed prior to taking any action on this Resolution.
Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 448 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A License Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) In Relation To A One-Month License At 701 Grant Avenue - Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Authorizes the Chair to enter in an agreement with Ulster BOCES to lease 5,566ft² of space at 701 Grant Avenue for one month at a cost of \$1,000.

Motion No. 8

Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: Legislator Litts stated that it did not seem necessary to charge BOCES for such a small period in a facility that had no other significant space usage at that time. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 449

Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 676 – 2023 Various Embankment Repairs – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adds \$325,000 to the 2023 Capital Fund Budget for professional services in relation to Capital Project No. 676

Motion No. 9

Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 451

Approving The Execution A Contract For \$379,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Otis Elevator Company – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Otis Elevator Company for labor, equipment and materials to

complete the replacement of the two County Office Building elevators.

Motion No. 10

Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 452

Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 653 – Hall Of Records Building Rooftop Solar Array Project For Construction Services — Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adds \$361,600 to the 2023 Capital Fund Budget for professional services in relation to Capital Project No. 653

Motion No. 11

Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 454

Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 675 – Jail Axon Body Camera Purchase - Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: The Resolution established Capital Project No. 675 in the amount of \$440,753 to upgrade the body camera equipment in the Jail due to the increase of use of Discovery and storage on the server

Motion No. 12

Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 470 Authorizing The Submittal Of An Application To The Federal Highway Administration For Funding Under The PROTECT Grant Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Application for PROTECT funding to address resilience recommendations as part of the Ulster County Transportation Council Vulnerability Assessment.

Motion No. 13 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Petit called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 426 Establishing The Transit Riders’ Advisory Committee

Resolution Summary: Establishing an Advisory Committee to make recommendations on improvements to the UCAT system.

Motion No. 14 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: Legislator Nolan stated that zy was disappointed some of the suggested changes made during the July Committee meeting was not included and requested that this be postponed until Brian Slack and Toni Roser could be included in discussion. Chair Petit stated that since she and Legislator Erner are leaving the body at

the end of this year, there will be no one to represent the interests of the activist group Riders of Ulster Transit Alliance (RUTA).

Motion No. 15

Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 426

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 427

Establishing A Policy To Set Minimum Frequencies And To Prevent Gaps On Fixed-Route Public Transportation Services

Resolution Summary:

Setting a policy that UCAT shall plan to operate all fixed-route bus service continuously throughout their daily service hours without planned service breaks, and at periodic intervals no greater than one hour in between runs in each direction and to all destinations within service areas

Resolution No. 428

Establishing A Policy To Provide Public Transportation In All Municipalities And Census Designated Places

Resolution Summary:

Setting a policy that Ulster County shall guarantee daily access to public transportation in every city, town, and village, as well as every United States Census Designated Place in the County

Resolution No. 429

Establishing A Policy To Have Express And Local Fixed-Route Public-Transportation Service

Resolution Summary:

Setting a policy that UCAT shall plan to introduce and operate express bus routes, having a principal purpose to travel between municipalities.

Motion No. 16

Moved to BLOCK Resolutions 427, 428, 429

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: Legislator Erner stated that these Resolutions are the product of him and Chair Petit meeting with the County Executive's office. Deputy Executive LaValle stated that it is important to be cognizant of the ongoing driver shortage and that the Routing

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 464 Establishing A Policy To Provide Public Transportation In Relation To County Facilities And Sessions Of The Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution requires UCAT to provide regular fixed-route and paratransit service such that the public may attend all Sessions of the Legislature, guaranteeing that the day's last run on each regular fixed-route bus line in the municipality where the Session took place, as well as that any paratransit riders' return trip, shall depart no earlier than half-an-hour following the end of the Session

Motion No. 19 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit
Discussion: Chair Petit said that the Committee received two letters of support from RCAL. Legislator Nolan stated that many would qualify for existing paratransit. Legislator Nolan also stated that Legislative meetings have no set end time and it would be hard to plan for the drivers. Deputy Executive LaValle stated that having the bus wait for Session to wrap up would have a ripple effect, leaving people who usually take the last bus to wait until Session ends to get home.

Motion No. 20 **Moved to Postpone Resolution 464**

Motion Made By: Legislator Erner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
Discussion: None.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Erner, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition **Resolution POSTPONED**

Chair Petit read a letter from Saugerties resident Barbara Budick highlighting speed concerns on Route 212.

Adjournment:

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Time: 8:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: September 15, 2023