

**American Rescue Plan Act
Special Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 13, 2022 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing: 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID: 810 1757 3957
PRESIDING OFFICER: Peter Criswell, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Thomas Corcoran, Jr., Aaron J. Levine, Craig V. Lopez, and Megan Sperry
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Manna Jo Greene, and Chris Hewitt; Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly; Comptroller March Gallagher; Finance Department, ARP Administration Molly Scott; Richard Gerentine; Kevin O’Connor, and Lorne Norton, RUPCO

- **Chairman Criswell called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM**

Chairman Criswell welcomed all to the meeting. Deputy Clerk Feaster took role.

Deputy Clerk Feaster provided a financial overview including the current value of adopted, funded, and expended American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the value of adopted and funded ARPA funds, the value of dedicated ARPA funds, and the value of proposed ARPA allocations. Deputy Executive Kelly informed Committee members that the County Executive is currently reviewing all proposed allocations to free up ARPA funds for reallocation.

Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 160 – Dedicating ARPA Funding For The “The Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation” – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to dedicate American Rescue Plan Act funds for the empowerment of the Ulster County Land Bank Corporation to perform its duties.

Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: Chairman Criswell stated that the Resolution was adopted unanimously in Ways & Means. Legislator Corcoran commented that he would like to see a deadline added to the Resolution removing the ARPA allocation if the landbank application is not approved or is not approved by a specific date. Chairman Criswell agreed.

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 160 – Dedicating ARPA Funding For The “The Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation” – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

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Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To block Resolutions No. 163 and 164

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Motion No. 4: To discuss the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 163 – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 631 – A Geothermal System For Silver Gardens Senior Housing Development – ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 631 – A Geothermal System For Silver Gardens Senior Housing Development in the amount of \$600,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Resolution No. 164 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$600,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with RUPCO, Inc. from April 20, 2022 through October 1, 2024 awarding funds to the subrecipient for the purpose of aiding in constructing a portion of the Silver Gardens Senior Housing Rental Development in the amount of \$600,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: None

Motion No. 5: To approve the following Resolutions:

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Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To discuss Resolution No. 165 – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 629 – ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment – Planning Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 629 – ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: None

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 165 – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 629 – ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment – Planning Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 629 – ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To discuss Resolution No. 166 – ~~Establishing And~~ Funding Capital Project No. 632-598 – Crisis Stabilization Center, Purchase Of 368 Broadway – ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution funds Capital Project No. 598 – Crisis Stabilization Center, Purchase Of 368 Broadway in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: Deputy Executive Kelly commented on the Project’s location in the City of Kingston.

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 166 – ~~Establishing And~~ Funding Capital Project No. 632-598 – Crisis Stabilization Center, Purchase Of 368 Broadway – ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution funds Capital Project No. 598 – Crisis Stabilization Center, Purchase Of 368 Broadway in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To discuss Resolution No. 167 – Adopting A Negative Declaration For The Demolition Of The Former Ulster County Jail Located On Golden Hill, And Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 630 - Demolition Of Jail Golden Hill- ARPA – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution determines that the demolition of the former Jail located on Golden Hill is an Unlisted Action that is a discrete action that can be considered separate and apart from the future actions, including the construction of affordable housing at the site, and that as such a segmented review is warranted and determines that approval will be no less protective of the environment nor will it commit the Legislature to any future course of action and that is approval will not have an adverse impact on the environment, adopts a negative declaration, and

amends the Capital Improvement Program to fund Capital Project No. 597 – ARP Housing – Jail Demolition in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: Legislator Greene explained why the Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Committee took no action on the Resolution. Deputy County Executive Kelly stated the County will be a responsible neighbor and will not pursue the project if it will end up flooding neighbors' homes.

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 167 – Adopting A Negative Declaration For The Demolition Of The Former Ulster County Jail Located On Golden Hill, And Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 630 - Demolition Of Jail Golden Hill- ARPA – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution determines that the demolition of the former Jail located on Golden Hill is an Unlisted Action that is a discrete action that can be considered separate and apart from the future actions, including the construction of affordable housing at the site, and that as such a segmented review is warranted and determines that approval will be no less protective of the environment nor will it commit the Legislature to any future course of action and that is approval will not have an adverse impact on the environment, adopts a negative declaration, and amends the Capital Improvement Program to fund Capital Project No. 597 – ARP Housing – Jail Demolition in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To discuss Resolution No. 161 – Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 633 - Marbletown Water Infrastructure Expansion – ARP Infrastructure – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 633 - Marblertown Water Infrastructure Expansion in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: Legislator Corcoran and Chairman Criswell stated support for the project under the umbrella of the Municipal Water & Sewer Matching Program. Deputy Executive Kelly informed members that this program will be input into a pre-application test for the Municipal Matching Program and that the Executive is in support of the project.

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 161 – Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 633 - Marblertown Water Infrastructure Expansion – ARP Infrastructure – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 633 - Marblertown Water Infrastructure Expansion in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and amends the 2022 Capital Fund accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
No. of Votes in Favor: 0
No. of Votes Against: 5

Disposition: Defeated

Motion No. 14: To discuss Resolution No. 162 – Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 634 - Grady Park Construction, Town Of Marblertown – ARP Infrastructure And Trails – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 634 - Grady Park Construction, Town Of Marbletown in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and amends the Capital Improvement Program accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Voting In Favor: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

Discussion: Committee members vocalized concern for the narrow geographical reach of the Project and for the Project serving as a connector to the greater area of trails.

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 162 – Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 634 - Grady Park Construction, Town Of Marbletown – ARP Infrastructure And Trails – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 634 - Grady Park Construction, Town Of Marbletown in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and amends the Capital Improvement Program accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Criswell, Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry
No. of Votes in Favor: 0
No. of Votes Against: 5

Disposition: Defeated

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Chairman Criswell asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Sperry
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0

Time:	5:41 PM
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Respectfully submitted:	Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved:	April 27, 2022

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Gallagher; Finance Department, ARP Administration Molly
Scott; Richard Gerentine; Kevin O’Connor, and Lorne
Norton, RUPCO

- **Chairman Criswell called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM**
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Chairman Criswell: Alright. Good afternoon, everybody. I'm going to call this meeting to order. It's the American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee meeting and today is April 13th. It's 5:05 pm. Welcome. Could you call the roll please?

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Criswell.

Chairman Criswell: Here

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran: Here.

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Levine.

Legislator Levine: Here.

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Lopez.

Legislator Lopez: Here.

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Sperry.

Legislator Sperry: Here.

Chairman Criswell: Alright, great. All present and accounted for. And first of all, I want to thank you all for doing all the scoring that you did. The committees got those scores. I think we were in good shape with that. So, I think we're, we're not going to have to do that too, too many times, depending. We're going to actually move right into a little financial overview that was requested. So, Amber's going to give us sort of just high-level numbers right now. And what I asked her to talk about was, again, where our starting point was, what we've committed to. There's a few things that are a little unsure exactly. You know, we've committed dollars to them, but we haven't spent them. For example, the staffing dollars that we committed. But also, I asked specifically to calculate if we approve, if all these Resolutions tonight get approved, where would our bottom line be at this point. So, Amber, if you could take that away.

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Okay, so, as everyone's already aware, the initial value that Ulster County was awarded for the American Rescue Plan Act funds was \$34,491,474. The value of projects that are approved, funded and completed was 7 million, I'm sorry, 1,738,978, which leaves a remaining ARPA allocation of 32,752,496. So, we have a bucket of funds that have been dedicated to specific sources, being the respite houses, and the crisis stabilization center. That totals 2.8 million, then we have a bucket of funds that have, their capital projects that have been both approved and funded that total 4.9 million. And then we have another bucket of operating costs that have been approved. The operating costs, approved in a, in the resolution for ARPA staff members in this specific total, I included the full value if those funds were to be approved in future operating budgets. So, the entire length that the resolution was for would be applied in the budget. That's an assumption. So, when all, it, with all of those buckets, the remaining ARPA allocation is \$20,334,655. We have this extra bucket of capital projects that were approved in the capital improvement program. They were not funded. And those total \$10 million. And then we have the projects that are before us tonight, which total \$8,350,000. So, if everything in the capital improvement program were to be funded at the proposed values, and tonight's resolutions were to be funded in full, the remaining ARPA amount is \$1,954,655. A lot of assumptions in there.

Chairman Criswell: A lot of assumptions. Deputy Executive Kelly, do you want to add anything to that? Or do you have any comments on that number?

Deputy Executive Kelly: Sure. So, over the next month, I think we're going to be looking at some of the actuals and some of the older budget items based on the old plan. So, we did pass capital projects, which after a lot of discussion with this committee and other legislators we now, I think we all now realize that it's not going to stick to the buckets, to the plan, as originally proposed last June. So, I think based on what I'm seeing for next month, we're going to be coming just with contracts and to execute on some of the existing appropriations that we've already received. And then taking a semi stepped back and looking at lining up actuals. Or if we delayed a position or I can tell you with the CSM positions, it's significantly harder than we expected to hire for those two lead positions. So, there's going to be just inherent savings by not filling the positions right away. Same with the ARPA positions as well. So, I think some of that balancing will free up some other funds. We'll also be looking at some of the existing approps. We brought this up in terms of respite housing, where we're trying to find some creative

solutions with the potential use of foreclosed housing and turning those into respite houses in kind of geographically diverse locations in the county, which would save significantly while still accomplishing the intent of the legislature's policy. So, I think the step back, breathe, start to execute. We're getting a lot of things from the non-for-profit stuff in, that deadlines hitting, we're getting hopefully ready if we are able to execute on water sewer program to actually do that. That's another heavy lift. But I think, you know, I think we'll get higher than the one point something. I know we will. But I think we'll settle on that number in the next few weeks. I hope.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you very much.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yup.

Chairman Criswell: The other opportunity for us then once we take a little step back, and once we have a better sense of the funds is to go back and look at our priorities list and see, you know, do we want to diversify our spending? What have we been spending our money on? Is there something that we've been missing? You know, is there a critical area that we could, we could really want to hit? Comptroller Gallagher I wanted to give you an opportunity if you wanted to weigh in on the finance side of things.

Comptroller Gallagher: I think Amber did a good job of summarizing. I, I hope that this committee will come together on a regular basis, be it quarterly or, or if not monthly to evaluate what's actually been spent because there are a number of projects proposed that really may or may not be shovel ready. And as you get closer to the deadlines if some of these things aren't moving, you may want to make reallocation decisions. And you also may want to let people know, you know, the towns with respect to infrastructure, nonprofits with respect to nonprofit funds, business with respect to the business funds. If these funds are not gone, like we will reallocate so get your applications in now.

Chairman Criswell: Yeah. Thank you for that. Yeah, that, I was envisioning that as well. That as we move through this initial pot of money, and then sort of thing shakeout we're going to re envision what this committee is about and what our what our goal, you know, how our goals are changing as we as we move on. Great. Any... Yes, Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Sorry, I, I, Comptroller Gallagher brings up a really good point about, you know, envisioning what's next. So, we are purchasing Elizabeth Manor. And we're going to be doing a major capital improvement to turn that into emergency housing. So that's partially why we brought somebody like Nate Litwin in who has managed capital projects from converting old spaces into affordable housing in his form, former job at Recap. So, a lot of what will end up happening, I know, all this stuff is moving very quick, we actually now have to implement all of these different projects. If 368 Broadway gets approved, we have to now execute on turning it into a crisis stabilization center and mental health hub. So, tracking all of the spending that goes in with that doing the RFPs, the bids, the design work, all of that stuff is going to continue over the next two years. And the ARPA team has to supplement because our project managers and DPW are focused on our existing capital program. So, I do want and I do envision a regular report out on the status of each of those projects to this committee as the committee of record.

Chairman Criswell: And we want to continue to ask the hard questions, you know?

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yeah.

Chairman Criswell: That's our job. And so that's why we're here. Any committee members have any questions about the finances? Okay, great. I'm gonna move us along. We have several resolutions before us. What I'd like to do is actually take the resolutions out of order, I want to go 160. And then I want to skip over 163, 64, 65, 66, 67, and then pick back up on 161 and 162. Does anybody have any objections with that? Okay, great. So, can I get a motion to discuss resolution 160, which is the land bank?

Legislator Levine: I'll make that motion.

Chairman Criswell: And a second, please.

Legislator Corcoran: Second.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. All in favor.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Great discussion. We've, we've heard compelling arguments. I do want to let you know that this was adopted in Ways and Means Five - Zero. So, it got full support there. Yes, Tom.

Legislator Corcoran: Yeah, not a bad idea. It's got the support. But again, that's one of those ones where if we don't get the bank, if we don't get the approvals, you know, there should be some kind of time limitation on this so the money gets back, and it can be allocated somewhere else where it can be used. So that's, was my comment on the original item here. But again, I don't have a problem with the, trying for the land bank. Will it happen? I don't know. I'm kind of pessimistic more than optimistic, unfortunately. But that million dollars, needs to have some type of limits somehow.

Chairman Criswell: Agreed. Agreed. And I think that that that's the intent as well that, you know, they'll there'll be a moment. Because we have to spend this money by a certain timeframe. And I think we're all really aware of that. So, thank you for bringing that up. And that's something that we're gonna have to just keep an eye on as it goes forward. So, all right. If there's no more discussion, I'd like to call the vote. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Any abstentions? All right, this passes. Thank you. All right. So, could I have a motion to block resolution 163 and 164?

Legislator Corcoran: Yeah, I'll make that.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you and a second on that.

Legislator Lopez: I'll second.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. And all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Great. Okay. So now, motion to discuss the block.

Legislator Corcoran: Motion.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you a second.

Legislator Sperry: Second.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Okay, great. So, let's discuss resolution 163 and 164. This is the Silver Gardens project. We've heard a lot from, from the team, from Kevin and the RUPCO team. Do we have any further questions? Any, any more digging in we, that we need to do on this? This was adopted in Public Works four - zero. It was adopted in Health seven - zero. And it was adopted in Ways and Means five - zero, so it has substantial support to it. So, I think I would just, if, I hear no other comments from the committee, I would like just to call a vote on this. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Abstentions? Well, no abstention. So, all right, great. It passes. Thank you.

Legislator Corcoran: You're muted, Rich.

Chairman Criswell: Yeah. Would you like to say anything Mister Gerentine? Or just...

Richard Gerentine: Well yeah, I'd just like to thank your committee for your hard efforts. And looking into it. Also, the other committees that looked at it. I think you'll find that there's going to be a very, very worthwhile program, housing project that's going to be in the southern part of Ulster County. We'd like to thank you and everyone else there. And we'll, Kevin and I, on behalf of RUPCO and myself. Thank you again.

Chairman Criswell: We're looking forward to regular, regular updates on how the project is working. That'd be great.

Richard Gerentine: Great, and also the County Executive's office. Thank you, Chris.

Kevin O'Connor: Ditto. Thank you.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. All right. Motion to discuss resolution 165, which is the Brownfields resolution.

Legislator Lopez: I'll move it.

Chairman Criswell: And a second Yep. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? All right. So, this was also adopted in Public Works four - zero, adopted in Energy and Environment four - zero and adopted in Ways and Means five - zero. So again, across the board, full support. Any further discussion on this one? Okay, let's take a vote. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: All opp-, any opposed. All right, and abstentions? All right, this passes. Great. Thank you everyone. Motion to discuss resolution 166 which is the crisis stabilization center purchase of 368 Broadway.

Legislator Sperry: Motion.

Chairman Criswell: And a second.

Legislator Levine: Second.

Chairman Criswell: And all in favor of that.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Great. All right. So, this was adopted in Public Works four - zero. It was adopted in Health seven - zero. And it was adopted in Ways and Means four to one. Does anybody know why the one was opposed to it? Yeah. Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you Chair Criswell. So, this was a Legislator, or Minority Leader Ronk just expressing a concern that it's in Kingston, and that he strongly thinks that we need to start considering relocating services such as this in the southern end of the county. I will say that him and I have been engaged in this conversation on a lot of different fronts, which spurred our Mobile County Government effort to be reignited, which started earlier this week. So I do hear him loud and clear on this. And I don't think this is a misfire, but I think it's, it should be all, on all of our minds to consider these things as, it's a big County. I know the population

centers feel like they're here. Ellenville is very populous too and so as Marlboro, so is Shawangunk. So, I think that we all should keep that in mind as we move through a lot of the other projects.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. And I think this is also a moment where we think about continued partnership with Ellenville Regional Hospital. They do great work down there and, you know, maybe that's something that we think about with some additional monies that we have. Great. Any further discussion on this? Okay, I'm gonna call for a vote. All in favor.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Great resolution passes. All right. Do I have a motion to discuss resolution 167, which is adopting neg deck for the demolition of the former Ulster County Jail and for the demolition of the jail itself.

Legislator Lopez: I'll move it.

Legislator Corcoran: Second.

Chairman Criswell: And a second?

Legislator Lopez: I'll second.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Any opposed? Great. Any discussion on this? It was adopted in Public Works four - zero. And there was no action taken in Energy and Environment. Legislator Greene, can I ask you why no action was taken in Energy and Environment.

Legislator Greene: Let me see if I can. There. I'm sorry. Quite frankly, I'm multitasking since I'm not on the committee. Would you please repeat the question.

Chairman Criswell: Certainly. No worries. We're just we're about to vote on the adoption of the neg. dec. for the demolition of the former Ulster County Jail, and for the demolition of the jail itself. And there was no action taken in Energy and Environment and I was just curious if you could enlighten us to as to why that happened?

Legislator Greene: Yeah, I can. Um, we had, we rarely have public comment at committee meetings. But there were people that asked to comment. They were mainly neighbors. There was also discussion about how the demolition would be done, how much traffic, etc. And there was enough concern, including the fact that Legislator Erner was unable to attend. So, some of the things that were put off were put it off because his father passed away and he was unable to attend the meeting, out of respect for wanting his input. So those are the major reasons. There was community concern. And out of respect, we postponed it till our next meeting. I believe also,

I may be mixing this up, I'll check the minutes, but I believe that they wanted the sponsors present.

Chairman Criswell: Okay.

Legislator Greene: So, you know, I'll double check that before our next meeting. But that's what occurred. And thank you for asking.

Chairman Criswell: No, thank you very much. Deputy Executive Kelly, do you have any insight on those concerns? Or have you heard those concerns from community members?

Deputy Executive Kelly: I know that there's been several community engagements done by Penrose regarding the project, and also with the Kingston Planning Board. The most recent was published in the Freeman where there were a handful of comments expressing the concerns that Legislator Greene has reiterated here. But in terms of like broader non-support for the project that's certainly not occurred. So we still strongly believe that this is a project that needs to happen and look forward to when we do get to have a vote on it.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. Committee members, any further questions on this project?

Legislator Corcoran: My comment is just I'm in favor of the project. So, I'm in favor of moving it forward tonight.

Chairman Criswell: I too, am in favor of moving it forward. So, I'd like to just- Oh, Legislator Levine, you have a comment?

Legislator Levine: Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to pose a question to Deputy Executive Kelly or anybody who might have knowledge just because I know, it was in regards to I think the question, I think Legislator Erner had brought up in a previous meeting just regarding the issue with, I think it was the runoff issue. And I was just wondering if there was any updated information as to, or response to that question. And I do know, that was an issue that other members of the community were raising. So, if there was just any updated info on that, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Sure. So, I know, Director of Planning, Dennis Doyle has had contact with Legislator Erner on this issue. So, I don't want to speak for Dennis because he's kind of a subject matter expert on that. But I know that he addressed it in Public Works Committee, and he's also addressed it with Legislator Erner at another time. I think in terms of the project, we're not going to be able to move forward if we're going to be ending up flooding out neighbor's homes. I mean, that would, we're a municipality, we're a County, I think we have a pretty high standard that we have to uphold whenever we engage in a project and certainly taking seriously the neighbors' concerns would be paramount for us. So, I would, I would say we'll be a responsible neighbor on this, certainly.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. Legislator Hewitt.

Legislator Hewitt: Thank you. I have two questions. I don't have the details of the resolution in front of me. So I'm wondering, is this a negative declaration on the SEQRA? And also, is there a cost to the County? And if so, is that why this is in front of ARPA right now?

Deputy Executive Kelly: So, this is a neg. dec. on SEQRA. And then the reason it's front up in front of ARPA is, once we move this, so there's been a resolution passed last spring, to move this to the Housing Development Corporation so that we can sell it at the conclusion of the demolition to Penrose, that's the, that's the person that won the RFP to build the workforce and senior housing there. So, we cannot, if we're, when you're talking about bonding and financing, we would have to maintain an interest in the property for a long period of time in order to borrow from it from a normal County process point of view for financing. The reason we're doing it with ARPA funds, is because we don't have to carry that same level of long-term interest in the property or ownership. So, it's really about bonding and financing. Is the reason we're targeting ARPA for this. And that's \$1.5 million for the demolition.

Legislator Hewitt: Thank you very much.

Chairman Criswell: Okay, I'm going to call the vote. All in favor.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: And opposed? Okay, it passes. All right. If I could get a motion to discuss resolution 161, which is the water project in Marbletown. Yes. And a second, please.

Legislator Lopez: I'll second it.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Great. All right. So, discussion on this. I know that we've had pretty hearty discussion about the water and sewer resolution that we moved through this committee, talking about it being an umbrella for making it a more fair process for all regions of the county that they would then apply to that larger pot of money. And so, I just wanted to kind of frame it as a, that's part of this conversation. So, I just would love to hear comments, questions from the committee itself on this product. Yes, Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran: So yeah, so the way that 96, resolution 96 was rewritten on multiple occasions. I'm in favor of 96. And 96 is that umbrella that gives the municipalities a fair shot at that. So that is 33% of the of the cost of the project with a maximum match of \$500,000 is very contradictory to 161. So that's my problem with 161. I don't have a problem with Marbletown coming to get a piece of the pie. But again, with me being in favor of 96, where everybody gets that fair shot under that umbrella, that maximum is that half a million dollars. It's \$500,000 on the match. So that's where I'm at with, with 161.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. Other comments from committee? Legislator Greene, I see your hand.

Legislator Greene: Yes, thank you. If, I don't have the list in front of me, I apologize for that. But if this is the project that goes out past the college, and through Marbletown to Stone Ridge, I did canvas. If you recall, there was a lot of opposition from community members for the Fire Training Center, which ended up happily in the Town of Ulster. And I think it's working out really well. It's an unusual location. And I did recanvass the neighbors, and there was widespread support. So, I just wanted to report that. Thank you.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you very much. And I'm personally in support of the project. But like Legislator Corcoran I think it should actually go through the process of the larger water and sewer resolution that we're approving. So, yes, Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran: Yeah, just want to echo that I am in support of the project, but under the umbrella of 96.

Chairman Criswell: Great. Yes, Legislator Hewitt.

Legislator Hewitt: Thank you. I think Legislator Greene might be talking about 162, which was Grady Park and the trail system.

Legislator Greene: Nope. I am definitely not talking about that.

Chairman Criswell: Yeah, no, it is the water project. Yeah. Legislator Levine. You're on mute right now, sir.

Legislator Levine: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a technical question that we are, resolution 96. Are we scheduled to take that up in session next week? In regular session? Okay. Thank you very much, so that that clears up my technical questions. So, appreciate it. Thank you.

Chairman Criswell: All right. I'd like to call a vote on this. Oh, yes. Legislator-, Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you Chair. I just wanted to let the group know that, in, in one of the past meetings during Public Works Legislator Nolan brought up that for a pre-application that we'll use for the broader water and sewer project, we're actually going to run this project through it as kind of a test case to see where the status is. And then next week, I've invited the Supervisor of Marbletown Legislators Stewart and their team, including Dennis Larios, who's the engineer on the project. So, we're gonna have a roundtable next Wednesday, just so we can all kind of absorb the project, because we do support what they're trying to do there, certainly, and we've been engaged there. But I think the meeting will tell us a lot and see where we can go for it.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you for that. It's good to hear that there's broad support from the Legislature and from the Executive side. So alright, so I'm going to call the question. All in favor of supporting this resolution say aye. All opposed?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Correct. And I think the res,-, that's unanimous, correct? Okay. Did you get that vote, Amber? Sorry.

Legislator Greene: May I?

Chairman Criswell: Yes, Legislator Greene.

Legislator Greene: I'm sorry. I just would like to ask Deputy Kelly to be included. I may not be able to attend. But the, the project is actually in my district or a good portion of it is and then it crosses over into Legislator Stewart's district.

Deputy Executive Kelly: I make that happen.

Legislator Greene: Thank you.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. And for our last resolution, it's resolution 162. And this is the Grady Park construction in the Town of Marbletown. Can I have a motion to for discussion?

Legislator Corcoran: Motion.

Chairman Criswell: And a second, please.

Legislator Sperry: Second.

Chairman Criswell: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: All right, I'm gonna frame this one as well. Again, I'm supportive of trails, and I'm supportive of outdoor space projects. I think this is quite specific to one area. And in my opinion, it doesn't meet the criteria that we've been talking about, about a benefit to the whole county. And, yeah, I just wanted to frame, frame it and give you a little bit of my, my thinking on that but I'd love to hear other, other thoughts on this project. Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran: I'm just going to echo what you said again, not, not in favor of it. But just again, it's just narrow, and it doesn't benefit the entire county under the funds and what we were, we were appropriated to do with these funds. So, again, I don't have a problem with the project. Trails are good. But again, I think it's just now a little narrow for me to get on board with this one also.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. Other legislators. Legislator Sperry.

Legislator Sperry: Um, thank you. So, we, you know, when we discussed the OSI trail expansion, I think in this committee, we had a really hard time with that one, and it did score, I think, I, actually Amber, do you know, if they scored about the same or if, if the OSI was higher or lower? Regardless, I know that the reason why we decided to go with the, to support the OSI project was the expansion of it towards Ellenville and trying to help an underserved community. And I agree with what you've both said already about this being such a narrow project, not to mention the facts, and believe me, I'm a cyclist, and I use those trails like crazy, that, you know, this as an idea of a connector trail, it's actually kind of far away from where the trails are. Chris, I don't know if you can back me up on that? Where Grady Park is in conjunction with where the O & W comes in, it's actually like a mile and a half or so away. So, if, for me, again, it's, I appreciate the effort and the idea, and I would love to see more connector trails. But as our funds are getting lower and lower, I don't want to duplicate. Personally, I would like to use money elsewhere and for a diversity of projects, versus doing more trail expansion projects.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. I saw, I'm gonna call on Legislator Levine who's a committee member and then I'll call on you, Legislator Hewitt.

Legislator Levine: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with everything that's been said, by all the committee members, and I just especially wanted to piggyback on what Legislator Sperry had just said, in terms of, regarding the, I think it's very fuzzy in terms of a definition to say this is a connection, you know, to to claim that there's a connection here to the greater network because of yes, the mile or so distance. I think that that's kind of an issue, to call that a connection. So, you know, it's kind of a very gray definition. So, I just wanted to say I wholeheartedly agree with all the statements that have been made. So, thank you very much.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you, Legislator Hewitt and then Amber.

Legislator Hewitt: I'm also commenting in order to agree that I think that can be a better county approach. Legislator Sperry, it's about a quarter mile from this park to the connection to the O and W. And so yesterday in our meeting, we were talking about connector trails and parking lots that are close. I think a good approach would be to use language like resolution 96, that has a county wide approach where there's matching funds. So, if you know in this case, Legislator Stewart is pass-, that, if Legislator Stewart is passionate about it, or maybe Deputy Executive Kelly is passionate about a project that, in Marlborough, and can help out over there, we can each help out with five connector trail parking lot projects, that the towns share the cost of. So, I think that's a better approach on this idea. And also, when Legislator Stewart said that it will have a trail, a loop with the Locks Trail, it's hard for me to see how they're going to get from the east side of the Rondout to the west side without using the bridge. And he said there will be new sidewalks. So, it's a great idea. I think you're all correct on that as well. Thank you.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. And I also love the idea of using some ARPA funds to leverage other projects and be seed funding, that's what we talked about from the very beginning as this is seed money, so that's, that's great. Amber, did you have something you wanted to interject?

Amber Feaster: Yeah, the OSI trails project scored a 54% overall, and this project scored a 25% overall.

Chairman Criswell: Oh. Big difference there. Alright, I'm going to call the question unless there's any more comment. So, all in favor of resolution 162. please say aye. All opposed, say aye.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you. So that resolution fails. All right. Thank you. We had an efficient meeting tonight. Did we not? Thank you, appreciate that. And I don't think I have any new or old business. Does anybody have any new or old business they would like to bring up? If not, you still have some sunlight. Go out and take a walk and enjoy the rest of your day. Thank you so much. And we will, I will see you at session.

Legislator Corcoran: Motion to adjourn.

Chairman Criswell: Thank you, sir. A second?

Legislator Sperry: Second.

Chairman Criswell: All in favor.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Criswell: Have a great night. Take Care.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Have a great night, everybody.

Legislator Sperry: Good night, everybody.

Legislator Levine: Thank you, everybody.

Time: 5:41 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster

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