

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

August 20, 2024

### PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Public may also attend at 38311 Ocean Vista Drive, #1173, Selbyville, DE 19975  
Also Available via *vimeo* Livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

7:00 PM

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR:

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Led by Jonathan MacNamara, BSA Troop 8, Sawkill, New York. In recognition of achieving Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout, Chair Peter Criswell will call upon District No. 3 Legislator Jason Kovacs to present Pride of Ulster County Awards to Jonathan.

For his Eagle Project, Jonathan led the development and construction of seven wooden docks to be used at the waterfront of Camp Seewackamano, a YMCA camp located in Shokan. Jonathan attended Camp Seewackamano when he was younger and considers it a highlight of his childhood which also helped form him into the respectable citizen he is today. The old docks at the Camp were rotting, and unstable. The new docks are much sturdier, easy to walk on and made with heavy duty materials that will provide the Campers and visitors with a safer waterfront for decades.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

**CELL PHONES**

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Session.

**MICROPHONES**

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

**ROLL CALL:**                      Present:                                      Absent:

**7:05 PM – CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2024, A Local Law To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Deputy Clerk/Finance Amber Feaster	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Chair Peter Criswell	August 13 <sup>th</sup>
Legislative Administrative Assistant Lizvett Bost	August 21 <sup>st</sup>
Legislator Joe Donaldson	August 29 <sup>th</sup>

**MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

UC Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appoints Legislator Debra Clinton to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee

Appoints Legislator Sperry to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

UC Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appoints Legislator Gavaris to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Foil Response – Timothy Scott Jr.

Foil Response – Vladimir Levin

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Foil Response – Rokosz Most

Board of Elections November 5, 2024  
Ballot Propositions Certifications:  
Resolutions No. 758 & 761

Legislative News

UC Legislature invests in eviction defense

UC invites you to Shape the Future of Arts & Culture – also Spanish translated version

Allison Costanzo, Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Stewart’s Shops Grand Opening – July 26, 2024 @ 11:00 AM – 3733 US HWY 9W, Highland

Ribbon Cutting – F&E Shooters Supply – August 8, 2024 @ 11:00 AM – 592A Ulster Avenue, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Kingston Social – August 8, 2024 @ 1 :00 PM – 237 Fair St, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – WaiV Woodstock appreciates its Volunteers – August 9, 2024 @ 10:30 AM – Woodstock Town Offices – 45 Comeau Drive, Woodstock

Ribbon Cutting – Kingston Staples Media Center – August 20, 2024 @ 3pm – 1399 Ulster Avenue, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Ten Broeck Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Day Care Center – August 21, 2024 @ 2pm – 1 Commons Drive, Lake Katrine

Ribbon Cutting – 3c Detailing – August 27, 2024 @ 12pm – 454 Route 28, Kingston

Allison Costanzo, Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – Amodio Real Estate and Properties – Aug 27, 2024 @ 3pm – 340 Main Street, Suite 104, Saugerties

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Alyssa Hart, UC Department of Finance	Q2 of 2024 – Treasury Report and Revenue Journals
Angel Gonzalez, UC Department of Mental Health	Community Service Board meeting minutes for June 10, 2024 & July 9, 2024
Budget Department	July 2024 Budget Transfer Report -Cover letter and report
Budget Director	2025 Budget – Departmental Requests
Chair Baden, UCCRA	2024 UCCRA Reform Committee Report
Charles Dinstuhl, Deputy Comptroller	Press Release – NYS Comptroller’s Bridge Report
Comptroller Gallagher	2022 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Comptroller Gallagher commends UC Clerk Nina Postupack on her retirement after 45 years of service to Ulster County
Corinna Collins, NYS Dept of Tax & Finance	2024 Final State Equalization Rate
Dafne DeJesus, UC Comptroller’s Office	Press Release – The UC Comptroller’s Office – Audit of the Corporate Compliance Program Comptroller’s Corporate Compliance Program Audit finds opportunities for improvement
Edward Jordan, Purchasing Department	Purchasing Report – June 2024 Non-Commodity Solicitation: RFP-UC24-026 – ITSM/ESM Platform & Implementation & Attachment A – ITSM Requirement and Self Ratings RFP-UC24-027 – Raise the age/STSJP Preventive Services RFP-UC24-028 – Ulster County Office for the Aging Legal Services
Edward Jordan, Purchasing Department	Purchasing Monthly Activity Report July 2024
Elizabeth Reichheld, NYC Environmental Protection	Notice of Preliminary Decision – Stream Management Program

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Hudson Valley Regional Council

Ken Panza, Woodstock Climate Smart Committee

Lisa Snyder, UC Purchasing Dept.

Marianne Ananew, Planning Dept.

Phil Erner

Rebecca Martin, Hudson 7

Rokosz Most

Timothy Scott, Jr.

Tracey Williams, Ulster County RPTSA

Ulster County Planning Board

Ulster County Tourism

Vladimir Levine

HVRC Economic Development Special Funding Announcement

Climate Smart Report for August 2024

July 2024 Executed Contracts List

Planner's Memorandum on Warehousing

Email – Opposed on Resolution No. 168 - Proposed Local Law 1 of 2024

Hudson 7 and the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) Transmission Cable

Hudson 7 Agenda, August 14<sup>th</sup> & Minutes for July 10<sup>th</sup>

Foil Request – Audio Law Enforcement Committee Meeting July 3, 2024

Foil Request- Law Enforcement Committee Meeting July 3, 2024

2024 Highland School IDA Pilot Billing

2024 Onteora School IDA Pilot Billing

2024 Rondout School IDA Pilot Billing

Agenda for August 7, 2024 & Minutes for July 10, 2024

September 2024 Trending Calendar

Foil Request – requesting brief summary of his UC Jail & Court house records

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Elevators to be upgraded at County Office Building on Fair St.

UC Executive calls PSCs over 50% cut to utility rate hike 'Significant' but remains concerned about impacts on struggling households

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

UC Executive Jen Metzger has released the following statement in response to the NYS Comptroller's Bridge Report

Ulster County launches AED Grant Program for Camps and Youth Sports Programs

UC celebrates 73 New firefighters at Graduation Ceremony

UC Successfully secures \$1.6M for Pine Hill to Restore Historic Hotel

UC Successfully Secures \$1.6M for Pine Hill Restore Historic Hotel - Updated – Additional info

'Safe Start to Summer' road safety campaign a success County Executive plans 'safe Start to School' campaign for September

Management response to draft county comptroller report on Corporate Compliance Program

UC shares \$1.7M in additional sales tax revenues with municipalities

County Executive released a statement on Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack's retirement

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Solid & Water Conservation District's Audited Annual Financial Statements

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture	July 2, 2024
Energy, Environment & Sustainability	June 4, 2024
	July 2, 2024
Health, Human Services & Housing	July 1, 2024
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	July 3, 2024
Special Law Enforcement and Public Safety	July 8, 2024
Laws and Rules, Government Services	July 11, 2024
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation	July 8, 2024
Ways and Means	July 11, 2024

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

In recognition of National Senior Citizens Day on Wednesday, August 21st, Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to Susan Koppenhaver, Director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging, to provide an update on the county’s programs, initiatives, and future plans. The Ulster County Office of the Aging's mission is to assist and empower older adults and their families to live as independently as possible with dignity and purpose.

Joining Ms. Koppenhaver is Keith Blair, Vice President of Business Services & Development at Gateway Hudson Valley. Gateway is a nonprofit social service agency that has been providing essential services to people with disabilities, behavioral health needs, and the aging population for over 65 years in the Hudson Valley.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):**

**RESOLUTION NOS: 168, 221, 394, 418 – 420, 422 – 429, 431 – 440, 442 – 446, 448 – 457, 459 - 464; 356, 358, 430, 441, & 458 – POSTPONED; 359, 373, 399, & 421 – WITHDRAWN; 447 – REFERRED TO LAWS, RULES, & GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

	<b>Consent</b>
<b>221</b>	<b>Urging The New York State Department Of Health To Issue A Certificate Of Need To Provide Expanded Ambulance And Emergency Services Within Ulster County</b>

418	<b>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Establish The Department Of Assigned Counsel</b>
419	<b>Amending And Decreasing ARPA Funding For CP 635, And Amending And Increasing ARPA Funding In The Ulster County 2024 Operating Budget To Provide \$154,611 For Rental Assistance Services Through Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley - ARP Division – Department Of Finance</b>
420	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$658,279.76 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Social Services</b>
422	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Ulster, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, For Improvements At Orlando Street Softball Field Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</b>
423	<b>Appointing Member To The Recycling Oversight Committee</b>
424	<b>Amending Capital Project No. 693 - 2024 DPW Facility Improvement Program - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b>
426	<b>Amending Capital Project No. 700 – Development Court Office Building And Other Various Buildings Security, Fire Alarm And Access Control Upgrades – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b>
428	<b>Appointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board For The Town Of Plattekill – Department Of Planning</b>
429	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend The 2024 Ulster County Operating Budget – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
431	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$245,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Finance</b>
432	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Halwick Law, LLC – Office For The Aging</b>



<b>433</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Home Health Care &amp; Companion Agency, Inc. – Office For The Aging</b>
<b>434</b>	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports For A 2.84% Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>435</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,092.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>436</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,827.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>437</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,125.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department of Mental Health</b>
<b>438</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$10,342.42, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Eaton Corporation – Department Of Information Services</b>
<b>439</b>	<b>Amending The 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 704 Golden Hill Solar Project – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Planning</b>
<b>440</b>	<b>Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Funding For The Implementation Of Septic System Replacement Program - Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Planning</b>
<b>442</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$6,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP – Ulster County Legislature</b>

<b>444</b>	<b>Increasing Membership And Appointing Member To The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature</b>
<b>445</b>	<b>Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics</b>
<b>446</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy To Require Legislative Approval Of All Grant Applications With County Matching Funds Prior To Their Submission</b>
<b>448</b>	<b>Approving The Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) For The Design, Testing And Construction For Burroughs Hall Window Replacements Related To Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project And Amending The Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster</b>
<b>450</b>	<b>Approving The Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) For Design, Testing And Construction Services For Burroughs Hall Roof Related To The Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs – Ulster County Community College And Amending The Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster</b>
<b>452</b>	<b>Approving The Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) To Provide The Construction Services For Vanderlyn Hall Doorway Replacement, Related To The Capital Project No. 493 – Door Replacement And Amending The Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster</b>
<b>454</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Counties Of Orange, Rockland And Sullivan For The Purpose Of Education And Training Within The HAZMAT Regional Partnership – Amending The 2024 Ulster County Operating Budget – Department Of Emergency Services</b>
<b>455</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Counties Of Orange, Rockland And Sullivan For The Purpose Of Education And Training Within The HAZMAT Regional Partnership – Department Of Emergency Services</b>
<b>456</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,100.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists &amp; Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Emergency Management/Emergency Communications</b>

457	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$1,195,851.12 Entered Into By The County – New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation – Emergency Management/ Emergency Communications</b>
459	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,728.30, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Virtra, Inc – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
460	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
461	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative – District Attorney</b>
462	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative – Probation Department</b>
463	<b>Authorizing The Chair of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For The Second Statewide Expansion Of Hurrell-Harring – Office Of The Public Defender</b>
464	<b>Amending The 2024 County Budget To Upgrade A Part-Time Investigator Position To Full-Time Chief Investigator And Raise The Pay Rate – Public Defender</b>
	<b>Non-Consent</b>
168	<b>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</b>

<p><b>394</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature to Accept Funding Under The State’s Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program; Amending The 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 702 – Sheriff’s 2024 LETECH Program - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff</b></p>
<p><b>425 BOND</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$180,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of Improvements To Sidewalks, Curbs And Stairways At County Buildings, In And For Said County</b></p>
<p><b>427 BOND</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$75,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of Security Improvements At Golden Hill Office Building And The New Public Works Warehouse Facility On Route 9 West In The Town Of Ulster, New York, In And For Said County</b></p>
<p><b>443</b></p>	<p><b>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2024, 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, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 17, 2024 At 7:00 PM</b></p>
<p><b>449 BOND</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,602,441.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost of The Burroughs Hall Window Replacements, In And For Said County</b></p>
<p><b>451 BOND</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Design, Testing And Construction Phase Services For Burrough Hall Roof And HVAC Improvements, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$6,820,884.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,820,884.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b></p>
<p><b>453 BOND</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,068,936.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Installation And Construction Of The Vanderlyn Hall Main Entry And Vestibule Doorways, In And For Said County</b></p>

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):**

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

Susan Lee Stewart, Amarillo, Texas  
Barbara Parete, Stone Ridge  
Marie Colleta, Milton  
John Panek, Highland  
Janet Canino, Highland  
Magdalena Toth Ivich, Poughkeepsie  
Vivian Marie Longto, Kingston

Maryelizabeth Polacco, Kingston  
Beatrice Theresa Ronkese, Highland  
Alicia M. Hegeman, Highland  
Bryan Anthony Douglass, Highland  
Howard Jules Geffner, Highland  
Peter R. Minkler, Highland  
Katherine Wojcio, Kingston

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell, District 7, will offer closing words.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**