

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

July 16, 2024

### PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

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7:05 PM

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR:

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

Led by Luke Kotsides and Ian Gans, BSA Troop 16, Stone Ridge, New York. In recognition of achieving Boys Scouts of America's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout, Chair Peter Criswell will call upon District No. 18 Legislator Eric Stewart to present Pride of Ulster County Awards to Luke and Ian.

For his Eagle Project, Luke designed, organized and led the construction of playground equipment in the form of a pirate ship at Lederman Children's Center, in Stone Ridge, NY. For Ian's Eagle Project, he designed, organized and led the landscape improvement project at the Marbletown Reformed Church in Stone Ridge, NY.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending Article XXX Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Section 216 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Commission of Human Rights, To Modify Various Provisions

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**7:15 PM – CALL OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On 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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Chris Hewitt      July 4<sup>th</sup>

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella  
Legislative News

Response to Patricia Doxsey FOIL Request  
UC Laws & Rules Committee changes to  
the Human Rights Law

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Legislative News (continued)

Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman

Angel Gonzalez, UC Department of Mental Health

Brian Slack, Planning/Transport Council

Clinton G. Johnson, County Attorney

Corinna Collins, Tax

Dafne DeJesus, UC Comptroller Office

Edward Jordan, Dept of Purchasing

Hudson 7

Jen Asturias, Kingston

Jennifer Ryan, Ulster Prevention Council

Joseph Jenkins, Central Hudson

Ken Juras, Budget Director

UC Legislature approves support for purchase of youth sports AED machines  
UC Legislature Deputy Minority Leader Lopez opposes landfill siting in Town of Wawarsing

Deising's Bakery & Restaurant to People's Place – Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

FOIL Request

Community Services Board Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2024 & May 13, 2024

Walk, Bike, & Roll NY Promo – September 16-18 in Binghamton

Letter – County Litigation for June 2024

2024 final state and/or class equalization rates

Comptroller's first quarter 2024 financial report shows revenues down and expenditures up from the prior year

Non-Commodity Solicitations – RFB-UC24-025 – Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Services and RFB-UC24-144C – UC Development Court Roof Replacement Project

Non-Commodity Solicitations – RFP-UC24-024 – UC Warming Center

Purchasing report – May 2024

Agenda for July 10, 2024 & meeting minutes for June 12, 2024

Comment on Resolution Nos. 330 & 331

UC Substance Abuse Prevention Board Agenda and meeting minutes for June 14, 2024

June edition of Energy Central

June 2024 Budget Transfer Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Lindsay Ballard, Catskill Watershed Corp.

July 3, 2024 Notice of Preliminary Decisions

Michael Zareno

Comment - 49 Dug Road – Proposed Ag. District inclusion

Sam Goldberg, Town of Ulster

Opposed to Resolutions 330,331 and 349 through 352 – Sheriff’s vehicles and cops in schools

Sarah Levy, Huguenot Street

Historic Huguenot Street announces its newest publication; Legacies on the Land: Historic Houses, Hamlets, and Landscapes of Southern Ulster County

Historic Huguenot Street elects a new board member – Jan Willem Van Bergen Henegouwen

Scott W. Schaffrick, Police Chief’s Assoc. of UC

Letter – regarding the increased case load at the District Attorney’s office

Steve Noble, Mayor

Letter – City of Kingston Fire Commission has opted to close Volunteer Fire Station #8 & will be withdrawing from the UC Self-Insurance Plan

New York State Public Service Commission

Subsequent Filing - Matter No. 21-01182024 – Filing Letter – IPDOB Video June 2024

UC Board of Health

Agenda for May 14, 2024

UC Periodic Compensation Review Committee

Recommendation on the compensation of elected officials

UC Personnel Department

Civil Service Announcements

UC Planning Board

Agenda for July 10<sup>th</sup> & minutes for June 5<sup>th</sup>

M. Lourdel, Kingston

Email re: Worrisome anti-immigrant rhetoric by legislator

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

UC, in partnership with OSI, invites public to ribbon-cutting for newly improved O&W Rail Trail

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (Continued):**

Ribbon Cutting for newly improved O & W Rail Trail for June 21<sup>st</sup> has been postponed

Ulster County Executive applauds PSC decision holding central Hudson accountable

UC Legislature approves occupancy tax allocation to fund housing, transportation

UC Executive will be acting as the primary representative for UC Hudson Valley River Drinking Water intermunicipal

UC Executive Jen Metzger announces launch of 'Safe Start to Summer 2024' Road Safety Campaign

UC Compliance Committee Meeting Agenda for May 22, 2024 & Minutes for April 24, 2024

County Executive Metzger signs resolution committing Annual Occupancy Tax Revenues to Housing & Transportation

UC Department of the Environment launches Community Climate Action Plan

UC Pool closed for season due to ongoing issues

UC launches Solar & EV Infrastructure Grant Program for Local Governments

Refunds available for ulster county pool season pass holders

Appointing Elvira Rodriguez to the UC Office for the Aging Advisory Council

Appointing Taane Pegg for the UC Board of Ethics

UC, in partnership with OSI, invites public to ribbon-cutting for newly improved O&W Rail Trail

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (Continued):**

Statement from UC Executive regarding the attempted assassination of former President Trump

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture

June 4, 2024

Health, Human Services & Housing

June 6, 2024

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

June 5, 2024

Laws and Rules, Government Services

June 13, 2024

Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation

June 10, 2024

Ways and Means

June 13, 2024

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

In recognition and honor of July as Disability Pride Month, Chair Criswell has granted Privilege of the Floor to Esi Lewis, Ulster County’s Chief Diversity Officer. As a member of the executive staff, Esi Lewis works with departments to ensure that equity, diversity and inclusion are guiding values in how the county operates. Joining her will be Vernon Bonse, Sherri Kessler and James Gibson of the Apple Valley Deaf Task Force.

Chair Criswell has also granted Privilege of the Floor to Iva Walsh, the owner and manager of Maeve’s Place Coffee Shop in Phoenicia. Established in 2020 and named after Iva’s daughter, their motto is “We are changing the world, one cup of coffee at a time.” Maeve’s Place is a business that hires and trains people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to help sell high quality specialty food, beverages and gift items. They are a part of a culture where diversity is not just appreciated, it’s celebrated. Iva has been a public advocate for expanding job opportunities for many disabled individuals over the past decade, including giving testimony earlier this year to the US Congress on promoting individuals with disabilities in the workforce.

Chair Peter Criswell will call upon Legislators Hansut, Nolan and Sperry to present a Pride of Ulster County Award.

**PRIDE PRESENTATION**

Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Harmon, District 20, and Vice Chair Sperry, District 17, to present a Pride of Ulster County Award to New Paltz Police Chief, Robert Lucchesi in honor and recognition of his 31 years of dedicated service in the New Paltz Police Department and upon the occasion of his retirement.

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

**RESOLUTION NOS: 221, 323, 359 – 372, 374 – 380, 382 – 393, 395 – 398, 400 – 416;  
 168, 356, 358, 373, & 399 – POSTPONED;  
 357 & 394 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE; 155 & 381 - WITHDRAWN**

	<b>Consent</b>
<b>323</b>	<b>Setting A Public Hearing 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, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 20, 2024 At 7:05 PM</b>
<b>359</b>	<b>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending Article XXX Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Section 216 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Commission of Human Rights, To Modify Various Provisions</b>
<b>360</b>	<b>Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council</b>
<b>361</b>	<b>Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Youth Board</b>
<b>362</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$313,391.67 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau</b>
<b>363</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$52,239.17 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau</b>
<b>364</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$52,239.16 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau</b>

365	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,720,351.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging
366	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. – Legislature
367	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Birnie Bus Service Inc. – Department Of Social Services
368	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Orange County Transit, LLC – Department Of Social Services
369	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Field of Dreams Inc. – Department Of Social Services
370	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$18,552.00, 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 Social Services
371	Authorizing Funding For Ulster County’s Eviction Services Program – Department Of Social Services
372	Amending The 2024 Budget To Create Full-Time Positions Within The Sheriff’s Department To Provide Security For The Center For Well-Being For One Year – Department Of Mental Health
374	Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation 2024 Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning And Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Mapping Grant (NPG) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment
375	Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment



376	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Ellenville Central School District For The Operation Of Brighter Futures Initiative Program – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
377	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
378	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$625,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
379	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$200,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Soil &amp; Water Conservation District – Department Of Finance</b>
380	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$689,702.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley Agri-Business Development Corporation – Department Of Finance</b>
384	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$472,236.05 Entered Into By The County – National Manufacturing &amp; Distribution, Inc. D/B/A National Solar Technologies – Department Of Public Works</b>
385	<b>Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To For A Building Cleaner Communities Grant To The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) For The Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane New Paltz –Department Of Planning</b>
386	<b>Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application For A Building Cleaner Communities Grant To The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) For The Community Wellness Hub Located At 368 Broadway, Kingston – Department Of Planning</b>
387	<b>Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Via The NYSEFC Customer Portal – Department Of Planning</b>

388	<b>Authorizing An Application To The New York State ConnectALL Regional And Local Assistance Program To Build Capacity For Efforts To Expand Broadband Access And Authorizing The Submittal Of Any Necessary Authorizations And Certifications As Required By The Program</b>
389	<b>Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning</b>
390	<b>Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application For A Strategic Planning And Feasibility Studies Program Grant To New York State Empire State Development Corporation Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) For Development Of The Ulster County Modular Construction Strategic Plan For Affordable Housing – Department Of Planning</b>
391	<b>Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Office Of Community Renewal (NYSOCR) For Community Development Block Grant Funds For The Year 2024 – Department Of Planning</b>
392	<b>Authorizing The Department Of Planning To Submit An Application To The US Department Of Transportation (USDOT) For Funding Under The Safe Streets And Roads For All (SS4A) Program To Perform A Comprehensive Analysis Of Road Safety For All Users – Department Of The Planning</b>
393	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Federal Funding Relating To The STOP DWI Program– Department Of Probation</b>
395	<b>Amending The 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 703 – Sheriff’s Office Technology Purchase - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff</b>
397	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$4,992.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
398	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Smart Communications Holdings, Inc – Ulster County Sheriff</b>

400	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$51,271.92 Entered Into By The County – American Tower Management, LLC – Department Of Emergency Management</b>
401	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$69,590.52 Entered Into By The County – American Tower Management, LLC – Department Of Emergency Management</b>
402	<b>Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Dedicate County Road 1, Also Known As Lucas Avenue, Partially Located In The Town Of Ulster, In Honor Of All Ulster County Vietnam War Veterans, Past And Present</b>
403	<b>Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Dedicate County Road 5, Also Known As Hurley Mountain Road, Partially Located In The Town Of Hurley, In Honor Of All Ulster County Gold Star Families, Past And Present</b>
404	<b>Authorizing Inter Municipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Purpose Of Shared Services – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b>
405	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) In Relation To Intermunicipal Cooperation For Testing Services - Department Of Public Works</b>
406	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,515.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Dutchess Overhead Doors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
408	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – L.W. Tree Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
409	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$316,160.00 Entered Into By The County – Augustus Enterprise LLC – Department of Public Works</b>
411	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$84,357.30 Entered Into By The County – Sedara, LLC – Department Of Information Services</b>
412	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$79,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP – Legislature</b>

413	<b>Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept And Reject Bids For Purchase Of Parcels Of County-Owned Property At The May 8, 2024 Public Auction - Department Of Finance</b>
	<b>Non-Consent</b>
221	<b>Supporting Northern Dutchess Paramedics' Application For A Certificate Of Need To Provide Ambulance Service To Ulster County</b>
382	<b>Amending Capital Project No. 653 – Hall Of Records Building Rooftop Solar Array Project For Construction Services — Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b>
383 BOND	<b>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$120,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Hall Of Records Rooftop Solar Array Project, In And For Said County</b>
396 BOND	<b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$275,890.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Purchase Of Sheriff's Office Technology Equipment, For Said County</b>
407	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – The Gordian Group, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
410	<b>Authorizing Budget Director To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget</b>
	<b>Late Resolutions</b>
414	<b>Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The New York State Office Of Parks, Recreation And Historic Preservation, And The New York State Dormitory Authority For The New York Statewide Investment In More Swimming (NY SWIMS) Grant – Department Of Public Works</b>
415	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston For The Purpose Of Shared Services – Department Of Public Works (Parks)</b>

<b>416</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Town Of Rosendale For The Purpose Of Shared Services – Department Of Public Works (Parks)</b>
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**PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):**

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

William “Uncle Willy” Guldy, Kingston	Rev. Edmund R. Burke, Rosendale
Robert Schneller, Hurley (Former Hurley Supervisor)	L. Allen Lund, Kingston (Former Town of Kingston Highway Superintendent)
Roger P. Blatter, West Hurley	Lamar C. Carter, Cragmoor
Lenore Giansante, Milton	Ken Fenichel, Middletown

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Craig Lopez, District 14, to offer closing words.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 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, July 24, 2024.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**