

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

**MARCH 21, 2023**

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING

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**7:10 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR:**

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

### 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 Session.

#### **MICROPHONES**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Absent:

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**7:10 PM - CALL OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023: To Allow Volunteer Firefighters & 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:**

**7:15 PM - CALL OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** On Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023: Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Thomas Corcoran, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Counsel Nick Pascale, March 27<sup>th</sup>

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Elizabeth Corrado, UC Public Defender

Appt. Eric Stewart, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. Roxanne Pecora, UC Planning Board

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Elizabeth Broad, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. Manna Jo Greene, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. William Murray, UC Planning Board

Appt. Kim Mayer, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. Stana-Lea Weisburd, UC Planning Board

Appt. Vincent McLaughlin, UC Planning Board

Appt. John Ivankovic, UC Planning Board

Appt. Lee Molyneaux, UC Planning Board

Appt. Jere Brown, UC Planning Board

Appt. Herbert Litts III, Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Appt. Kathy Nolan, Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Appt. Tracey Bartels, Ulster Jury Board

Ulster County Legislators Public Comment Letter on Ashokan Reservoir Interim Release Protocol Modifications

Appt. Kevin Van Blarcum, UC Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Gilda Riccardi, UC Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Justin Pascale, UC Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Richard Barnhart, UC Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Marc Cassidy, UC Law Enforcement  
Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Philip Mattracion, UC Law  
Enforcement Community Engagement  
Committee

Appt. Eileen Murphy, UC Law Enforcement  
Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Naimah Muhammad, UC Law  
Enforcement Community Engagement  
Committee

Appt. Michael Atkin, Ulster County  
Community Services Board &  
Subcommittee on Mental Health

Appt. Helen Cano, Ulster County  
Community Services Board &  
Subcommittee on Substance Abuse

Appt. Laura Walzer, Ulster County  
Community Services Board &  
Subcommittee on Persons With  
Developmental Disabilities

Appt. Dan Ahouse, Ulster County  
Community Services Board Subcommittee  
on Mental Health

Appt. Deborah Franklin, Ulster County  
Community Services Board Subcommittee  
on Mental Health

Appt. Romero Duffy, Ulster County  
Community Services Board Subcommittee  
on Mental Health

Appt. David McNamara, Ulster County  
Community Services Board Subcommittee  
on Substance Abuse

Reappt. William More, Ulster County  
Environmental Management Council

Appt. James Easley, Ulster County  
Environmental Management Council

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Ulster County Legislative Clerk Victoria Fabella

Ulster County Legislative News

Legislator Jonathan Heppner

Legislators Abe Uchitelle & Gina Hansut

Ulster County Personnel Department

Hudson 7

T. Schmidt

NYS Public Service Commission

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County  
National Association of Counties

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board

Appt. Robert Cruickshank, Ulster County  
Environmental Management Council

E. Mermagen FOIL Response

Ulster County Legislature Press Release  
Acts to Define Affordable Housing as a  
County Purpose, 2.15.23

Press Release, Ulster County Legislature  
Accepting Applications to be Included in  
Agricultural District, 2.17.23

BOE Open Houses March 16<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Letter to Executive, Establishment of Ulster  
County Veterans Treatment Court

Civil Service Announcements

February Agenda, Amended Agenda &  
January Minutes

Email to County Executive re: Local Law  
No. 10

H&SB Minor Change Notice 11 Approved

Subsequent Filing – Case No. 17-T-0816,  
H&SB Minor Change Notice 11 Approved

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,  
NRC Letter to DPS Re: Public Forum  
Request

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188,  
DOB Transcript

Subsequent Filing – Case No. 17-T-0816,  
H&SB Minor Change Notice 012 and 014  
Approved

Ag Literacy Week Invites from Ulster 4-H  
CountyNews Vol. 55, No. 3

CountyNews Vol. 55, No. 4

Request for Pedestrian and Bicycle Policy  
Analysis

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Hudson Valley Regional Council

S. Turk

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Ulster County Veteran Services Director Mark Cozzupoli

Ulster County Compliance Committee

Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce

Ulster County Board of Elections

Ulster County Planning Board

Ulster County Department of Finance

Mid-Hudson Energy Transition

Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

J.A. Vilela

CSEA

NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets Commissioner Richard Ball

Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees

Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce

E. Mermagen

Ulster County Economic Development Alliance

Catskill Watershed Corporation

E. Kassirer

New York State Association of Counties

Empire State Development

Proposed Agenda, Board Packet & Proxy Form

Letter, Economic Impact Study re: Hotel Motel Occupancy Taxes

February Board Meeting Notice & Agenda

Veteran Related Communications

December Minutes & January Agenda

Ribbon Cutting Invitation, Dream Dog Training Center

Open House & Voting System Demo

March Agenda & February Minutes

Notice of Ulster County Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant

Office Open House Invitations

Report, Recommendation for Ag. District #2

Letter, Ag. District Property Removal Request

Site Visit Flyer

Ulster County Agricultural District No. 4 Renewal Plan Districting Eligibility Notice

Resolution Nos. 7 & 10 of 2023

Michael's Diner, Ribbon Cutting Invitation

FOIL Request

March Board Meeting Notices & Draft Agenda

03.08.23 Notice of Preliminary Decisions

Letter on COVID-19 Vaccinations

2023 State Legislative Reference Guide

Mid-Hudson Economic Development Updates

**COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Town of Plattekill	Resolution No. 31 of 2023, Opposing A Countywide Landfill in Town of Plattekill
NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos	Funding awarded for Water Quality Improvement Project #118918, Ulster County Aquatic Connectivity Restoration – Woodstock
Ulster County Board of Health	December 2022 Agenda & Minutes
M. McClinton	Public Comment on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023
NYS Dept. of Public Service	Notice of Public Comment for Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act of 2021 Annual Update
A.S. Levine	Public Comment, Flyer on Initiative to Connect Research & Policy
Ulster Prevention Council	Updated Bylaws
UC Purchasing Department	February 2023 Executed Contract List
Hudson 7	March Meeting Agenda & February Minutes
UC Dept. of the Environment	Climate Adaptation Planning, Interactive Map & Municipal Toolkit Launch
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation	2023 Burn Ban Dates
Concerned Citizens (6)	Emails, Opposing a Wallkill Landfill
Compliance Officer Tom Gibney	Ulster County Compliance Committee February Meeting Minutes & Agenda

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Taps Interim UCAT Director Toni Roser For Full Appointment, Pending Approval from Legislature, 2.14.23

Press Release, County Executive Unveils Initiatives in Housing, Workforce,

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Community & Small Businesses at 2023  
State of the County Add, 2.16.23

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen  
Metzger Taps Assistant Public Defender  
For Top Job, Pending Approval From  
County Legislature, 2.22.23

Ulster County Executive Public Comment  
Letter on Ashokan Reservoir Interim  
Release Protocol Modifications

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen  
Metzger Urges Withdrawal of Proposed  
Changes to Ashokan Reservoir Release  
Plan, 2.27.23

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen  
Metzger Responds to Letter From  
Municipalities on HazMat Trains. 2.27.23

UC Exec Statement on County Finances  
February 2023 Budgetary Transfers

Ulster County Executive Open Letter to  
Residents on County Finances

Ulster County Executive Metzger  
Statement on Winter Storm Warning

Press Release, Ulster County Travel  
Restrictions Effective 4:00AM Tuesday,  
March 14, 3.13.23

Press Release, County Executive Metzger  
Update on Winter Storm 3.14.23

Press Release, Ulster County, RUPCO, and  
City of Kingston Announce \$1.75M NYS  
Grant for Plus One Home Program, 3.15.23

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen  
Metzger and Municipal Leaders Demand  
Federal Action to Improve Rail Safety,  
3.15.23



**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Letter to USDOT on Rail Hazards  
Concerns

Executive Order No. 02-2023

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen  
Metzger to Donate Pay Raise to SUNY  
Ulster Scholarship Fund, 3.17.23

Reappts. John Dispensa & Thomas Nash,  
Electrical Licensing Board

Appt. Sgt. Robert Vedder Jr., Ulster County  
Traffic Safety Board

Appt. Heaven Torres & Kyle Fallaha,  
Ulster County Youth Board

Appt. Amanda LaValle, Hudson Valley  
River Drinking Water Intermunicipal  
Council

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen  
Metzger to Donate Pay Raise to SUNY  
Ulster Scholarship Fund, 3.17.23

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Ulster Prevention Council  
UC Executive Departments  
UC Clerk's Office  
UC Green Fleet  
UC Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory

2021 Annual Report  
2022 Annual Report  
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**DATE:**

Economic Development, Planning, Education,  
Employment, Arts & Agriculture  
Energy, Environment & Sustainability  
Law Enforcement and Public Safety  
Laws and Rules, Government Services  
Health, Human Services & Housing  
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation  
Ways and Means  
  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

January 31, 2023  
February 2, 2023  
February 2, 2023  
February 9, 2023  
February 1, 2023  
February 6, 2023  
February 7, 2023  
February 14, 2023  
February 8, 2023

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

**RESOLUTION NOS: 11 of 2022, 553 of 2022, 8, 42, 73, 76, 77, 80 – 85, 90 – 121;  
486 of 2022, 554 of 2022, 78, 86 – 89 & 122 – POSTPONED;  
200 of 2022, 541 OF 2022, 5 & 124 – NO ACTION TAKEN;  
461 of 2022 – WITHDRAWN; 79, 97 & 123 – FOR APRIL INTRODUCTION**

	<b>Consent</b>
<b>77</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy To Prioritize The Mental And Behavioral Health Needs Of Ulster County By Initiating Assessment And Determining A Five-Year Plan</b>
<b>81</b>	<b>Authorizing A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Economic Development</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$313,743.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>
<b>83</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</b>

<b>84</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,495.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Rosendale, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Partially Fund Replacement Of A Municipal Water Storage Tank – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services</b>
<b>93</b>	<b>Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supportive Housing, Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), And To Amend Funding For Community Support Programs – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>94</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. – Office For The Aging</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$106,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Unlimited Care Inc. – Office For The Aging</b>
<b>105</b>	<b>Establishing Capital Project No. 658 – Ticketing And Accident System Upgrade - Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget- Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>107</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$39,408.00, 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>

<b>108</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,708,022.08, Entered Into By The County – PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice P.C., Professional Care Dental Services P.C., PersonalCare Registered Professional Nursing P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>115</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cook, Kurtz &amp; Murphy, P.C. – Ulster County Attorney</b>
<b>116</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Victim Services - Department Of Probation</b>
<b>117</b>	<b>Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With the New York State Energy Research And Development Authority For On-Site Energy Manager Consulting Services And Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Department Of The Environment</b>
<b>118</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$73,707.00 Entered Into By The County – APCO International – Information Services</b>
<b>119</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$96,030.00 Entered Into By The County – Facsimile Communications Industries, Inc. D/B/A Atlantic Tomorrows Office – Information Services</b>
<b>120</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$134,546.68 Entered Into By The County – Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc. – Information Services</b>
	<b>Non-Consent</b>
<b>11 of 2022</b>	<b>Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature For A Special Law In Relation To The Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Rates In Ulster County</b>
<b>553 of 2022</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy To Require Public Notification Of Changes To Ulster County Area Transit Bus Routes And Schedules</b>

<b>8</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy Requiring Disclosure Of The Names Of Individuals Holding Ownership Interest In Entities Doing Business With Ulster County</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Finance – ARPA</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy To Prohibit Certain Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials And Board Of Elections From Holding Any Elective Public Office Of Any City, Town or Village Within Ulster County</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>Establishing A Policy Requiring Consideration Of Food Security Initiatives As A Condition Of Receiving Ulster County Funding For Affordable Housing Development And Certain County Capital Construction Projects</b>
<b>92</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services</b>
<b>96</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$4,088.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau</b>
<b>98</b>	<b>Confirming Appointment Of Toni Roser As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>Establishing Capital Project No. 655 Malden Turnpike (C.R. 89) Culvert Replacement Project – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b>
<b>100 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Replacement Of The Malden Turnpike Culvert In The Town Of Saugerties, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$90,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$90,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 656 – 2023 County Fleet Vehicles – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Central Garage)</b>

<b>102 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,600,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of An Aggregate \$2,600,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b>
<b>103</b>	<b>Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 657 – 2023 Highway Equipment – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b>
<b>104 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Purchase Of Construction And Maintenance Equipment, For The Department Of Public Works Of The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,299,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,299,000.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b>
<b>106 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Ticketing And Accident System Upgrade, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$122,235.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$122,235.00 Bonds Of Said County TO Pay The Cost Thereof</b>
<b>109</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>110</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>111</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>112</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$19,890.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Miller Environmental Group Inc. – Ulster County Area Transit</b>

<b>113</b>	<b>Amending Capital Project 568 - Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project - Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With New York Power Authority And Amending Capital Project 568 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)</b>
<b>114 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Design And Construction Of Phase 2.2 Of Upgrades To The Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure At The UCAT Facility, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$697,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$697,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b>
<b>121</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – CB20 Inc. F/K/A Computer Professional International Inc. – Information Services</b>

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

Amy Panza, Woodstock, NY  
William Carelli, Kerhonkson, NY  
James Garvey, Kingston, NY  
Hugh Zimmerman, Accord, NY  
Sandra Graff, Wallkill, NY  
John Steele, Highland, NY  
Kenneth McIntosh, Highland, NY  
Phyllis Privett, Clintondale, NY  
Betty Bilyou, Highland, NY  
Judith Dombrowski, Bloomington, NY  
Jordan Taylor, Kingston, NY

John Stokes, Woodstock, NY  
Clifford Breithaupt, Saugerties, NY  
Harry Lowe, Kingston, NY  
Joan Coles, Ulster, NY  
Frank Pampinella, Highland, NY  
Margaret Ottaviano, Bedford, New Hampshire  
Raymond Poluzzi, Jr., Poughkeepsie, NY  
Elvira DeSteno, Highland, NY  
Linda Dias, Ancram, NY  
Elizabeth Young, Accord, NY

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is Friday, March 24, 2023 at 12 Noon.