

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AGENDA

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

The Meeting is also available via Livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR:

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

Lead by the Kingston Veteran's Association Color Guard.

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 Hearing 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:

7:00 PM – CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2025 – 2030 Ulster County Capital Program

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

7:10 PM – CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify Various Provisions Relating To Certain Departments And Duties

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Appt Kathleen Pless to the Investment Advisory Board

Appt Alicia DeMarco at the Minority Representative to the Investment Advisory Board

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Foil Response – Glaiza Salomia

Foil Response – Mary Lagawiec, MSc

Legislative News

Letter to Governor Hochul – Short term rental

Ulster County to present state of Culture Report on October 24

Statement from UC Chair Peter Criswell on the passing of Joe Cotter

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Legislative News

UC Legislature to hold public hearings on the 2025 Budget Across Ulster County, also Spanish Translation

Chair Ulster County Legislature advocates for fair wages for all County employees – also in Spanish translation

Mark Cozzupoli, UC Veterans Services

Veterans Related Communications

Ulster County Personnel Department

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

Allison Costanzo, Ulster Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – My Kingston Kids Imagine Park, Friday, October 25, 2024 @ 11:00 AM – Herzog’s Ball Field in Kingston Plaza

Ribbon Cutting – The International Museum of Dinnerware Design – Thursday, October 31, 2024 @ 11:00 AM – 524 Broadway, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Halter Associates Realty – Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 2:00 PM – 21 Tinker Street, Woodstock

Ribbon Cutting – Grand Opening of the Country Meadow Apartments in Saugerties – Wednesday, November 13, 2024 @ 4:00 PM – 83 North Street, Saugerties

Corinna Collins, Real Property Tax Services

2024 Certification of County Equalization Rates for Apportionment

2024 Final State and/or Class equalization rates

Dafne DeJesus, Comptroller’s Office

Press release – Correction - UC Community College Chargeback Report 2024

Comptroller finds UC general fund \$31.1 Million over fund balance policy limits, recommends protecting taxpayers from future economic downturns

Comptroller March Gallagher releases contract and vendor dashboard

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Edward Jordan, Purchasing Department

Eve Walter, Public Health Director

Gina Carena

Giovanna Napolitano, UC Dept of Finance

Glaiza Salomia

Jeff Gliedman, Marlboro

Judy Riley, OFA

Kenneth Juras, Budget Director

Mary Legawiec, Colliers Engineering & Design

Melinda Salinas, UC Clerk's Office

Nathan Litwin, UC Dept of Finance

Peter Esposito, Dept of Purchasing

Rebecca Martin, Hudson 7

Roseann Daw, Commissioner of Finance

September 2024 purchasing report

Order of Succession

Public Comment for Resolution No. 523 –
In Support of Dr. Eve Walter

Ulster BAN and Bond Closing Documents

Foil Request – A list of properties with
open tax delinquents on them. Must be an
updated list and provide the property
address, owner's name, and mailing
address

Republican Ulster lawmakers propose 15%
cut in property tax levy

Reporting Wages - OFA

Budget Transfer Report September 2024

Public meeting on Agricultural and
Farmland Protection Plan

Foil Request – intersection of rte 300 and
County Route 21, Shawangunk – Tax
Parcel(s) 107.3-1-1.100 and 107.3-1-3.110

Approved Mortgage Tax Semi-Annual
Report for April to September 2024

ARPA, Journals, Q3 of 2024

Non-Commodity Solicitations – RFB-
UC24-147C – NY Route 32/Golden Hill
Drive Traffic Signal Installation

Non-Commodity Solicitations – RFP-
UC24-043 – Leading In Pilot Program
septic system replacement program - final

Agenda for November 13, 2024 and
Minutes for September 11, 2024

Reserve Report - 2023

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Notice of Revised Rule Making; 6 NYCRR Part 375, Environmental Remediation Programs

Letter Regarding Resolution No. 471 - Hercules Inc.

Stephanie Turco

Public comment Resolution No. 523 – In support of Dr. Eve Walter

Ulster County Planning Board

Agenda for November 6, 2024 & Minutes for October 2, 2024

Ulster County Tourism

November 2024 Trending Calendar

Zina Tomblin, Orrick

Orrick approving opinion for Ulster County
Ulster County BAN opinion

Ulster Bills

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Epidemiologist Eve Walter confirmed by Legislature as Ulster County Director of Public Health

Children’s Mental Health Clinic Next Steps Approved by Legislature

UC Department of the Environment Hosts Public Open House for Ulster County Community Climate Action Plan

UC and Partners celebrate groundbreaking of Affordable Housing at Golden Hill

UC maintains strong financial standing ‘AA’ Bond Rating

UC offers free ‘Be Safe’, be seen’ reflective vests during Pedestrian Safety Month

Appointing Veronica Claypool Butler to the UC Office of the Aging Advisory Council

County Executive Jen Metzger proposes renaming Ulster County Office Building in

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Honor of Former Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack

UC Executive Jen Metzger released a statement in response to UC Comptroller’s Fund Balance Report

Ulster County Department of Mental Health and Youth Bureau to host free ‘Mind, Body & Soul: Youth & Parent Expo’ on November 16th

Appts the following to the UC Environmental Management Council – Emilie Hauser, Neil Rindlaub, and Reappointing – Roberta Clements & Mark E. Ellison

Appts the following to the UC Traffic Safety Board – Marc Cassidy, Lt. James A. Seyfarth and reappointing the following – Brendan Masterson, David Corrigan, Eric Knight, Sgt. Robert Vedder jr., Egidio Tinti, Giovanna Russo

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

October 1, 2024

Energy, Environment & Sustainability

October 1, 2024

Health, Human Services & Housing

October 3, 2024

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

October 2, 2024

Laws and Rules, Government Services

October 10, 2024

Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation

October 7, 2024

Ways and Means

October 10, 2024

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to Mark A. Cozzupoli, Director of Ulster County Veteran Services Agency (UCVSA.) The UCVSA provides support to County Veterans and their families with obtaining benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the NYS Department of Veteran Affairs. They also reach out to local communities and service organizations to assist Veterans with tax exemptions, issues of homelessness, employment, transportation, burial benefits, and the FAVOR discount card program.

Joining Director Cozzupoli is Kevin Keaveny, Co-founder & Executive Director of the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration and Gavin Walters, Director of Vet2Vet of Ulster County. These organizations promote peer-to-peer approaches to empower service members to live successful, fulfilling lives whether currently serving or transitioning back into civilian life.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature):

**RESOLUTION NOS: 447, 531, 532, 546; 555, 556, 558 – 572, 574 – 596, 598 – 616;
 513, 526, 527 & 553 – POSTPONED; 356, 470 & 507 – NO ACTION TAKEN;
 469 & 597 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE; 358 & 573 – WITHDRAWN**

| | First Reading |
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| 556 | Amending The Rules Of Order As They Relate To Decorum At Legislative Session And Legislative Committee Meetings |
| | Consent |
| 531 | Establishing Capital Project No. 707 - Purchase And Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 9 And 15 Joys Lane In The City Of Kingston For The Purpose Of Office Space – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds) |
| 546 | Amending The Bank Reconciliation Procedure For The County Of Ulster – Department Of Finance |
| 555 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) In Relation To Certain Employment Restrictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 17, 2024 At 6:05 PM |
| 558 | Appointing Members To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board |

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| 560 | Setting A Public Hearing On Naming A County-Owned Asset To Be Held On Tuesday, December 17, 2024 At 6:15 PM |
| 561 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$35,000.00, 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 |
| 562 | Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County For Calendar Year 2025 – Department Of Tourism |
| 563 | Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law |
| 564 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marlborough For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Town Of Marlborough Community Center – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience |
| 565 | Authorizing A Permanent Easement To Lorpak Willow Park LLC For The Limited Purpose Of Permitting Underground Access To An Electric Pole For An Electric Vehicle Charging Station In The City Of Kingston – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) |
| 566 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$17,019.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health |
| 567 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16,625.00, 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 |
| 568 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$73,353.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging |

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| 569 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Celeste-Hoyal D/B/A Celeste Graves Fitness – Office For The Aging |
| 570 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Purfoods, LLC D/B/A Mom's Meals – Office For The Aging |
| 571 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Patricia O. Ricks – Office For The Aging |
| 572 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,111,339.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health |
| 574 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services For Day Care Registration And Inspection Program – Department Of Social Services |
| 575 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services |
| 577 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$62,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. – Department Of Social Services |
| 578 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,424,363.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services |
| 579 | Amending Capital Project No. 540 – For The Samsonville Road Culvert Replacement Project, Town Of Rochester – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Authorizing The Implementation And Funding Of 100% Of The Costs Of Replacing Said Culvert, Of Which Qualified Costs May Be Reimbursed From Bridge NY Funds – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges) |
| 581 | Establishing Capital Project Nos. 712 And 713 For The 2025 DPW Bridge Program – Amending Capital Project No. 613 - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) |

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| 583 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$34,892.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Johnson Controls, Inc. – Department Of Public Works |
| 584 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,419.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Peak Power Systems, Inc. – Department Of Public Works |
| 586 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$53,236.00 Entered Into By The County – Lothrop Associates Architects D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works |
| 587 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,133,264.00 Entered Into By The County – Securitas Technology Corporation – Department Of Public Works |
| 588 | Approving Ulster County’s 2025 STOP-DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-Municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Department Of Probation, STOP-DWI Division |
| 589 | Approving Ulster County’s STOP-DWI Foundation High Visibility Engagement Campaign And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-Municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Department Of Probation, STOP-DWI Division |
| 590 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Police Services – Ulster County Sheriff |
| 591 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Child Passenger Safety – Ulster County Sheriff |
| 592 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Department Of Justice (DOJ), Office Of Community Policing Services For Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act Implementation Projects - Ulster County Sheriff |

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| 594 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$65,222.41 Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff |
| 595 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$120,240.18 Entered Into By The County – Cook's Direct, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff |
| 596 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$17,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Public Safety Psychology, PLLC – Ulster County Sheriff |
| 598 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 232 Living Wage, In Relation To Applicability And Compensation, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2024 At 6:00 PM |
| 599 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLIV From Each (Insurance Department), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XLIII (Safety Department), To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2024 At 6:05 PM |
| 600 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Renaming Article XVI From Department Of Purchasing To Department Of General Services, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2024 At 6:10 PM |
| 601 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 Of 2024, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions Pursuant To The 2025 Ulster County Budget To County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2024 At 6:15 PM |
| 603 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP – County Attorney |
| 604 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Funding Agreement In The Amount Of \$155,351.00 Under The Electronic Pollbook Grant Program With The NYS Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections |

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| 605 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Funding Agreement In The Amount Of \$83,089.00 Under The Ballot By Mail Grant Program With The NYS Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections |
| 606 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Funding Agreement In The Amount Of \$55,216.00 Under The 2024 General Election Grant Program With The NYS Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections |
| 607 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$13,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – SGRisk, LLC – Department Of Finance |
| 608 | Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Redemption Offers Relative To Payment Of Real Property Taxes In The 2022 In Rem Foreclosure Proceeding |
| 609 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Inter-Municipal Agreement With Various Municipalities For The Purpose Of Purchasing Licensing And Year One Hosting For The Systems East Total Collection Solution – Department Of Finance |
| 610 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$33,083.55, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – AssetWorks Inc. – Department Of Information Services |
| 611 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$76,706.86 Entered Into By The County – Naviant, Inc. – Department Of Information Services |
| 612 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$36,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Systems Development Group, Inc. – Department Of Information Services |
| 613 | Establishing The Ulster County Information Services Acceptable Use Of Technology Policy – Department Of Information Services |

| | Non-Consent |
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| 447 | Providing Advanced Diversity, Equity And Inclusion Training To All Ulster County Elected Officials |
| 532 BOND | Authorizing The Purchase Of The Land And Building At 9 And 15 Joys Lane, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,705,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,705,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof |
| 559 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article II Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Remove Certain Employment Restrictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 17, 2024 At 6:10 PM |
| 576 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$244,662.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services |
| 580 BOND | Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$206,153.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Replacement Of The Samsonville Road Culvert In The Town Of Rochester, In And For Said County |
| 582 BOND | Authorizing An Additional Portion Of The 2025 DPW Bridge Program, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$570,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$570,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof |
| 585 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,968.00, 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. – Department Of Public Works |
| 593 | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amended Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide 1 (One) Additional Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff |

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| 602 | Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2024, A Local Law Applying Salary Revisions for Certain Elected Ulster County Officials Serving For Fixed Terms, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2024 At 6:20 PM |
| | Late Resolutions |
| 614 | Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Allocation Of Family-Centered Case Management Services Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance – Department Of Social Services |
| 615 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$171,297.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services |
| 616 | Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$159,472.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Social Services |

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

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Ron Woods, Kingston
Mary-Ann Parker, Kingston
Lawrence Diorio, Milton
Bruce Lynch Graves, Marlboro
Beverly Finnegan, Kingston
Walter Gilman, Port Ewen
Barbara Eckert-Simpson, Marlborough

Oscar Ahrens, Kingston
Kenneth Baxter, Cragmoor
John Yaruso, Lake Katrine
Shirley J. Ruth, Kingston
Janis Leas, High Falls
John Rubino, Kingston

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Eric Kitchen, District 4, to offer closing words.

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NEXT MEETING:

The Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2025 – 2030 Capital Program Vote will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

MEETING ADJOURNED: