

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA

October 15, 2024

### REGULAR MEETING

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:**

### 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:

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Jason Kovacs                      October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Legislator Craig Lopez                      October 30<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

Minority Leader Roberts & Minority Caucus

Legislative News

Mark Cozzupoli, UC Veterans Services

Ulster County Personnel Department

Allison Costanzo, Ulster Chamber of Commerce

Foil Response – Christina Saunders

Foil Response – Keisha Hoerner

September 24, 2024 letter to County Executive re: UC Commissioner of Health

UC Legislature approves study of water infrastructure – both English & Spanish version

UC Releases State of the Trails Report: 80+ Miles of Shared-Use Trails Generates \$17 Million in Annual Spending from 1.4 Million Vists

UC Legislature reminds voters to flip their ballot for County propositions – also Spanish Translation

Veterans Related Communications

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

Ribbon Cutting – Nuvance Health Primary Care Practice – Thursday, October 10, 2024 @ 2:00 PM at 1240 Ulster Avenue, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Brookside Wander at Emerson Resort & Spa – Friday, October 4, 2024 @ 2:00 PM at 5340 Route 28, Mt. Tremper, NY

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Amy Borden, UC Department of Social Services

Barbara Hill, Public

Brian Cahill

Brian Slack, Traffic Safety

Catskill Forest Association, Inc

Christina Saunders

Edward Jordan, Purchasing Department

Ribbon Cutting – Wellness Empowerment Center Lift at People’s Place, Thursday October 10, 2024 @ 4:00 PM – 17 St. James Street, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Etain adult use Cannabis Dispensary – Friday October 18, 2024 @ 11:00 AM – 445 NY 28, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Spoon Full of Sugar – Friday October 11, 2024 @ 3:00PM – 1040 Morton Blvd, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Nice and High LLC DBA Catskill Mountain High – Thursday October 17, 2024 @ 1:00 PM – 308 Plaza Road (Kingston Plaza), Kingston

Groundbreaking of Golden Hill by Pennrose – October 18, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – 63 Golden Hill Drive, Kingston

Budget for Liberty Resources 2024-478

Budget for 2nda Iglesia – Warming Center 2024-455

Email – public comment for the approval of the Appt of Dr. Eve Walter to the position of Public Health for Ulster

Budget for Family of Woodstock Contract 2024-433

Letter of Support for Eve Walter

Meeting Agenda for October 7, 2024

Catskill Forest Association’s Annual Membership Announcement – Saturday, October 5, 2024 Registration @ 9:30AM

Foil Request – sewer systems at 1040 Route 28, Kingston

Non-Commodity Solicitation:

RFP-UC24-033 – Children and Families Community-Based Services

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

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|   | RFP-UC24-034 – Batterer Intervention Program   |
|   | RFP-UC24-035 – Technical Assistance for the UCTC Year 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan                    |
|   | RFP-UC24-037 – Transportation Management Services – Early Intervention & Preschool                           |
| Fred D. Rachman, MD, Alliance Chicago               | Letter in support of Eve Walter  |
|   | August 2024 Purchasing Department Monthly Activity Report  |
| Hudson Valley Regional Council                      | HVRC Fall 2024 Newsletter  |
| Jeanette Wolfe, Catskill Mountain High              | Catskill Mountain High Dispensary opening press release  |
| Juan Figueroa, Sheriff                              | Letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Eve Walter   |
| Kathryn Lauchaire, NYS Department of Transportation | Stewart Airport Commission Meeting Agenda for September 24 <sup>th</sup> & Minutes for July 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Keisha L. Hoerner, Woodstock Land Conservancy       | Foil Request – August 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee                        |
| Ken Juras, Budget Director                          | August 2024 Budget Transfer Report   |
| Lindsay Ballard, Catskill Watershed Corp.           | Notice of Preliminary Decisions – October 2, 2024  |
| Lisa Snyder, UC Purchasing Department               | September 2024 Executed Contracts List   |
| Phoebe Hoolihan, Public                             | Letter of support for the Catskill Mountain Railroad   |
| Rebecca Martin, Hudson 7                            | Agenda for October 9, 2024 (meeting was cancelled) and Minutes for September 11, 2024                        |
| Renee Pugliese, UC Career Center                    | Workforce Development Board Minutes for September 18, 2024   |

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

Robyn Scarchilli, N. Dutchess Hospital/Nuvance Health

Ribbon Cutting – Nuvance Health Kingston Primary Care – Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00PM-3:00 PM – 1240 Ulster Avenue, Kingston

Sarah Levy, Huguenot Street

HHS Presents: “Natural Medicines”, a virtual presentation with Stockbridge-Munsee Herbalist, Misty Cook

Tracey Williams, UC RPTSA

Haunted Huguenot Street – “The Curious Case of Edward Cary”

2024 Kingston School IDA PILOT corrected spreadsheet and invoice

UC Planning Board

Agenda for October 2, 2024 & Minutes for September 4, 2024

Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

2021-2023 State of the Trails Update

Ulster County Tourism

October 2024 Trending Calendar

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

UC celebrates Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week with unveiling of new off-the-grid EV chargers

County Executive’s recommendations approved by Legislature to fund five affordable housing projects

Statement by UC Executive concerning Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) case in Ulster County

UC celebrates Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week with unveiling of New Off-the-Grid EV Charger

County Executive Metzger unveils New-Off-the-Grid EV Charger during Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week

Legislature authorize purchase of Kingston off building for office of the District Attorney, Victims’ Advocacy Centers

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Response to Republican Caucus Letter on September 24<sup>th</sup> regarding Appointment of Dr. Eve Walter as UC Public Health Director

UC Compliance Committee Agenda for August 28<sup>th</sup> and Minutes for June 26<sup>th</sup>

UC Executive Jen Metzger's 2025 Budget includes initiatives on EMS, Transit, Housing, Energy, and infrastructure, with no property tax increase

UC Sustainable Purchasing Newsletter

Ulster County Deputy Director of Emergency Services deployed by Governor Hochul to North Carolina to assist with Hurricane Helene recovery efforts

UC announces draft 2024 agricultural and farmland protection plan now available for public comment

Statement by UC Executive Jen Metzger on the passing of former UC Clerk Nina Postupack

**MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:**

Expansion on ambulances and emergency services within UC (Resolution No. 221)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**DATE:**

September 3, 2024  
September 3, 2024  
September 5, 2024  
September 4, 2024  
September 12, 2024  
September 9, 2024  
September 12, 2024

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to Ellenville Regional Hospital Manager of Ancillary Services for Radiology, Cardiology, Operating Room, and Specialty Services James Dyer, and Radiology Supervisor Meaghan Skarl,. ERH is a beta site for a new and more accurate digital mammography technology known as a CAD system, which greatly improves chances for a full recovery through early detection of small breast cancers.

Joining them is Samantha Riley, Executive Director of the Rural Health Network. The mission of the Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network (ERRHN) is to continuously pursue healthier lives for everyone in our community. The Rural Health Network Wellness Program is available at no cost to individuals and families with increased risk of cancer, cardiovascular and other chronic diseases. The program offers supportive resources such as a Community Health Worker, Nutritionist, Cardiac Wellness Rehab, among a number of other physical, nutritional, and educational classes.

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

**RESOLUTION NOS: 480, 505, 506, 508 – 512, 514 - 525, 528 – 530, 533 – 545, 548 - 552, 554, & 557; 356, 358, 469, 507, 513, 526, 527, 531, 546, 553, 555, & 556 – POSTPONED; 470 & 532 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 447 – DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE; 547 - WITHDRAWN**

|            | <b>Consent</b>  |
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| <b>480</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$730,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children’s Home Of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – Department Of Mental Health</b>                                  |
| <b>505</b> | <b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget And The 2024 Capital Budget, To Reallocate ARPA Funding To Sustain Governmental Services Threatened By Revenue Losses Cause By The COVID- 19 Pandemic</b> |
| <b>506</b> | <b>Urging The Environmental Protection Agency To Adopt A Not Protective Determination In Its Third Five-Year Review Concerning The Hudson River PCB Cleanup</b>                                     |
| <b>510</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$345,397.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b>   |

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| <b>511</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$896,663.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b>  |
| <b>512</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$685,054.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children &amp; Families – Department Of Mental Health</b>  |
| <b>514</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$197,758.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus – Department Of Mental Health</b>  |
| <b>515</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$197,864.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center For Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b>   |
| <b>516</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$53,477.00 Entered Into By The County – The Institute For Family Health – Department Of Mental Health</b>  |
| <b>517</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,018,411.00 Entered Into By The County – La Salle School – Department Of Mental Health</b>   |
| <b>518</b> | <b>Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Community Services Board</b>   |
| <b>519</b> | <b>Confirming Reappointment Of Member To The Community Services Board</b>  |
| <b>520</b> | <b>Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board’s Mental Health Subcommittee</b>   |
| <b>521</b> | <b>Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Community Services Board’s Substance Abuse Subcommittee</b>  |
| <b>522</b> | <b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Saugerties Central School District – Department Of Social Services</b> |
| <b>524</b> | <b>Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health</b>   |
| <b>525</b> | <b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Tobacco Enforcement Program – Department Of Health</b>  |



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| <b>528</b> | <b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Purpose Of Centralized Arraignment Part Court (CAP Court) – Ulster County Sheriff</b>  |
| <b>530</b> | <b>Establishing Capital Project No. 710 – Sheriff’s Office Oracle Training Trailer Purchase - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff</b>   |
| <b>533</b> | <b>Approving The Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Department Of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management</b>   |
| <b>534</b> | <b>Authorizing Amendments To Contract 2023-682, An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston For Special Operations Response Services – Department Of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management</b>   |
| <b>535</b> | <b>Approving A Training Agreement With The City Of New York And Ulster County Department Of Emergency Communications/ Emergency Management</b>  |
| <b>536</b> | <b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of State For A Legislative Member Item For The New Government Operations Center – Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b> |
| <b>537</b> | <b>Amending Capital Project No. 585 Bridge Substructure Repairs – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget For Construction Of The Rosendale Bridge – Department Of Public Works (Highways &amp; Bridges)</b>  |
| <b>539</b> | <b>Establishing Capital Project No. 709 – Development Court Building Roof Replacement Project – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b>  |
| <b>541</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Roofing &amp; Sheet Metal, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>  |
| <b>542</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$48,250.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>                  |

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| <b>543</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$40,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Town &amp; County Bridge And Rail, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>   |
| <b>544</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$649,943.00 Entered Into By The County – NCACOMP, Inc. – Department Of Insurance</b>   |
| <b>545</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$327,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Roemer Wallens Gold &amp; Mineaux LLP – Department Of Personnel</b>   |
| <b>548</b> | <b>Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2025 Levy</b>   |
| <b>549</b> | <b>Establishing A Policy To Standardize Termination Clause Language Within All Ulster County Contracts</b>   |
| <b>550</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$75,650.80 Entered Into By The County – Converge Technology Solutions US, LLC – Department Of Information Services</b>   |
| <b>551</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,758.82 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</b>   |
| <b>552</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,576.04, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</b>  |
| <b>554</b> | <b>Setting A Public Hearing 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, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 19, 2024 At 7:10 PM</b> |
|            | <b>Non-Consent</b>   |
| <b>508</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$565,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism</b>   |

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| 509         | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Childrens Home Of Poughkeepsie For Space At 368 Broadway, City Of Kingston – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)                                   |
| 523         | Confirming Appointment Of Eve Walter, PhD (Epidemiology) As Ulster County Public Health Director   |
| 529         | Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,797.20, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Axon Enterprise, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff                             |
| 538<br>BOND | Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$75,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Bridge Substructure Reconstruction, In And For Said County   |
| 540<br>BOND | Authorizing The Roof Reconstruction At The Development Court Building, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,500,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,500,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof |
|             | Late Resolution  |
| 557         | Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD) To Accept Grant Funds From The Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) – Department Of Planning                    |

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

County Clerk Nina Postupack, Kingston  
Daniel Mawhinney, Kingston  
Cort Lee Stinehour, Napanoch  
Harold Harrison, Kingston  
Timothy A. Kellison, Ellenville  
Don C. Mackenzie, Napanoch  
Dana M. Brueckner, Sr., Kerhonkson  
Elissa Estelle Canino, Highland  
Joseph LaRusso, Kingston

Carolyn Smith, Gardiner  
Steven Allen, Kingston  
Arthur Bowen, Hurley  
Stanley Trataros, Bloomington  
Lyndon Raymond Seaver, Kingston  
Sharon DeLuca, Kingston  
John Nicholas, Kingston  
Audrey Roach, New Paltz

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislator Richard Walls, District 13, to offer closing words.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Three Public Hearings on the Proposed 2025 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2025 – 2030 Capital Program are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Plattekill Public Library, 2047 State Route 32, Modena, NY 12548
- Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Mescal Hornbeck Community Center, 56 Rock City Rd., Woodstock, NY, 12498
- Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 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, October 23, 2024.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**