

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## AGENDA September 17, 2024

### PUBLIC HEARING & 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:

Lead by Kingston High School Students

**SESSION OPENING** – Michelle Rodriguez-Mendez, Spanish Teacher and Manos Unidas Club advisor at Kingston High School, will be leading a group of KHS students in a performance in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

### 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:

**7:00 PM – CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:** 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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislator Limina Grace Harmon	September 24 <sup>th</sup>
Legislator Debra Clinton	September 25 <sup>th</sup>

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

UC Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

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

UC Public Safety Radio Tower – Tonche Mtn. SEQRA Neg. Dec., Notice of Non-Significance & Short EAF

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

Foil Response – Holly Hoffner

Mark Cozzupoli, Veterans Services Director

Veterans Related Communications

Minority Leader Roberts

Appointing Beth Maloney as the Minority Representative to the Investment Advisory Board

Allison Costanzo, Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting – RBT CPA’S LLP– Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM – 2215 Route 9, Lake Katrine

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

	Ribbon Cutting – Ascension Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Yoga – Wednesday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM – 307 Wall Street, Kingston
Dafne DeJesus, Comptroller’s Office	UC Sales Tax Sharing Report
	Press Release – Comptroller’s memo on U.C. Living Wage Act
Dennis Doyle, UC Planning Department	UC Emergency Wireless Access Program Grant deadline approaching
Edward Jordan, UC Purchasing Department	Non-Commodity Solicitation – RFB-UC24-032 – Golden Hill Rooftop Solar Minibid V2
Holly Hoffner	Foil Request – agreement between the County of Ulster & the UCCC from Sept, 2019 – August 31, 2029.
Jeff Kehoe, Agricultural and Markets	July 21, 2025 marks the anniversary of Ulster County Agricultural and Markets Law – Conduct Review of District
Jessica Nangle	Sales tax on clothing purchases – email
Jennifer Ryan, Ulster Prevention Council	August SAP Board Agenda and Minutes for August 16, 2024 & Director’s Report
Judy Riley, UC Office of the Aging	Reporting of wages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mental Health Association in UC with OFA for Caregiver Support Groups</li><li>- Gateway Hudson Valley For Senior Nutrition Program and Case Management Services</li></ul>
Lindsay Ballard, Catskill Watershed	Notice of preliminary decisions of the Catskill Watershed Corp
Marc Rider, UCRRA Executive Director	2025 UCRRA budget letter and tentative budget
New York Association of Counties	NYSAC News Fall 2024 Edition

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):**

New York State Public Service Commission

Subsequent Filing 21-0188 -2024 June  
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Peter J. Esposito, UC Dept of Purchasing

Non-Commodity Solicitations – RFB-  
UC24-031 – UCLEC Officers’ dining room  
upgrade & installation

Rebecca Martin, Hudson 7

Meeting Agenda for September 11<sup>th</sup> &  
Minutes for August 14<sup>th</sup>

Richard A. Ball, Agriculture and Markets

Report and Plan to Modify Ulster County  
Agricultural Districts No. 1, No. 2, No. 3,  
No. 4

Sarah Levy, Huguenot Street

Invite families to first “Homeschool Open  
House Day

“Go Back and Get it”, a two-part historic  
house tour examining Black impacts and  
experiences on Huguenot Street, will run  
Saturdays in September

Historic Huguenot Street awarded two new  
grants from the National Endowment for  
the Humanities

Harvest Craft Workshop – October 12<sup>th</sup> &  
October 13<sup>th</sup>

Tracey Williams, UC RPTSA

2024 Wallkill IDA Pilot Billing

2024 Marlboro IDA Pilot Billing

2024 Saugerties Central IDA Pilot Billing

2024 Kingston School District IDA Pilot  
Billing

Ulster County Board of Health

Agenda for June 11, 2024

Ulster County Personnel Department

Civil Service/Job Announcements

Ulster County Planning Board

Meeting Agenda, September 4, 2024

Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2024

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

UC Executive Jen Metzger recommends five housing projects for funding through New Housing Action Fund

UC Executive Jen Metzger lauds Legislature's approval of expanded eviction prevention program

Eastern Equine Encephalitis confirmed in UC

UC Executive Jen Metzger seeks revisions to Fortis-Central Hudson's Climate Change Resilience Plan

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

UC Awards Solar & EV Charging Grants to 10 Municipalities

UC Awarded \$3.9M Grant to upgrade UC Pool

Applications open Sept 17<sup>th</sup> for \$5M in Grants to Homeowners for "Plus One" Home Program

UC to Host Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Event on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

UC enhances emergency preparedness with simulated "Tabletop" emergency response exercise

Appts Terrance Conklin & Dominick Marino to the UC Community Services Board's Subcommittee on Substance

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Appts Lisa Mitten to the UC Community Services Board's subcommittee on Mental Health

Re-Appts Terrance Conklin to the UC Community Services Board

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Re-Appts Kathleen Rogan to the UC board of Health

Appts Epidemiologist Eve Walter as Director of Public Health, Pending Legislative confirmation

**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:**

August 6, 2024  
August 6, 2024  
August 8, 2024  
August 7, 2024  
August 15, 2024  
August 12, 2024  
August 15, 2024

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Chair Criswell is granting Privilege of the Floor to Mariel Fiori, Managing Editor of La Voz. A multi-award-winning free magazine in Spanish distributed in 10 counties across the Hudson Valley, La Voz serves over 150,000 Hispanic readers. The magazine recently celebrated its 20th anniversary as the only print Spanish-language magazine in the region. Recipient of the NAACP Humanitarian Award and AAUW Woman of the Year Award, Mariel has been providing resources for Spanish speaking immigrants in the area for two decades and helped build a vibrant community through the publication. Mariel is also the host of La Voz en Breve, aired on Mondays at 11pm on Radio Catskill.

Legislator McCollough, District 6, will present Ms. Fiori with a Pride of Ulster County Award in recognition of her hard work and dedication.

**PRIDE AWARD PRESENTATION -**

This evening the Legislature is honoring Tess Gallo, age 13, from M. Clifford Miller Middle School in Lake Katrine with a Pride of Ulster County Award for winning the Ulster County Board of Elections 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest. Pride Award presented by Legislator Levine, District 1.

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

**RESOLUTION NOS: 441, 458, 465 – 468, 471 – 479, 481 – 501, 503 & 504;  
 447 - NO ACTION TAKEN; 358, 469, 470, & 480 – POSTPONED;  
 430 & 502 – WITHDRAWN;  
 356 – REFERRED TO HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING**

	<b>Consent</b>
<b>441</b>	<b>Initiating The Process To Consider A Countywide Water And Sewer Assessment</b>
<b>458</b>	<b>Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds From Urgent Local Forfeiture Reserve To Urgent 2024 Operating Budget For Disbursement To Local Participating Municipalities - Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>465</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$513,488.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of The Environment</b>
<b>466</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program Grant Contract - Ulster County Aquatic Connectivity Restoration – Woodstock Culvert # 2 – Department Of The Environment</b>
<b>467</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) For A Clean Energy Communities Program Grant Contract – Department Of The Environment</b>
<b>471</b>	<b>Urging The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation To Expedite Actions To Mitigate Contamination From The Hercules Inc/Dyno-Nobel Superfund Site Located In The Town Of Esopus, And Requesting An Update On The Status Of The Revised Proposed Remedial Action Plan</b>
<b>472</b>	<b>Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism</b>

<b>473</b>	<b>Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Department Of Transportation In Response To The Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) For Innovative Mobility Initiative Program – Department Of Planning</b>
<b>474</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The NY Connects Program With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging</b>
<b>476</b>	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Allocation Of Rental Assistance Program Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance – Department Of Social Services</b>
<b>478</b>	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>479</b>	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>481</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,703.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children &amp; Families – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>482</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$4,098.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center For Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b>
<b>483</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$1,108.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – The Institute for Family Health – Department Of Mental Health</b>



<b>485</b>	<b>Amending Capital Project No. 550 - Fairground Improvements – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b>
<b>487</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$466,100.00 Entered Into By The County – Songer Contracting LLC D/B/A PK Songer Plumbing – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>488</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$107,370.00 Entered Into By The County – Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>489</b>	<b>Establishing Capital Project No. 706 – 2024 Ulster County Jail Equipment Replacement - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>491</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Securus Technologies, LLC F/K/A Securus Technologies, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</b>
<b>492</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Vetere Real Estate LTD. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>493</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,693,935.00 Entered Into By The County – Procomm Systems, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>494</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,600.00 Entered Into By The County – C &amp; S Engineers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b>
<b>495</b>	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,400.00, 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 Emergency Management/Emergency Communications</b>
<b>496</b>	<b>Adopting 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</b>

497	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget Related To Expenses Associated With Case Management Software – Department Of Probation</b>
498	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Byrne JAG Interest Grant – District Attorney</b>
499	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$180,741.50 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette, Inc. d/b/a Newcastle Communications – Department Of Information Services</b>
500	<b>Accepting The Accounting Of Village Taxes For The Villages Of Ellenville And Saugerties For The 2024-2025 Village Tax Year, Directing Payment To The Villages Of Ellenville And Saugerties And Directing Re-Levying Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance</b>
501	<b>Accepting The Accounting Of Unpaid School Taxes For The 2024-2025 School Year, Directing Payment To The School Districts And Directing Re-Levying Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance</b>
503	<b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Adjust The Annual Salary Of The Assigned Counsel Administrator – Department Of Finance</b>
	<b>Non-Consent</b>
468	<b>Establishing Capital Project No. 705 – Trudy Resnick Farber Building Rooftop Solar Array Project – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Amending the Ulster County Operating Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b>
475	<b>Authorizing The Release Of \$2,000,000.00 From The Ulster County Housing Action Fund To Provide Funding To Five Housing Projects As Part Of The Housing Action Funds Annual Notice Of Funding Availability</b>
477	<b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,353,459.00 Entered Into By The County – Segunda Iglesia La Misión – Department Of Social Services</b>

<b>484</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With PeopleUSA For Space At The Crisis Stabilization Center, Kingston – Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b>
<b>486 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$575,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Infrastructure Improvements At The Ulster County Fairgrounds, In And For Said County</b>
<b>490 BOND</b>	<b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$75,130.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Purchase And Installation Of Replacement Kitchen Equipment For The Ulster County Jail, In And For Said County</b>
	<b>Late Resolution</b>
<b>504</b>	<b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Tonche Association, Inc For The Purpose Of Constructing A Public Safety Communications Tower And Operations of A Public Safety Radio System Tower For The Public Safety Radio System – Department Of Emergency Management/ Emergency Communications</b>

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:**

Renato DiBella, Kingston  
Kathleen Ann Thibault, Highland  
Charles Johnson, Kingston

Julie Novak, West Hurley  
Sheila Penzato, New Paltz

**CLOSING WORDS**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 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, September 18, 2024.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**