

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

SPECIAL SESSION: BUDGET

6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:54 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (R. Parete)

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

Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez.
All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were three (3) speakers signed up for the public comment period.

1. Linda Marston-Reid, Arts Mid-Hudson, POK: Ms. Marston-Reid provided an overview of their 2016 accomplishments and a request for additional funding in the 2017 budget.
2. Daniel Torres, New Paltz: Mr. Torres expressed concern for the elimination of his position, line item PL13151015 in the 2017 proposed budget, with the hope funding would be restored to maintain his employment within the Ulster County Comptroller's office.
3. Elliott Auerbach, UC Comptroller: Comptroller Auerbach expressed his disappointment and concern for the reduction of funding and staffing in his office for the 2017 proposed budget.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

RESOLUTION NOS: 480- 486

A motion was made by Majority Leader Maio, seconded by Minority Leader Rodriguez to Block Resolution Nos. 480, 481, 482, 483, and 484. All in favor.

480 Ratification Of Tax Rolls

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

481 Levy For Unpaid Sewer Rents

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

482 Levy For Unpaid Water Rents

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

483 Approving Completed Tax Rolls And Directing The Execution Of Delivery Of Warrants

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

484 Authorizing Commissioner Of Finance To Make Transfers Of Funds And Budgetary Amendments

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

485 Adopting the Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2017 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government

The Clerk of the Legislature read Amendment No. 6, sponsored by Legislator J. Parete, seconded by Legislator Greene, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 6 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 11
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Briggs,
Delaune, Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, Loughran,
J. Parete, and Rodrguez)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 7, sponsored by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 7 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Delaune)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 8, sponsored by Legislator Greene, seconded by Legislator Berky, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 8 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 8 NOES: 14
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Donaldson,
Fabiano, Greene, Heppner, and J. Parete)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 9, sponsored by Legislator Allen, seconded by Legislator Wawro, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 9 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 6 NOES: 16
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Donaldson, Fabiano, Greene,
Loughran, and Wawro)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 10, sponsored by Legislator Allen, seconded by Legislator Wawro, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 10 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 4 NOES: 18
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Donaldson, Fabiano, and
Wawro)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 11, sponsored by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator J. Parete, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 11 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 2 NOES: 20
(Ayes: Legislators Donaldson and J. Parete)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 12, sponsored by Legislator Belfiglio, seconded by Legislator Wawro, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 12 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 4 NOES: 18
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Fabiano, and
Wawro)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 13, sponsored by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator J. Parete, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 13 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 2 NOES: 20
(Ayes: Legislators Donaldson and J. Parete)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 1, sponsored by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Briggs, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 1 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 2, sponsored by Chairman Ronk, seconded by Legislator Maio, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 2 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Donaldson)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 3, sponsored by Legislator Belfiglio, seconded by Legislator Wawro, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 3 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 4, sponsored by Legislator Bartels, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 4 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

The Chairman of the Legislature read Amendment No. 5, sponsored by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Chairman Ronk, to amend the 2017 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 5 as presented in the attached exhibit.

Legislator Greene motioned, seconded by Legislator Berky, to amend the amendment to restore funding to PL 13151015.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 10 NOES: 12
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Delaune,
Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, Loughran, J. Parete, and
Rodrguez)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

MOTION TO AMEND THE 2017 ULSTER COUNTY BUDGET TO INCLUDE
AMENDMENT NO. 5, AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT,
ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 8
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Berky, Delaune, Donaldson,
Greene, Heppner, J. Parete, and Rodriguez)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, and J. Parete)
(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 ULSTER COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET

The following amendments have been approved by the Ways & Means Committee

AMENDMENT 1

SUMMARY - Moving budgetary findings into contingency.

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. R. Gereltine, T. Briggs	Family Assistance DSS - Services Contingency	141	6109.2725-4600.4660	Misc. Contractual Exp.	12,800,000	12,640,000	(160,000)		
		128	6010.2614-8010.8010	Social Security / Fica	367,256	343,256	(24,000)		6
		67	1990.1331-4600.4660	Contingency	750,000	934,000	184,000		0

SUMMARY - Reducing funds for Legislative Appropriations, and offsetting an interim reduction.

AMENDMENT 2 (As Amended By the Ways & Means Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. K. Ronk, M. Maio	Other Home & Comm Serv. Distribution of Sales Tax Other Home & Comm Serv. Distribution of Sales Tax Clerk of the Leg. Board Contingency	168	8989.3700-4600.4660	Awareness	15,000	7,500	(7,500)		
		66	1985.1325-4920.4930	Awareness	5,000	2,500	(2,500)		
		168	8989.3700-4600.4660	Walker Valley Burn Panels	10,000	5,000	(5,000)		8
		66	1985.1325-4920.4930	S&W Cons. Dist	22,875	0	(22,875)		
		18	1040.1006-4300.4315	Professional Services Auditing	120,000	167,875	47,875		0
		67	1990.1331-4600.4660	Contingency	750,000	740,000	(10,000)		

SUMMARY - Appropriating funds for a Cyber-Bullying campaign

AMENDMENT 3 (As Amended By the Ways & Means Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. C. Baillio, M. Weirgo	Other Home & Comm. Serv Contingency	168 67	8989.3700-4600.4660 1990.1331-4600.4660	Cyber-Bullying Funds Contingency	0 750,000	10,000 740,000	10,000 (10,000)		8 0

SUMMARY - Increasing Attrition Savings to fund Programmatic Studies and Auditing.

AMENDMENT 4

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. T. Bartels, H. Rodriguez	Clerk of the Leg. Board Legislative Board	18 17	1040.1006-4300.4315 1010.1001-3280.2789	Auditing Attrition Savings	41,000 0	100,000 (59,000)	59,000 (59,000)		8 0

SUMMARY - Amending the County Comptroller's Budget

Amendment 5

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. R. Gereltine, K. Ronk	Comptroller	30	1315.1082-1300.1300	Regular Pay	577,208	511,980	(65,228)		
				PL 13151002	79,287	79,287			
				PL 13151005	77,827	72,963	(4,864)		
				PL 13151006	64,682	64,682			
				PL 13151010	68,684	68,684			
				PL 13151015	52,052	0	(52,052)		
				PL 13151308	69,576	65,227	(4,349)		
				PL 13151404	63,398	59,435	(3,963)		
				Retirement	92,989	82,540	(10,449)		
				SS/FICA	44,443	39,454	(4,989)		
				Health Insurance	140,848	122,272	(18,576)		
				Payroll Reduction	(120,000)	0	120,000		
				Cont. Exp Reduction	(13,000)	0	13,000		
				Benefit Reduction	(67,000)	0	67,000		
				Contingency	750,000	649,242	(100,758)		

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 ULSTER COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET

The following amendments have been defeated by the Ways & Means Committee

AMENDMENT 6

SUMMARY - Appropriating funds for an Ulster County Housing Study

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. J. Parete, Belfiglio, Greene, R. Parete	Clerk of the Leg. Board Contingency	18 67	1040.1006-4300.4505 1990.1331-4600.4660	Housing Study Contingency	0 750,000	20,000 730,000	20,000 (20,000)	2	6

AMENDMENT 7

SUMMARY - Increasing the funding for Arts Mid Hudson

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. D. Donaldson, J. Heppner	Other Performing Arts Distribution of Sales Tax Contingency	162 66 67	7560.3300-4600.4660 1985.1325-4920.4930 1990.1331-4600.4660	Arts Mid Hudson Arts Mid Hudson Contingency	48,750 16,250 750,000	53,625 17,875 743,500	4,875 1,625 (6,500)	3	5

AMENDMENT 8

SUMMARY - Restoring the County Comptroller's Budget

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. M. Greene, J. Berkly, D. Donaldson, D. Fabiano	Comptroller Comptroller Contingency	30 30 67	1315.1082-1300.1375 1315.1082-4900.4900 1315.1082-8500.8500 1990.1331-4600.4660	Payroll Reduction Contractual Exp. Reduction Benefit Reduction Contingency	(120,000) (13,000) (67,000) 750,000	0 0 0 550,000	120,000 13,000 67,000 (200,000)	0	8

AMENDMENT 9

SUMMARY - Appropriating Expenses for an Espous Creek Summer Camp

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. C. Allen, M. Wawro	Other Home & Comm Serv. Contingency	168 67	8989.3700-4600.4660 1990.1331-4600.4660	Summer Camp Contingency	0 750,000	5,500 744,500	5,500 (3,500)	2	5

AMENDMENT 10

SUMMARY - Appropriating Expenses for an additional DA Investigator.

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
	DA	21	1165.1031-1300.1300	Regular Pay	0	60,000	60,000	1	7
	DA	21	1165.1031-8000.8000	Retirement	380,184	389,796	9,612	1	7
	DA	21	1165.1031-8010.8010	SS/FICA	205,530	210,120	4,590	1	7
	DA	21	1165.1031-8020.8000	Health Insurance	633,816	650,904	17,088	1	7

AMENDMENT 11

SUMMARY - Reducing the funding of the Executive Office.

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AVE	NO
Leg. D. Donaldson, J. Parete	Executive Contingency	26 67	1230.1072-1300.1375 1230.1072-8500.8500 1990.1331-4600.4660	Payroll Reduction Benefit Reduction Contingency	0 0 750,000	(138,531) (72,243) 960,774	(138,531) (72,243) 210,774	0	7

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017 ULSTER COUNTY TENTATIVE BUDGET
 AMENDMENT 12

SUMMARY - Appropriating funds for Christmas Wishes of Ulster County.

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AYE	NO
Leg. C. Bellingio, M. Wawro	Other Home & Comm Serv. Contingency	168 67	8989,3700-4600,4660 1990,1331-4600,4660	Civ. of Ulster County Contingency	0 750,000	21,300 728,700	21,300 (21,300)	1	7

AMENDMENT 13

SUMMARY - Removing unneeded funds in the Counties General Postage Budget Line, to reflect the cost of the recent county wide mailing.

APPROPRIATIONS

SPONSOR / SECOND	DEPARTMENT NAME	BUDGET PAGE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED BUDGET	REQUESTED CHANGE AMOUNT	NET CHANGE	AYE	NO
Leg. D. Donaldson, J. Parele	Purchasing Contingency	32 67	1345,1101-4600,4645 1990,1331-4600,4660	Postage Expense Contingency	275,000 750,000	258,960 768,040	(16,040) 16,040	0	8

486 Adopting Ulster County Capital Program For 2017 – 2022

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1

(Noes: Legislator Donaldson)

(Absent: Legislator R. Parete)

Legislator Herbert Litts motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Maio to adjourn. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:46 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.