

**Health, Human Services & Housing Committee
Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: September 6, 2023 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Uchitelle
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit (arrived at 5:13 PM) and Stewart
ABSENT: Legislator Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Roberts; Joe Concra – O+ Festival Co-Founder; Deputy County Executives Contreras & Kelly; Commissioner Iapoce, Rita Wood & Jennifer Stevenson – UC Department of Social Services; Commissioner McDonald – UC Department of Mental Health; Director Doyle – UC Planning Department; Director Cozzupoli – UC Veterans Services Agency; Director Dawson – UC Youth Bureau; Director Koppenhaver – UC Office for the Aging; Director Litwin – UC Recovery & Resilience; Pati Dynes – Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation; Greg Kelly – Town of Ulster

Chair Uchitelle called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Motion No. 1: **MOTION to APPROVE the Minutes of August 1st Meeting as corrected**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Legislator Erner noted some typos. Legislator Nolan commented that the minutes could be approved with the noted corrections without requiring a formal motion to amend them. The members agreed.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Chair Uchitelle introduced O+ Festival Co-Founder Joe Concra. Mr. Concra thanked Chair Uchitelle for the invitation to speak to the committee about O+ Festival. He spoke about the founding of the festival in 2010 when he and some artist and health care providers began questioning what would happen if they took the money out of the system and exchanged for health care. He advised the members that 2023 would mark the 13th year of the O+ Festival which has provided more than 6,000 primary care and 2,000 dental visits. He shared that just a couple of weeks ago a year round clinic was opened. They have been able to serve 225 people over a weekend and are hoping to double that number with the new clinic. He added that they are also building an exchange platform that people can use on their phone. He asked if the members had any questions.

Legislator Stewart asked how many doctors will participate in the program this year. Mr. Concra responded that they will have between 135 – 150 doctors and providers, including residents who need to satisfy their certification requirements. He added that alleviating at least some of a persons’ medical costs helps to keep housing and studio rents within reach for many.

Legislator Stewart commented that Mr. Concra and O+ were recognized by HealthAlliance for their work. Mr. Concra briefly spoke about health insurance and connecting people seeking services with ACA navigators. He stated that the 2023 O+ Festival was about one month away.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any other questions and thanked Mr. Concra for his time.

Resolutions for the September 19, 2023 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 489 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$77,015.34 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$77,015.34 with Family of Woodstock to increase the not-to-exceed amount for residential and related respite services for the Family House program.

Motion No. 2: **Moved Resolution No. 489 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Director Dawson who stated that the funding is for 2022 adding that the state fiscal year is behind the county’s. Chair Uchitelle asked if there were further questions or discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 490 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$36,508.71, 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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$36,508.71 with Family of Woodstock to increase the not-to-exceed amount for residential and transitional living services for runaway and homeless youth

Motion No. 3: **Moved Resolution No. 490 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Director Dawson who stated that the funding worked the same as the previous. Chair Uchitelle asked if there were further questions or discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution. He thanked Director Dawson for her time.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 468 – Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 645 – Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street – Elizabeth Manor Emergency Housing

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 645 to defund the project expect for \$200,000 already expended for architect and engineering renovation planning services

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 468 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle asked the Executive’s Office if there were any updates. Deputy County Executive Contreras responded that they were waiting on guidance from the Treasury on whether a not-for-profit could take on the property and turn it into housing, either affordable, emergency, transitional, supportive, etc. She added that the treasurer would need to approve that as well as any transfer of the property. Legislator Stewart asked what the process was for looking at properties. Deputy Executive Contreras responded that they were in the process of securing a realtor.

Chair Uchitelle asked what the timeline was for hiring a realtor. Planning Director Doyle advised the members that they had interviewed two firms and selected one, so he expected a contract to be entered into quickly. He added they were working through conflict issues with a single firm acting as the listing agent and buyers agent.

Legislator Petit asked about implications of taking no action or postponing another month and questioned if RFPs had been drafted. Deputy Executive Contreras responded that they could not move forward without answers on the implications of the ARPA funding used to purchase the property. Legislator Petit questioned if Elizabeth St was similar to the respite houses. Deputy Executive Contreras replied that the county was actively trying not to own the respite houses, but already owns Elizabeth St.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any further questions or discussion and hearing stated he was supportive of taking no action. The members agreed.

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 469 – Authorizing Commencement Of The Process Of Direct Sale Of The Property Located At 21 Elizabeth Street, City Of Kingston

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes and directs the commencement of the direct sales process for the property located at 21 Elizabeth Street, Kingston

Motion No. 5: **Moved Resolution No. 469 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Erner

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle stated that one of the resolution sponsors was present, asked if the Executive’s staff had anything to add and hearing none recognized Legislator Roberts. Legislator Roberts stated that he was pleased to hear that the Executive’s Office was thinking about selling it or giving it to a non-profit. He asked which it is? Deputy Executive Contreras stated that would depend on the response they receive from the Treasury. Director Litwin added that they had received some guidance, but it did not exactly address sale of the property and they were waiting on additional guidance. Legislator Roberts questioned they response delays and asked for an up or down vote on the resolution which would allow the Executive’s office a month to get answers.

Legislator Nolan stated that they would normally support an up or down vote but questioned moving forward with a vote on the sale without information on the legality of the sale. They cautioned against moving forward with a vote on sale without legal clarity and would be more comfortable with postponement. Legislator Stewart stated that he agreed with legislator Nolan that a vote would be premature in the absence of the legal clarity. Chair Uchitelle stated that he was inclined to honor the sponsors request for a vote.

Motion No. 6: **Moved To Postpone Resolution No. 469**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion:

Legislator Petit stated that she would like to give it another month, but also understood the sponsor’s request for a vote. Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any other discussion on the postponement and hearing none asked for a vote in favor of postponing.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Nolan and Petit

Voting Against: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Stewart and Uchitelle

Votes in Favor: 2

Votes Against: 4

Disposition: **Postponement Fails**

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, and Petit
Voting Against: Legislators Erner, Nolan, Stewart and Uchitelle
Votes in Favor: 2
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **RESOLUTION DEFEATED**

Resolution No. 473 – Approving Changes Of A Subordination Mortgage To A Restrictive Covenant – Silver Gardens Senior Housing Development – ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves a revised and updated Recapture Document to ensure enforceability of a thirty-year retention period on the specific affordability levels of the development, which period shall commence on the date of completion of the development

Motion No. 7: **Moved Resolution No. 473 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Director Litwin to explain the Resolution. Director Litwin explained that the resolution approves a revised recapture agreement to ensure the property remained affordable for 15 years and a mechanism for the county to recoup funding if the provisions were not met. He added that the County Attorney and RUPCO’s attorney to work out the various funding sources. Legislator Erner commented that the organizational chart was confusing and that he would like the project manager to address the committee. He questioned the minimum agreement for affordability. Director Litwin responded that there would be multiple layers ensuring affordability even longer than the states.

The members briefly discussed the criteria for affordability and how the recently adopted local law came into play. Director Doyle stated the project will meet the requirements of the county law, adding that the project was funded with ARPA funds, not county finds, making it not subject to the law. Director Doyle stated that the criteria would be written into the regulations that govern the project. Legislator Erner asked if the affordability requirements could be written into the recapture agreement somewhere. The members discussed where the eligibility criteria could or should be added and hesitated to change the recapture agreement.

Legislator Erner asked if someone’s income changes if they become disqualified from living there. Director Doyle responded that there are allowances for income level changes. He added there may be additional allowances in the agreement and that there are different income level units in the project.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any questions or discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 480 – Amending The 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 677 Golden Hill Transportation Improvements – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 677 in the amount of \$52,000 for design, engineering services

Motion No. 8: **Moved Resolution No. 480 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Director Doyle for an explanation. Director Doyle provided details of the two projects included; Glen Street and Route 32. He advised the members that the Glen St improvements were part of a long standing conversation with the City of Kingston and residents and the Route 32 project was a result of a traffic study by the developer. Legislator Stewart asked for more information on how traffic studies are studied. Director Doyle responded that the study was done in consideration of the residents and included PM peak hours. Legislator Erner asked if the Mayor approves of the Resolution. Director Doyle responded that the City Planning Board and Engineers Officer were involved in the design.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any questions or discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 482 – Authorizing A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz To Provide Water To The Ulster County Veterans’ Cemetery –Veterans’ Service Agency

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes a MOA with the Village of New Paltz to secure the necessary water supply for irrigation purposes for the Veterans’ Cemetery at no cost to the county

Motion No. 9: **Moved Resolution No. 482 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Veterans Services Director Cozzupoli. Director Cozzopli advised the members that the water is for landscape irrigation. He added that usage will likely be heavier in the first couple of years while landscape is established. Legislator Erner questioned if the county would be doing the work for the hook up and if there were any issues with recent reports about disputes between the village and NY City. Director Cozzupoli responded that hook up is already done and he was not aware of any disagreement and none was mentioned by the village. Legislator Stewart asked about pesticide application. Director Cozzopli stated that he did not believe the county purchased any.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any questions or discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of postponing the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 518 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,400.00, 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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration Inc. totaling \$7,400 to reduce the term of agreement and increase funding for per-to-peer support services for veterans suffering from PTSD and other stress disorders

Motion No. 10: **Moved Resolution No. 518 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Director McDonald who stated it was additional money for the state for the program. Legislator Nolan expressed her support for the program. Legislator Petit asked about the office location which was recent last. Director Cozzupoli responded that they have a temporary office, adding that they have found a 12,000 ft² property in Saugerties.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 487 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget - 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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2023 budget to accept an additional \$26,569 in NY Connects program funding for April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 to reimburse the County for NY Connects expenditures incurred by the Ulster County Office for the Aging, including: salaries, benefits, operational costs, technology and marketing costs

Motion No. 11: **Moved Resolution No. 487 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized OFA Director Koppenhaver. Director Koppenhaver advised the members that the Resolution accepted additional state funding for the NY Connects program. She added they were hoping to use the funding to add a full time staff position in Ellenville and the kiosk which is being modeled after the one at Peoples’ Place.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 488 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$62,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Halwick Law, LLC – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Halwick Law, LLC totaling \$62,500 to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for legal consultation and outreach services for seniors 60+

Motion No. 12: **Moved Resolution No. 488 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Director Koppenhaver who explained that the service is for mostly Wills and Power of Attorney preparation assistance at a very reasonable or no rate. Legislator Petit asked if there was a wait list. Director Koppenhaver responded there was not.

Chair Uchitelle asked about the rate if the county was paying the contract. Director Koppenhaver responded that they are permitted to ask for donations. He asked where the donations go and whether they are put into a fund for legal services. Director Koppenhaver responded that it is put into a fund for legal services, similar to any money received for food programs are expended for food programs. He asked if the service is federally funded, when are the donated dollars drawn down. Director Koppenhaver responded she would look into it. Legislator Nolan commented that they were surprised that the NYSOFA authorizes requests for donation.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 491 – 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 Pine Bush Central School District – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an IMA with Pine Bush School District in the amount of \$4,000 for the Preschool Special Education and Related Services Program for the period September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027

Motion No. 13: **Moved Resolution No. 491 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce introduced Deputy Commissioner of Children and Family Services Wood who advised the members that the contract was for preschool education services for Ulster County students with IEPs in the Pine Bush district. Legislator Petit asked if the contract was in addition to the Head Start program. Deputy Commissioner Wood responded it was separate and explained how students are evaluated and qualify for the program.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 492 – Amending The 2023 Budget To Accept Allocation From Office Of Victim Services For Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim And Witness Assistance Grant Program – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2023 budget to accept \$104,797.55 in funding from New York State Office of Victim Services under the Victim and Witness Assistant Grant Program

Motion No. 14: **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce advised the members that the funding was an annual grant which is allocated to a position at the Family Children's Advocacy Center to provide for a probation victims advocate to cover salary with a small amount that goes to some other fuel and maintenance of our new mobile unit. Legislator Erner questioned why the this was not pat of the Probation Department's CVAP. Commissioner Iapoce explained that it was and that the funding comes to DSS because they oversee the Family and Children's Advocacy Center. He added they have an inter-departmental agreement with Probation.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The following Resolutions amend contracts with various vendors increase the not-to-exceed amounts to provide Foster Care Services from 7/1/23 – 6/30/24.

Resolution No. 493 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services for Children & Families – Department of Social Services

Resolution No. 494 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth – Department of Social Services

Resolution No. 498 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$180,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Childrens' Home of Kingston, New York – Department of Social Services

Resolution No. 499 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$25,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Devereux Foundation – Department of Social Services

Resolution No. 505 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$350,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution No. 507 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$1,100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Parsons Child and Family Center – Department of Social Services

Resolution No. 510 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The William George Agency for Children’s Services, Inc. – Department of Social Services

Motion No. 15: **Moved to BLOCK Resolution Nos. 493, 494, 498, 499, 505, 507 & 510**

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any discussion on blocking the resolutions and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the action.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions BLOCKED**

Motion No. 16: **Moved Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce advised the members that the Resolutions relate to residential treatment facilities for adolescents that come into the care and custody of DSS or might be directed by Ulster County Family Court as a result of their being the subject of a court proceeding. Deputy Commissioner Wood added that some of the placements result from adolescents discharged from hospital or psychiatric hospitals who can not be placed in a traditional foster home. She advised the members that the contract amendments also reflect rate changes.

Legislator Stewart asked how many children are in the foster care system. Deputy Commissioner Wood responded that there are about 60 in the residential program and 100 more in some foster placement such as placement with families, kinship homes, relatives, family friends. She added that the intention is always to get adolescents out of the residential facilities. Legislator Stewart asked when they age out. Ms. Wood responded 18, but they can stay in until 21. She added that there is aftercare that agencies provide for 6 months after they leave, and the state does allow children over 18 to reenter one time. Legislator Erner questioned contracts for two out of county providers. Deputy Commissioner Wood responded that the county is responsible for paying school tuition for adolescents in residential care and that the placement is determined by the Special Education regulations.

Legislator Erner questioned the varying and some significant amounts of the contract amendments. Deputy Commissioner Wood responded that the amounts were based on the state rates and depends on the number of children and length of placement.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolutions.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

The following Resolutions increase the not-to-exceed amounts for Rates Anticipated to Exceed \$50k with various providers for transportation services for children enrolled in special education programs through the county's Preschool and Early Intervention program from 9/1/23 – 8/31/24.

Resolution No. 495 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Birnie Bus Service Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 504 – Rescinding Resolution No. 445 Of 2022, And Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – MAT Bus Corp. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 506 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Orange County Transit, LLC – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 508 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Rolling V Bus Corp. – Department Of Social Services

Motion No. 17: **Moved to BLOCK Resolution Nos. 495, 504, 506 & 508**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any discussion on blocking the resolutions and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the action.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions BLOCKED**

Motion No. 18: Moved Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce deferred to Deputy Commissioner Wood who explained the contracts were for transportation services for preschool special education children. She added that the county is responsible for providing transportation within up to a 50 mile radius from the child’s home to the school. She advised the members that the county transported about 135 children last year.

Chair Uchitelle questioned Resolution No. 504 which rescinded a previously approved contract amendment. Deputy Commissioner Wood explained that they may have started the contract but then the student may have moved to a different program so the contract was never followed through with. Legislator Petit questioned how long the students are on the bus. Deputy Commissioner Wood responded that they try to stay within the 90 minute limit set by the state. Commissioner Iapoce commented on the Herculean effort by bus companies to recruit and retain drivers, especially considering the significant reduction in staff during the pandemic. He commented on the added complication of transporting students who become homeless and thanked the members for considering the need for an emergency housing solution that takes into consideration the geographic size of the county.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolutions.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 496 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$948,150.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$948,150 with Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster to extend the term of agreement for the operation of a warming center

Motion No. 19: Moved Resolution No. 496 FOR DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce stated that he was please to inform the members that the warming would be operated continuously from November

1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 regardless of whether the temperature warrants a Code Blue activation. He added that it is a challenging service to provide and that Catholic Charities will be providing new position to support the effort including behavioral therapists to engage the more challenging individuals. Legislator Stewart asked if there were any efforts to add a center in another part of the county. Commissioner Iapoce responded that they had tried very hard to establish a center in Ellenville, but they were not able to. He stated that local religious and community groups often open temporary centers during inclement weather and stated that despite the county's size, he was not aware of any weather-related deaths in the county. Legislator Nolan commended the department for their work.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 497 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$494,918.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract totaling \$494,918 with Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster to administer the NYS Rental Supplement Program for April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

Motion No. 20: **Moved Resolution No. 497 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce stated that this was another wonderful program and advised the members that he found it encouraging that undocumented individuals were eligible to apply. He added that the program is also being made available for retroactive rental assistance.

Legislator Petit asked if individuals should reach out to Catholic Charities to determine if they are eligible. Legislator Stewart expressed his support for the program. Legislator Erner echoed support for the program and asked how it is marketed. Commissioner Iapoce responded that information is shared through the continuum of care, which is a series of providers who connect individuals in the community to housing. He added that the program will be advertised on the county website and that Catholic Charities, Family of Woodstock and Legal Services of the Hudson Valley will also be promoting it. Legislator Nolan suggested the information be forwarded to the City, Town and Village Clerks as well. They added that the towns may also have a local person, formerly referred to as a welfare officer who could disseminate the information. Commissioner Iapoce thanked them for the suggestion.

The members briefly discussed the benefits of the program and the potential down stream cost savings that could be realized by keeping people in their homes. They discussed the merits of initiated a formal study to evaluate the potential cost savings of homelessness prevention programs.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 500 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$70,000 with Family of Woodstock Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount for emergency services to homeless individuals during inclement weather

Motion No. 21: **Moved Resolution No. 500 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce explained that the amendment covers additional invoices received from Family for emergency services to homeless individuals who could not be accommodated at the warming center. He added that it is 100% reimbursable. Legislator Erner stated that he supported the Code Blue program and the work of Family of Woodstock generally but would voting no because the contract states that FOW will work with law enforcement to help identify individuals in need of emergency services. Commissioner Iapoce responded that the partnership is part of the Code Blue regulation with the reasoning that law enforcement has on duty personnel during Code Blue activations. He added that it would be difficult and often unsafe to deploy DSS staff to assist individuals in need during inclement weather.

Legislator Nolan stated that they supported the collaboration and found it to be the most logical solution in the western town they represent. They asked Commissioner Iapoce if the Code Blue Program currently authorizes law enforcement to invoke mobile mental health or other services to initiate contact. Commissioner Iapoce responded that they are authorized to do so and often do. Legislator Petit expressed her support for partnering with law enforcement commenting that it can very unsafe on Ulster County roads in the winter.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislator Erner

Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 501 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$67,899.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$67,899 with Family of Woodstock Inc. to extend the term of agreement for Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) through September 30, 2024

Motion No. 22: **Moved Resolution No. 501 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce introduced Jen Stevenson, Director of Coordinated Services to speak about the program. Ms. Stevenson informed the members that the contract funds the DASH (Developing Adolescent Social Harmony) program and is 100% state funded as part of the Raise the Age law. She explained that it is a diversion program targeting 15, 16 and 17 year olds at risk of getting a charge in the community.

Legislator Petit asked if DASH has a working relationship with the Raise the Age programs through the Probation Department. Ms. Stevenson responded that the probation programs apply to individuals who have already gotten into trouble and are part of the legal system, while DASH aims to prevent kids from getting in trouble.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 502 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$200,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&D Ultracare Corp. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract totaling \$200,000 with J&D Ultracare Corp. to provide nursing services for children receiving preschool special education services and require nursing services as part of their IEP

Motion No. 23: **Moved Resolution No. 502 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce differed to Deputy Commissioner Wood who explained that the county has 2 preschool aged children who require nursing as part of the IEP. She added this includes nursing services during transportation to and from school as well as during the school day.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 503 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$455,315.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$455,315 with Liberty Resources, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for the Multi-Systemic Therapy Unit through September 30, 2024

Motion No. 24: **Moved Resolution No. 503 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce differed to Director Stevenson who advised the members that the funding is 100% state and pays for a portion of the staffing for the Multi Systemic Therapy Unit. She added that the MSTU is an intensive 5 month program for very high-risk youth with staff in home 3-4 times per week working with parents and youth. Legislator Nolan asked if this program and the one funded through ARPA to do similar outreach work separate or if there was any overlap. Commissioner McDonald responded that the LaSalle program to which they referred was separate. She added that the schools program targeted kids who would not normally come through the DSS funded programs with youth being identified by teachers and school staff as in need of mental health services as opposed to identification of risk through the legal or court systems. Ms. Stevenson explained the referral system.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 509 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rondout Legal Services, Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment totaling \$150,000 with Rondout Legal Services, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for legal process and subpoena services through December 31, 2024

Motion No. 25: **Moved Resolution No. 509 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce explained that the contract is for legal process serving. Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 511 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract totaling \$90,000 with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. to provide preventative services and community based alternatives to detention for RTA eligible youth from 10/1/23 – 9/30/24

Motion No. 26: **Moved Resolution No. 511 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Commissioner Iapoce commented that one of the benefits of the county’s children’s coordinated services unit work has resulted in a very low number of children going into secured detention facilities. Director Stevenson explained that the program pairs youth with a mentor who provides supervised community activities and support with the aim of keeping youth out of trouble with the law.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any questions and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 512 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract totaling \$90,000 with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. to provide preventative services and community based alternatives to detention for youth adjudicated as PINS or JDs as part of the STSJP from 10/1/23 – 9/30/24

Motion No. 27: **Moved Resolution No. 512 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized DSS Commissioner Iapoce for some background. Director Stevenson advised the members that this is a separate contract which serves youth 12 to 17 as part of STSJP programming. She added that there is a local contribution for 38% the program costs equaling \$34,200.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there were any question and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 513 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health - Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the budget to accept \$99,149 in increased funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) for increased funding for Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) and for Home-based Crisis Intervention (HBCI) services as per the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid letter dated August 9th, 2023

Motion No. 28: **Moved Resolution No. 513 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Department of Mental Health Commission McDonald for some background. Commissioner McDonald explained that the adjusts the budget to accept additional funds from NYS OMH for a 4% COLA increase. Legislator Erner commented that the 4% COLA seems insufficient for the 10-18% contract increases the committee has observed.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 514 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept Extension Of Allocation Of Federal Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Block Grant Funding For Expansion Of System Of Care Implementation - Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the budget in the amount of \$14,676 to spend the balance of the \$25,000 System of Care grant through December 31, 2023

Motion No. 29: **Moved Resolution No. 514 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Department of Mental Health Commission McDonald for some background. Commissioner McDonald explained that the department applied for a federal block grant in 2022. She added that DMH was notified that the funding would continue in 2023 so the department scrambled to plan events to spend down the dollars. There will be events for mind, body and soul at the YMCA in November. They will be all day events for children and family which the department has been spending a good amount of the last few months planning. Legislator Petit asked if the DMH tables at any events. Commissioner McDonald shared the many events at which the department offers information.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The following Resolution Nos. 515, 516, 517, 519, 520, and 522 increase/accept NYS Office of Mental Health pass thru funding amounts with various vendors for various services including: crisis intervention, care coordination, respite services, peer support, supported housing, vocational rehabilitation, services for psychiatrically labeled through 12/31/23. Resolution No. 521 is a new contract for the same services in 2024.

Resolution No. 515 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,049.00, 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

Resolution No. 516 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$24,177.00, 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

Resolution No. 517 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$99,582.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department of Mental Health

Resolution No. 519 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$72,632.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. – Department of Mental Health

Resolution No. 520 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$17,347.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department of Mental Health

Resolution No. 521 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$416,127.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department of Mental Health

Resolution No. 522 – 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 – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department of Mental Health

Motion No. 30: **Moved to BLOCK Resolution Nos. 515, 516, 517, 519, 520, 521 & 522**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion:

The members briefly discussed if the Resolutions could be blocked if there were no votes. They agreed they could for discussion purposes and as long as the no was announced and recorded for the record.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of blocking the Resolutions.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 31: Moved Blocked Resolutions FOR DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle recognized Department of Mental Health Commission McDonald for some background. Commissioner McDonald explained that the majority of the contracts account for the distribution of the COLA dollars. She added that Resolution No. 521 is the annual contract for PEOPLE’s advocacy services for 2024.

Legislator Erner asked for clarification on the contract for Access citing previous statement that they were having issues with staffing and satisfying the terms of their contract to provide a counselor at the 911 center. Commissioner McDonald responded that they are still unable to provide the staffing adding that diversion is being handled by Dutchess County helpline. Legislator Nolan commented that voting to withholding funding from an organization who is having staffing issues may contribute to exacerbating the issue. They added that they appreciated Commissioner McDonald’s problem solving. Legislator Erner stated that he also objected to the contract with Access because of the incident in Wawarsing and expressed his desire to see an investigation into Access’ involvement. Commissioner McDonald advised the members that there was an active investigation by the Attorney General’s Office.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none called for a vote in favor of the Resolutions.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislator Erner
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **RESOLUTION NO. 515 ADOPTED**

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Petit, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION NOS. 516, 517, 519, 520 and 521 ADOPTED**

Voting In Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Erner, Nolan, Stewart and Uchitelle
Voting Against: Legislator Petit
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **RESOLUTION NO. 522 ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 423 – Establishing A Policy To Reform Social Services – Temporary Assistance – Housing

Resolution Summary: This Resolution makes numerous requirements for the Department of Social Services including: methods for communication with clients, 24/7/365 hours of operation, improved waiting areas, transportation plan for TA recipients, compensation for clients for time in application interviews, establishing additional TA shelters, penalties for refusing to house TA clients, monthly reporting, assured TA for all applicants.

Motion No. 32: **Moved Resolution No. 423 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle asked Legislator Erner if he had any updates on his conversations with the administration. Legislator Erner responded that conversations were ongoing and that he would like the members to postpone the measure or take no action. He added that he was considering introducing the Resolution in a different form which focuses on minimum standards for DSS clients.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none asked the members if they were comfortable moving forward without acting on the Resolution. The members agreed.

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 425 – Establishing A Policy To Liberalize Access To Public Spaces For Survival

Resolution Summary: This Resolution opens for public use all county property suitable for unhoused people to use as temporary homes or shelters.

Motion No. 33: **Moved Resolution No. 425 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion:

Chair Uchitelle asked Legislator Erner if he had any updates on his conversations with the administration. Legislator Erner responded that a member of the public was present who had begun a petition in support of the measure. He added that he had a conversation with the Public Works Commissioner to explore use of the Fairgrounds. He shared that there were a few RVs that the county owns that are equipped with plumbing and that he was suggesting their use in some way. He stated that there were other ideas and locations being explored.

Legislator Nolan stated that no action may be the best course in this instance as well. They commented that the results of the space study being conducted may help inform the direction the Resolution takes. They added that the idea of equipping RVs with plumbing to provide shower opportunities could be pursued separately and did not necessarily require a policy. Legislator Erner commented that he spoke to the DPW Commissioner who shared Legislator Erner’s frustration with how long it is taking to complete. He advised

the members that the Commissioner may be updating the Public Works Committee on its progress at their meeting.

Chair Uchitelle asked if there was any further discussion and hearing none asked the members if they were comfortable moving forward without acting on the Resolution. The members agreed.

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Chair Uchitelle moved on to Resolution Nos. 126 and 127 under Old Business on the Agenda.

He advised the members that he is withdrawing Resolution No. 126 now that the Housing Action Fund was approved by the Legislature.

Resolution No. 126 – Dedicating Funding To Housing Justice

Resolution Summary: Dedicates \$20 million to the Housing Justice Assigned Fund from 2022 unassigned fund balance.

Disposition: **WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR**

Chair Uchitelle advised the members that he is requesting no action be taken on Resolution No. 127 as work continues with DSS on the issue.

Resolution No. 127 – Establishing A Policy To Prioritize Meals For Ulster County Residents Living In Emergency Housing

Resolution Summary: Establishes a policy requiring the issuance of a Request For Proposal (RFP) on behalf of Ulster County to seek a vendor who shall assess need and prepare and deliver meals daily to all residents placed in Emergency Housing hotels and motels within Ulster County.

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Chair Uchitelle advised the members that Resolution No. 555, sponsored by Legislator Hansut, appeared on the agenda under forthcoming Resolutions. He stated that Legislator Hansut would be at the October meeting to answer any questions and encouraged everyone to review the Resolution prior to the meeting. He asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:37 PM
Respectfully submitted by: Deputy Clerk Mahler
Minutes Approved: November 1, 2023