

**Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** August 18, 2014 – 6 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Richard Parete  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn A. Tantillo, Sr. Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Lynn Archer, David Donaldson, Kenneth Ronk, Jr.  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Kevin Roberts  
**EXCUSED:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Kenneth Wishnick, Legislative Counsel Cappy Weiner, Director of Ulster County Planning Dennis Doyle, Dept. Director of Ulster County Planning Chris White,

Legislator R. Parete called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Motion to approve the July 14, 2014 meeting minutes  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Discussion:** None  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer, Donaldson and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 3:**                               **Resolution No. 303** – August 19, 2014  
**Text of Motion:**                       **Resolution No. 303** - Authorizing the Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets For Funding For The Petroleum Products Quality Testing Program – Weights And Measures  
**Motion Made By:**                       Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:**               Legislator Archer

**Resolution No. 303 Summary:** This resolution would approve a contract to allow Ulster County Weights and Measures to perform certain testing of petroleum products on behalf of the New York State Department of Transportation.

**Discussion:**

There was a brief discussion about the purpose and contract details.

**Roll Call Vote:**                               No  
**Voting In Favor:**                       Legislators R. Parete, Archer, Donaldson and Ronk  
**Voting Against:**                               None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:**                       4  
**No. of Votes Against:**                       0  
**Disposition:**                               Carried

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**Motion No. 4 :**                               **Resolution No. 309** – August 19, 2014  
**Text of Motion:**                       **Resolution No. 309** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2014 (A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals) To Be Held On Tuesday, September 23, 2014 At 7:00 PM  
**Motion Made By:**                       Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:**               Legislator Ronk (for discussion)

**Resolution No. 309 Summary:** This Resolution will set a public hearing to receive comments on Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2014.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Ronk felt this resolution should be sent to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee. He believes any resolutions creating a policy should generally start with a committee with jurisdiction over that issue before coming the Laws and Rules committee to be reviewed on the legal issues associated with the policy. He is considering several proposed changes and believes they would be more appropriate to discuss in the Criminal Justice

There was a brief discussion about why it was not referred to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, how the resolution would progress thru the committees, some issues and problems that need to be addressed in the proposed law and the best way to process proposed changes.

**Motion to Refer:** Legislator Ronk withdrew his second and moved to refer Resolution No. 309 to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee.

**Seconded by:** Legislator Donaldson

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer, Donaldson and Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 5:** **Late Resolution No. 310** – August 19, 2014

**Text of Motion:** To accept Resolution No. 310 for Lateness

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer, Donaldson and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried for Lateness

**Resolution No. 310** - Amending Resolution No. 268 Of July 15, 2014 By Removing Nine Parcels From The Scheduled Public Auction And Authorizing The Transfer Of Said Properties To The Town Of Wawarsing For Public Use And Benefit – Department of Finance

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Resolution No. 310 Summary:** This resolution will allow the Town of Wawarsing to acquire nine properties the County acquired through the Greater Catskill Flood Remediation Program that are currently scheduled to go to public auction on September 23, 2014.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer, Donaldson and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 6:** **Late Resolution No. 311** – August 19, 2014

**Text of Motion:** To accept Resolution No. 311 for Lateness

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete

**Discussion:**

Legislator Ronk felt this resolution does not meet the criteria for Lateness. Even though the current lease expires on August 31, 2014, the terms of the lease allow for it to hold over until a new lease is approved. He feels it should be held until the September meeting. He feels approving this resolution this month invites abuse of the rules for Lateness.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer and Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** Ronk  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Carried for Lateness

**Resolution No. 311** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into a Lease Extension And Renewal Agreement With GD Realty Kingston, LLC For Office Space Located At 16 Lucas Avenue (Currently Occupied By Ulster County Family Court) – Department of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete

**Resolution No. 311 Summary:** This resolution will authorize extension of a lease for space used by Ulster County Family Court that currently will expire on August 31, 2014.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer and Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** Ronk  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 6:**                           **Late Resolution No. 312** – August 19, 2014

**Text of Motion:**                       To accept Resolution No. 312 for Lateness

**Motion Made By:**                   Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:**           Legislator Parete

**Discussion:**

Legislator Ronk expressed concern that Counsel Weiner had requested a copy of the actual contract earlier today and it was not provided until minutes before the meeting started. This makes it difficult for Legislative Counsel to thoroughly review the information. He found the “phone tag” required to get basic information frustrating.

Mr. White explained that he was unaware Counsel Weiner requested the information and would have been happy to provide it.

Counsel Wiener pointed out that the protocol established by the County Executive directed him not to communicate directly with County Departments without the approval of his office.

Counsel Weiner then read from Resolution No. 312 saying “RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract, and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature”. He pointed out that no such contract was submitted with the resolution or subsequently filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or provided to any Legislators. When he went to the County Attorney’s office he was told they did not have the information either. He acknowledge Mr. White had given him the information just before the meeting began, Counsel Weiner has questions and is not sure he can recommend approving the contract in question right this moment.

Mr. White said he came tonight on behalf of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and told the committee DPW is taking over the STRIVE project. He said the Planning Department will still be involved with several parts of the project such as insuring U.S. Environmental Protection Agency MBE/WBE standards and interfacing with other agencies and offices.

There was a brief discussion about the progress of the STRIVE project, costs and future plans for the project including contingency plans, testing of the building for asbestos and mold, requirements for bidding on this contract and the timeline for completion of the project.

Mr. Doyle told the committee that the STRIVE project is being fast tracked to meet the goal of being open for classes August 2015 and warned the committee that other Late Resolutions will be coming in October when construction bids are received.

Mr. White discussed other changes in the overall project such as the County actually purchasing the building, Green infrastructure requirements and challenges of working with various agencies. He said they will insure Counsel Weiner provides documents to him in a timelier manner. Parts of the project have come before 6 Standing Committees of the Legislature

Legislator Ronk suggested in order to insure the aggressive timeline proposed by the County Executive, it would be advantageous for departments to communicate directly with the Legislature and Legislative Counsel. He suggested a special informational meeting. He supports the project and will support the resolution but there should be better communication.

Legislator Archer sees this as an opportunity to improve communication. She feels everyone would benefit from a more holistic view of how this project stands today in order to understand the broad scope of the project. Legislator Archer requested the Planning Department provide a one page summary with an overview of where the STRIVE project is today.

Chairman Parete agreed that the departments are doing a good job but is frustrated that when he does reach out to the County Executive's office for information, they don't call back. He has been waiting over a week for a call back from one of the Deputy County Executives. He also questioned why a resolution we are told to expect in October would be late. He will not support this resolution because he cannot get answers to his calls.

There was a discussion about communication between the Legislature, the County Executive and the Departments.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislator Archer, Donaldson and Ronk
<b>Voting Against:</b>	Legislators R. Parete
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	3
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	1
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried for Lateness

**Resolution No. 312** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Suburban Restoration Co. Inc. – Public Works



**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete

**Resolution No. 312 Summary:** This resolution will approve a contract with Suburban Restoration Co. Inc. for removal of asbestos from the Sophie Finn School as part of the STRIVE Project.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators R. Parete, Archer and Donaldson

**Voting Against:** Ronk

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 1

**Disposition:** Carried

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### **New Business**

Chairman Parete would like to create a policy for naming County Property such as roads, bridges, parks, etc. He referred to a recent issue that arose when naming a bridge in Hurley was suggested and he received more than 100 complaints. He feels the communities should be consulted and a establishing a policy for communities to make recommendations and/or be consulted. It would insure local municipalities are consulted and clear up any embarrassment or confusion about the process.

Chairman Parete asked for Legislative Staff to research similar policies in other communities for the committee to review.

### **Old Business**

None

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There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator Ronk and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August, 2014  
Fawn A. Tantillo, Senior Legislative Employee  
Minutes Approved on September 22, 2014.