

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME** : October 15, 2014, 5:00p.m.  
**LOCATION** : Ulster County Legislature Chambers, Co. Office Building, Kingston, N.Y.  
**CHAIRMAN** : David B. Donaldson, Present  
**RECORDER** : Janet Salanitri, Adm. Assistant, SUNY, Ulster Co. Community College  
**LEGISLATORS**  
**PRESENT** : Legs. Mary Wawro, Lynn Archer and Donald Gregorius  
**ABSENT** : Leg. Craig Lopez (Excused)  
**OTHERS**  
**PRESENT** : Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration, SUNY Ulster County Community College; Lee Reidy, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Vic Melville, Observer for The League of Women Voters; Marc Rider, Director of Ulster County Purchasing and Dennis Doyle, Director of Ulster Co. Planning.

**QUORUM** : Yes

**Chairman Donaldson having advised that he may be late, and a quorum being present, Deputy Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:00pm Chairman Donaldson arrived at 5:10pm.**

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**SUNY, ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**

**Report by** : Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration with additional information supplied by Dennis Doyle, Director of Ulster County Planning and Marc Rider, Director of Ulster County Purchasing.

**Report** : Dean Komdat told the committee there would be a Domestic Violence Forum held in the College Lounge on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00am. The keynote speaker is Natalie Merchant who will present her short film "Shelter", and he expects this event to be very well attended. Speaking on enrollment, the Dean said fall 2014 is keeping pace with last year and once the Collegian students are added in it is expected the college will exceed its projected enrollment by a small amount. The Dean said that the faculty contract was in the process of being ratified and in all probability would be before this committee for approval at the November meeting.

On capital projects, Dean Komdat reported that Kelder exterior renovations are being held up because of some hazardous material abatement; the generator project has been put on hold until next year at the request of the County Executive; and the water project is in the hands of the College Attorney who is dealing with the question of eminent domain. He said work at Sophie Finn started September 2<sup>nd</sup> on abatement, and construction is expected to be completed about August 1, 2015.

Deputy Chairman Wawro recognized Dennis Doyle, Director of the Ulster County Planning Department with regard to Resolution No. 365 coming before this committee involving the college's satellite campus at the former Sophie Finn School, the project known as STRIVE. Mr. Doyle said STRIVE is a partnership between Ulster County, SUNY Ulster, the City of Kingston and the Kingston City School District, which seeks to improve low graduation rates, consolidate county properties, ensure re-use of the vacant school and provide a model for inter-municipal cooperation. He gave an overview of the extensive renovations planned and the timeline listing the multitude of hearings, grants, approvals, applications, etc. involved in the project. Mr. Doyle said the proposed Resolution No. 365 seeks to amend the 2014-2019 Capital Program to the full project cost of \$7.83 million by adding the additional sum of \$6,402,315.00, including

the cost of site work, general construction, plumbing, HVAC and electrical contracts, and also a 5% construction contingency.

At this time Chairman Donaldson recognized Marc Rider, Director of Ulster County Purchasing, also speaking on Resolution No. 365, who said construction bids were opened on October 10, 2014 and are being reviewed. He said late resolutions would be submitted prior to the full October Legislature meeting to approve the following contracts: General Construction, Jersen Construction; Plumbing, S&L Plumbing; HVAC, John W. Danforth; Electrical, Hudson Valley Electrical, Construction & Maintenance; and Site Work, Clove Excavators. Mr. Rider said contracts would be standard AIA documents containing apprenticeship agreements and MWBE clauses per grant provisions, that also extend to all subcontractors.

Chairman Donaldson asked if the Pier I renovations were included and Dean Komdat said they were not and those funds were coming from a grant. There was a discussion as to the rental costs to be incurred by the college for both Sophie Finn and Pier I. Dean Komdat said the costs for rental at both facilities would be equal to what the college is paying at the BRC now. He also said the college is eligible for state rental aid.

Proposed Resolution No. 377 was also discussed. Chairman Donaldson asked what the renovations consisted of and Dean Komdat said they were for the former Kelder farmhouse exterior, including roof, chimney, soffits, siding, entrance and stabilizing the foundation. Leg. Archer asked the square footage and Dean Komdat said he was not sure but about 2500 square feet.

**Resolutions** : 1) Resolution No. 365 for the October 21, 2014 session of the Legislature.  
2) Resolution No. 377 for the October 21, 2014 session of the Legislature.

**MOTION #1:**

**Text of Motion** : Amending the 2014-2019 Capital Program and Capital Project No. 370, STRIVE - SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus, to include the costs of construction- Department of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds).

**Motion Made** : Leg. Archer

**Seconded** : Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote** : Yes

**In Favor** : Chairman Donaldson, Legs. Gregorius, Wawro and Archer.

**Opposed** : None

**No.in favor** : 4

**No. Opposed** : 0

**Disposition** : Motion passed –Resolution to Amend the 2014-2019 Capital Program and Capital Project No. 370, STRIVE – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus, to include the costs of construction - unanimously approved as presented.

**MOTION #2:**

**Text of Motion** : To approve the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000 entered into by the county- Paul Turner Construction – Ulster County Community College.

**Motion Made** : Leg. Wawro

**Seconded** : Leg. Archer

**Voice Vote** : Yes

**In Favor** : Chairman Donaldson, Legs. Gregorius, Wawro and Archer.

**Opposed** : None

**No.in favor** : 4

**No. Opposed** : 0

**Disposition** : Motion passed – resolution to approve the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000 entered into by the County – Paul Turner Construction – UCCC - unanimously approved as presented.

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**Recorder's Note:**

Resolution No. 350 regarding Common Core State Standards was not acted upon. Leg. Craig Lopez who had offered the Resolution had advised the Clerk of the Legislature that he might not be able to get to this evening's meeting on time and had asked that the Resolution be removed from the Agenda. Note also that Jolyn Safron who was to appear and speak in support of this Resolution, was not present.

At this time the committee moved on the September 10, 2014 minutes.

**MOTION #3:**

**Text of Motion** : Resolved to approve Minutes of the meeting of this Committee of September 10, 2014.  
**Motion Made** : Leg. Gregorius  
**Seconded** : Leg. Wawro  
**Voice Vote** : Yes  
**In Favor** : Chairman Donaldson, Legs. Gregorius, Wawro and Archer.  
**Opposed** : None  
**No.in favor** : 4  
**No. Opposed** : 0  
**Disposition** : Motion passed – Minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting of this committee unanimously approved as presented.

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**CONTRACT AGENCY REQUEST – ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC:**  
**(Rescheduled on request of committee from September 10, 2014 meeting)**

**Report by** : Michael Lamoree, Director

**Report** : Mr. Laboree said last year they started a mobile food pantry, an after school feeding program and a summer feeding program at the Hodge Center. Next year, he said, their goal is to have three summer feeding programs in various areas for a significant number of low income families and individuals. Mr. Lamoree said they have also started small scale food processing and have started delivering bread to six food pantries. He also advised that next week they would have their second free Farmer's Market in Kingston and other locations, and hope to be able to transport senior citizens to it.

Mr. Lamoree said Community Action just had its audit by the Department of State which they do every two years. He said two years ago there were 37 indicators and this year there were 9 which shows they are making headway and getting better. Chairman Donaldson asked what they were asking the increase for and Mr. Lamoree said they were hoping to expand into the southern end of the county. He said they were building capacity but are still at 2007 funding levels from the state. Mr. Lamoree concluded his report and left the meeting. Leg. Gregorius said he is inclined to support the increase as it appears that they are reaching out to other areas and more people and this was the consensus of the other committee members. Chairman Donaldson asked for a supporting resolution.

**MOTION NO.4 – SUPPORTING RESOLUTION:**

**Text of Motion** : Supporting the request of Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. to increase its funding by an additional \$5,000 in the 2015 Ulster County budget.  
**Motion Made** : Leg. Wawro  
**Seconded** : Leg. Gregorius  
**Voice Vote** : Yes  
**In Favor** : Chairman Donaldson, Legs. Gregorius, Archer, and Wawro  
**Opposed** : None  
**No.in Favor** : 4  
**No.Opposed** : 0  
**Disposition** : Motion passed. Supporting resolution for Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. unanimously approved.

## **CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ULSTER COUNTY:**

**Report by** : Lee Reidy, Executive Director

**Report** : Ms. Reidy said with the weather being like it has been there is going to be a great apple harvest. Also on the subject of harvest, the Harvest Festival was relatively well attended, considering the number of fall festivals going on in and around the county the same weekend. She also advised that the Annual Fall Banquet would be held on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm at Hillside Manor in Kingston. She said this year's "Friends of Extension" are Hurds Family Farm, Martie Gales, Dr. Beth Alden, DVM, Heidi Kirschner and the Philanthropic Honoree is Gillette Creamery. Also to be honored is Donna Marie Ragonese long-time volunteer who recently passed away.. Reservations are due by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Reidy said the Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring Conference will be held October 23-24 at Belleayre. It is sponsored by The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program and details are in the "Ulster Current" she distributed.

The Relatives as Parents Program provided 60 backpacks full of school supplies to children along with information to their caregivers on the many programs CCE has for them. She also discussed some of the nutrition programs and SNAP, a federal program as well as the educational programs that are available to people who are on food stamps.

Ms. Reidy reminded everyone that the CCE Ulster County Annual Meeting would be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Resolutions** : None

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## **ULSTER COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING:**

**Report by:** No report. Resolution No. 359 for the October 21, 2014 session of the Legislature, introduced by Chairman Donaldson, to amend the 2014 Ulster County Budget to include additional funding from the NYS Office for the Aging. Chairman Donaldson asked for a motion.

### **MOTION #5 – RESOLUTION #359:**

**Text of Motion** : To approve amending the 2014 Ulster County Budget to include additional funding from the NYS Office for the Aging.

**Motion Made** : Leg. Gregorius

**Seconded** : Leg. Wawro

**Voice Vote** : Yes

**In Favor** : Chairman Donaldson, Legs. Gregorius, Archer, and Wawro

**Opposed** : None

**No.in Favor** : 4

**No.Opposed** : 0

**Disposition** : Motion passed. Resolution #359 unanimously approved.

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## **ULSTER COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY:**

**Report by:** No report. Resolution No. 369 for the October 21, 2014 session of the Legislature, introduced by Chairman Donaldson, to amend the Indigent Veteran Burial Policy to equalize the reimbursement rates for burial and cremation services. Chairman Donaldson asked for a motion.

**MOTION #6 – RESOLUTION #369:**

**Text of Motion** : To approve amending the Indigent Veteran Burial Policy to equalize the reimbursement rates for burial and cremation services.

**Motion Made** : Leg. Gregorius

**Seconded** : Leg. Archer

**Voice Vote** : Yes

**In Favor** : Chairman Donaldson, Legs. Gregorius, Archer, and Wawro

**Opposed** : None

**No.in Favor** : 4

**No.Opposed** : 0

**Disposition** : Motion passed. Resolution #369 unanimously approved.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT MOTION #6:**

There being no further business before this committee, on motion duly made by Leg. Gregorius and seconded by Leg. Wawro and carried, Chairman Donaldson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

Janet Salanitri, Recorder

Minutes Approved: November 5, 2014