

**Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** July 19, 2021 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairwoman Bartels  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Ronk  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislative Counsel Ragucci and Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executive Milgrim, Comptroller Gallagher and Deputy Comptroller DiMarco

Chairwoman Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE Minutes & Transcript of the June 14, 2021 Meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the July 20, 2021 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 283:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 of 2014, A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals, To Be Held On Tuesday, July 13, 2021 At 6:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution sets a Public Hearing to provide the public the opportunity to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021 on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**Motion No. 2:** **Resolution No. 283 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:**

Chairwoman Bartels advised the members that the RFB for asbestos abatement at Enterprise West that was requested at the previous special meetings was received and circulated. She added that she was told that the abatement was for occupied areas, but supporting documentation, including a site plan/map showed that at least some abatement would be occurring throughout a large portion of the building, with the most significant abatement occurring in the tenant area.

Legislator Heppner thanked the Chair for organizing the special meetings and facilitating the ore in depth discussions on the Board of Elections as well as county space/facility needs. Chairwoman Bartels advised the members that changes to the lease that were approved by the Legislature at the June Session was not included in the lease presented. She asked if Legislative Counsel Ragucci could speak to the omission. Counselor Ragucci stated that he was not sure why the language was omitted and offered to reach out to the County Attorney. Chairwoman Bartels asked the members for their feeling on re-inserting the language. Legislator Roberts asked Deputy Executive Milgrim whether he knew if the omission was an oversight.

The members discussed whether the previously approved amendment would need to be withdrawn. Chairwoman Bartels advised the members that the lease before them contained additional changes and suggested re-inserting the previously approved language. Counselor Ragucci stated that he saw no legal impediment to re-inserting the language. Chairwoman Bartels mentioned that the language in the Resolution mirrors the proposed lease amendment language. She asked Counselor Ragucci to reach out to the County Attorney for his support.

Legislator Gavaris stated that he did not fully support the language because he felt it may encourage an extended stay at the new facility rather than continuing to search for a county-owned location for the Board of Elections. Chairwoman Bartels agreed and thanked the Comptroller for the space study she recently shared. She added that she hopes the lease is not renewed, and that the county pursue a full space study.

**Motion No. 3:**                    **Motion to AMEND LEASE to reinsert language in Article 1: Premises, Term & Rents, Section 1.03, previously adopted at the June Legislative Session “The lease may be renewed by the Ulster County Legislature, at its sole discretion, with written notice to the lessor, for one or two terms not exceeding five years each with annualized payment escalators tied to an agreed upon and commercially recognized pricing index.”**

**Motion By:**                      Legislator Heppner

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Roberts

**Discussion:**

Legislator Gavaris suggested adding and amendment to the Resolution that states the Legislature’s desire that the Board of Elections lease is a short term measure and that the goal is to move the department to a county-owned property.

**Voting In Favor:**              Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts

**Voting Against:**                None

**Votes in Favor:**                4

**Votes Against:**                 0

**Disposition:**                 **Amendment ADOPTED**

**Motion No. 4:**                    **Motion to AMEND Resolution No. 283 to include statement declaring Legislature’s desire to ultimately locate the Board of Elections in a county owned facility**

**Motion By:**                      Legislator Gavaris

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Roberts

**Discussion:**

Legislator Roberts suggested a standalone Resolution on the subject. Chairwoman Bartels suggested adding commissioning a full county space study in the same Resolutions. Legislator Roberts suggested a joint meeting with the Executive’s Office to move forward with a county-wide space study.

**Disposition:**                    **Legislator Gavaris withdrew his motion**

Chairwoman Bartels asked if there was any more discussion, and hearing none called the question on Resolution No. 283 with the lease as amended.

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                 4  
**Votes Against:**                 0  
**Disposition:**                    **Resolution ADOPTED WITH LEASE AS AMENDED**

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**Resolution No. 293:** Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2021, A Local Law Authorizing Participation In The Hunting Pilot Program For 12 – 13 Year Old Deer Hunters

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2021

**Motion No. 5:**                    **Resolution No. 293 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:**                      Legislator Roberts  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:**                      None

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                 4  
**Votes Against:**                 0  
**Disposition:**                    **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**LATE Resolution No. 326:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$203,570.00 Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Complete Building Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$203,570 to amend the dates of service at the Coordinated Children’s Services location in Highland to reflect dates for which the services were provided, to extend the agreement through July 31, 2022, and increase the not-to-exceed amount for janitorial services.

**Motion No. 6:**                    **Resolution No. 326 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:**                      Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:**                      None

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner & Roberts  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                 4  
**Votes Against:**                 0  
**Disposition:**                    **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**LATE Resolution No. 327:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Department Of Employment And Training

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County, Inc. in the amount of \$63,000 to increase funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program through October 31, 2021.

**Motion No. 7:**                    **Resolution No. 327 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Heppner  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Heppner, & Roberts  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            4  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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Chairwoman Bartels asked if there was any other old or any new business; and hearing none.

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Heppner

**No. of Votes in Favor:**     4  
**No. of Votes Against:**     0

**TIME:**        6:18 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler**  
**Minutes Approved: August 16, 2021**