

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

**DATE & TIME:** October 15, 2019 – 5:50 PM (or immediately following the Ways & Means Committee)  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Donaldson  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Archer, Heppner & Ronk  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Roberts  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Nolan, Deputy Commissioner Fuentes – UC Board of Elections

Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

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Resolution for the October 15, 2019 Session of the Legislature

**LATE Resolution No. 442:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Board Of Elections For Expenses Related To The Purchase Of Equipment And Services Necessary For Early Voting In Ulster County – Ulster County Board Of Elections

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute and agreement with the NYS Board of Elections for the period beginning April 12, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$183,704.04 through the Aid to Localities Grant Program for the purchase of Early Voting Supplies and defer Early Voting implementation expenses.

**Motion No. 1:**                   **Resolution No. 442 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:**

Chairman Donaldson asked Board of Elections Deputy Commissioner Fuentes to explain the funding and the reason for lateness. Deputy Commissioner Fuentes advised the members that the Resolution before them is for a second grant from the state to assist with the cost of implementing early voting. She explained that the committee approved \$223,991 in grant funding in July at which time the Board of Elections informed the members a second grant was expected in the coming months. She added that this grant is for \$183,704.04 through the state's Aid to Localities program to assist with the purchase of early voting equipment. Chairman Donaldson reminded the members that they were given a heads up about the grant in previous meetings.

Legislator Archer asked if the two grants will cover the purchase of early voting equipment. Legislator Ronk stated that the grants will almost cover the cost of the equipment. Deputy Commissioner Fuentes added that there will be annual maintenance costs that will need to be added

to the Board of Elections' budget. Legislator Archer stated that she had been advised the additional annual cost would be around \$70,000. Deputy Commissioner Fuentes stated that the cost of conducting election will increase. She informed the members that the deadline to return the contract to the State was October 23 which is why it is necessary to expedite the Resolution.

**Motion No. 2:                    Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 442**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Heppner & Ronk  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**            4  
**Votes Against:**            0  
**Disposition:**                **Resolution ADOPTED**

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Chairman Donaldson thanked Deputy Commissioner Fuentes for coming asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Heppner  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:**    5:53 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk**  
**Minutes Approved: November 18, 2019**