

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2020

### REGULAR MEETING

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Public Comment via Call in Studio. Dial: 205-Ulster-0 (205-857-8370)

7:00 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:09 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:**  
Led by Legislator Heidi Haynes.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 23 Absent: 0

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislative Aide, Breanne Fries, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Legislative Financial Analyst Amber Feaster, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Legislator Peter Criswell, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Legislator Mary Wawro, August 20<sup>th</sup>

### **MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minority Leader Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Greene to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

UC Legislative Chairman, David B. Donaldson

Legislator Manna Jo Greene  
NYS DOT Exec. Deputy Comm./CFO Ronald Epstein  
Drescher & Malecki LLP  
UC Board of Realtors, President Alfred Peavy  
NYSAC, Exec. Dir. Stephen Acquario  
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson  
Town of Rochester, Supervisor Michael Baden

NYC DEP, John Schwartz

UC Human Rights Commission, Carl Brown  
Concerned Citizens  
Concerned Citizens  
Meg Carey, Glenford, NY

County News  
UC Planning Board  
Mr. David Yaffe, Accord, NY  
UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

Bird-On-A-Cliff Theatre Company  
UC Tourism Department  
HV LGBTQ & Community Center BOD  
Catskill Watershed Corp., Sonia Martinez

Catskill Mtn. Railroad, Pres. Ernest Hunt  
UC Comptroller, March Gallagher, Esq.

Mental Health Association, Jeannette Corrow, LMSW  
UCIDA, Chair James Malcolm

NYS Dept. of Public Service Commission

UC Planning Dept., Burt Samuelson

Press Release, PD Qualifications  
Press Release, Former Jail Property  
Letter, Executive Encroachment  
SUNY Ulster Environment Studies  
Letter, CARES Act Funding- FTA  
DMH Report Procedures Applied  
Landlord Hardship During COVID  
Letter, 2021 Association Fees  
County Litigation May, June & July  
EM Order No. 8-12 2020 & State of  
Emergency Declaration  
Notice of Preliminary Decision  
7/21/2020 Stream Projects  
Letter, Human Rights Position  
(26) Letters of Support Kingstonian  
(17) Emails Kingstonian Pay Taxes  
Letter Supporting CMRR 5-Year  
Contract Renewal  
Vol. 52, No. 14 & 15, July 20,2020  
Minutes 7/1/20 & Agenda 8/5/20  
FOIL Request & Response  
Ribbon Cutting, HVCVR 8/3/20  
Ribbon Cutting, Artisan Bakery 8/19  
Flyer, 25<sup>th</sup> Season  
Trending, August 2020  
Letter, Support Lauren Sheeley, PD  
Notice of Preliminary Decisions  
Of The Catskill Watershed Corp.  
CMRR 2019 Ridership  
Press Release & Audit Report,  
Sheriff Corrections Division  
EDC Mtg. Notice 9/15/2020 1PM  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Project Reporting Requirements  
Petition CHGE Corp. Transmission  
Lines Case # 17-T-0816  
Farmland Protection Board Minutes  
8/6/2019 & Draft 7/24/2020

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

Executive Order No. 29 thru 34-2020  
Appointment, Interim Public Defender,  
Cliff Owens, Effective 7/22/2020  
Appointments, UC OFA Advisory Council,  
Donald Carragher, Term 7/1/20-6/30/23  
Bonnie Wagner, Term 3/1/20-2/28/23  
Response Letter, Resolution No. 238  
Response Letter, Resolution No. 249  
Retirement Incentive Memo Update

**MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:**

Support Bills S.5459 & A.6215  
Urging Congressional Support of  
Unemployment Reimbursement for  
Nonprofits

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

UC Planning Dept., Ag & Farmland Protection Board  
UC Mental Health Assoc. in Ulster County, Inc.

**DATE:**

2020 Agricultural District Inclusions Report  
2019 Annual Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,  
Planning & Transit  
Energy & Environment  
Law Enforcement and Public Safety  
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services  
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services  
Public Health and Social Services  
Public Works and Capital Projects  
Ways and Means

**DATE:**

July 7, 2020  
July 6, 2020  
July 8, 2020  
July 20, 2020  
July 7, 2020  
July 6, 2020  
July 8, 2020  
July 14, 2020  
July 16, 2020  
July 21, 2020  
July 29, 2020

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were six speakers signed up for public comment. (see attached transcript)

1. Tamura Murray, Marketing & Sales Dir., Emerson Resort & Spa & Co-chair UC Lodging Coalition
2. Michael Baden, Supervisor Town of Rochester
3. Ellen DeFalco, Kingston
4. Justin Orashan
5. Rashida Tyler
6. Susan Reif

**RESOLUTION NOS: 7, 191, 243, 267 – 297; 232, 240, 242, 265 – POSTPONED;  
266 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 237 – DEFEATED**

**Resolution No. 232** – Calling For Issuance Of Extended Moratorium On Evictions And Rent Relief During State Of Emergency  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 237** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No.9 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Various Sections Of The Ulster County Charter And Ulster County Administrative Code To Reduce The Ulster County Legislature To 21 Members, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 8, 2020 At 6:15 PM  
*DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 240** - Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 242** – Approving Ulster County’s Local Solid Waste Management Plan  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 265** – Establishing A Zero Waste Implementation Plan for Ulster County  
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 266** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 11 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring Naloxone Stations Next To Every Automatic Defibrillator Equipment (AED) Unit At A Public Location, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 8, 2020 At 6:20 PM  
*NO ACTION TAKEN*

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 267, 272, 276, 286, 293, 296 and 297 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. Move Resolution No. 278 out of the Consent Agenda and into the Non-Consent Agenda. All in favor.

**Consent**

**7 Adopting The Ulster County Code Of Conduct**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

**267 Approving A Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S8546 And Assembly Bill No. A10616, Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Elect To Reopen The Provisions Of Section 552 Of The Retirement And Social Security Law**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

**268 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Support Home Finding Activities Within The Foster Care Program – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

**269 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) And Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Include Additional Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 270 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**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 271 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – T. McElligott, Inc. – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 272 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With CPR Associates, LLC For Public Defender Office Space – Department Of Public Works – Buildings And Grounds**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 273 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget- CHIPS / PAVE NY / Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) Funding Adjustment - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 274 Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located On Golden Hill, City Of Kingston To The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(1 Abstention: Legislator Gavaris)

- 275 Authorizing The Chair of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of Shandaken For The Direct Invoicing Of Bus Fares For Shandaken Summer Day Camp Students – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 276 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Transfer Title Of An Ulster County Sheriff's Office Dive Van To The Greene County Sheriff's Office – Ulster County Sheriff's Office**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 277 Authorizing A One (1) Year Extension For Reporting To The Ulster County Legislature The Findings Of The Criminal Justice Reform Task Force**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 278 Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes**

Moved to Non-Consent

- 279 Authorizing The Issuance Pursuant To Section 90.00 And/Or Section 90.10 Of The Local Finance Law Of Refunding Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Be Designated Substantially “Public Improvement Refunding (Serial) Bonds”, And Providing For Other Matters In Relation Thereto And The Payment Of The Bonds To Be Refunded Thereby – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 280 Amending the 2020 Ulster County Budget – Transferring Conflict Defender Administrator Position From Public Defender’s Office To The Department Of Finance – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 281 Rescinding Resolution No. 167 of April 28, 2020, Which Authorized The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners - Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 282 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 283 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance**



ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

- 284       Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Certain Consumer Protection Practices In Ulster County And Penalties For Violating Same**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

- 286       Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Clear Ballot Group, Inc. – Board Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

- 287       Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Fire & Safety, Inc. D/B/A Haight Fire Equipment Supply – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

- 288       Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alindus, Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23                      NOES: 0

- 289       Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette, Inc. D/B/A Newcastle Communications – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 290 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way of Ulster County, Inc. – Employment And Training**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 291 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Planning Department**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 292 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Idemia Identity & Security USA, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 293 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – William E. Munson Co., Inc. D/B/A Munson Boats – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 294 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 295      Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    23                      NOES:    0

- 296      Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Activities Associated With Sheltering The Homeless During Inclement Winter Weather (Code Blue Plan) – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    23                      NOES:    0

- 297      Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Capital Market Advisors, LLC – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    23                      NOES:    0

**Non-Consent**

**191      Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature**

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to adopt the policy as presented in the revised attached “Exhibit A.”

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    23                      NOES:    0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    23                      NOES:    0

**243      Urging New York State Legislature To Increase Recycling And Reduce Municipal Waste Management Costs By Expanding The NYS Returnable Container Act**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    21                      NOES:    2  
(Noes: Legislators Roberts and Ronk)

**267      Approving A Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S8546 And Assembly Bill No. A10616, Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Elect To Reopen The Provisions Of Section 552 Of The Retirement And Social Security Law**

Moved to Consent

**272      Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With CPR Associates, LLC For Public Defender Office Space – Department Of Public Works – Buildings And Grounds**

Moved to Consent

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Moved to Consent

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 2  
(Noes: Legislators Bruno and Fabiano)

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 285 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law's Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals**

Withdrawn by Sponsors

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Moved to Consent

- 293 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – William E. Munson Co., Inc. D/B/A Munson Boats – Ulster County Sheriff**

Moved to Consent

#### **Late Resolutions**

- 296 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Activities Associated With Sheltering The Homeless During Inclement Winter Weather (Code Blue Plan) – Department Of Social Services**

Moved to Consent

- 297 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Capital Market Advisors, LLC – Legislature**

Moved to Consent

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:** Read by Legislator Eve Walter.

Christopher A. Cahill Sr., Port Charlotte, FL  
Dorothy Gruner, Highland, NY  
Sgt. Alan D. Johnson, Ulster Park, NY  
Esther Rose Buton, Woodstock, NY  
Martha M. McMullen, Marlboro, NY  
Hon. Paul M. Brazier, Saugerties, NY  
Russell L. Lemister, Boynton Beach, FL  
Richard I. Wollmann, Jr., New Paltz, NY  
Frank J. Auringer, Jr., Port Ewen, NY  
Sally M. Rhoads, New Paltz, NY  
Carolyn L. Roberti, Saugerties, NY  
Nicholas Harris, Kingston, NY  
Ann N. Beanstalk, Shawangunk, NY

K.J. McIntyre, Kingston, NY  
Eileen Hoffman, Hurley, NY  
Dr. Joseph N. Rienzi, Boca Raton, FL  
Royana Black Hubbell, Esopus, NY  
Shelby N. Harris, Accord, NY  
Muriel J. Whitaker, Kingston, NY  
Joan A. Langton, Lake Katrine, NY  
William P. Goff, West Camp, NY  
Gilbert W. Hales, Saugerties, NY  
Suzanne Frederick, Saugerties, NY  
Joseph W. Pilz, Saugerties, NY  
Donald O. Every, Saugerties, NY  
Retired K-9 Triton, UC Sheriff's Office 2011-2017

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn Legislative Session.  
All in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:56 PM

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, **September 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM**. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is Friday, August 21, 2020 at 12 Noon.

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7:00 PM

#### **Chairman Donaldson**

All righty. Let's call the meeting to order. Everybody stand for the pledge and it'll be led by Heidi Haynes. Unmute yourself, Heidi. There you go.

#### **Legislative Members**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### **Chairman Donaldson**

Please be seated.

#### **Clerk Fabella**

Roll call. Archer.

#### **Legislator Archer**

Here.



**Clerk Fabella**

Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bruno.

**Legislator Bruno**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Cahill.

**Legislator Cahill**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Corcoran.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Delaune.

**Legislator Delaune**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Fabiano.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris**

Present.

**Clerk Fabella**

Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Present.

**Clerk Fabella**

Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Heppner.

**Legislator Heppner**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Lopez.

**Legislator Lopez**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Maio.

**Legislator Maio**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Parete.

**Legislator Parete**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Petit.

**Legislator Petit**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Roberts.

**Legislator Roberts**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Present.

**Clerk Fabella**

Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Wawro.

**Mary Wawro**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Twenty-three present and zero absent.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty. And we have a few birthdays tonight, at least this month, anyway. We have Brianne Fries, our legislative aide. We also have our math expert and budget analyst, Amber Feaster, August 10 for a birthday. And then Legislator Peter Criswell, 39 today. And Mary Wawro, also 39. Very good.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Happy Birthday, Mary.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Happy birthday Mary. Happy birthday Peter.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I will entertain a motion to dispense with reading the minutes of the meeting.

**Legislator Ronk**

So, moved.

**Legislator Greene**

Second.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All those in favor?

**Legislative Members**

Aye.

**Chairman Donaldson**

We have various communications on file. Take your time, read through it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Are you ready for public comment? Do we have anyone signed up?

**Clerk Fabella**

We do. We currently have four speakers signed up. The first speaker signed up is Tamara Murray.

**Clerk Fabella**

Tamara, can you hear us?

**Tamara Murray**

Yes, I can. Thank you. Thank you so much for allowing me the time to speak some. My name is Tamara Murray. I'm the Marketing and Sales Director for the Emerson Resort and Spa. And I'm also the co-chair of Ulster County Lodging Coalition. The Lodging Coalition has fiercely fought against entering into a voluntary collection agreement with Airbnb for approximately eight years. I want to be very clear our stand has nothing to do with the threat of competition. The short-term rental market has been here for quite a while and there's room for all tourism businesses. We also understand the short-term rental market isn't going anywhere in the future. Rather, what we have petitioned the County in New York State for is a level playing field that requires and enforces the collection of occupancy tax and requires a minimum standard for short-term rental operators to provide health and safety protocols. We support the current system and Ulster County of using Bear Cloud Systems to identify short-term rental operators across all platforms, not just Airbnb alone, and contacting the operators to register for the payment of occupancy tax, which has been described as a model for the state by Mark Door who's the president in New York State Hospitality and Tourism Association. We believe the next step in rounding out the system that we already have in place, and ensuring the collection of correct and actual occupancy tax from the host, as well as regulating short term rentals and Ulster County is simply enforcement.

**Tamara Murray**

Lodging properties are required to register with the county and prove the number of room rentals that they have in each period, guaranteeing the county receives the correct amount of occupancy tax. Airbnb seems to promise that as long as you sign an agreement with them, they will be transparent and provide the county with hostnames and give you a check. However, there are numerous legal issues and other New York State counties, as well as other states, that charge Airbnb with not requiring hosts to meet zoning, health, and safety regulations. Prohibiting the collection of back taxes, creating obstacles and stalling techniques, where the particular county does not receive the actual tax due. And prohibiting agencies from identifying and regulating operators that list on their site. With a system of enforcement in place, Ulster County could avoid the majority of short-term rental owners failing to register, collect the correct tax, and work with the towns to establish and require health and safety protocols. I understand the county is facing historical shortfalls due to the COVID pandemic. However, now it's the time when it is more important than ever to make careful decisions. A revenue stream issue as important as this should not be signed over to a third party with a history of lawsuits, closed door deals, refusal to allow true audits, and refusal to disclose host information. Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker we have signed up is Mike Baden from the Town of Rochester. Can you hear us Supervisor Baden?

**Mike Baden**

I can. Thank you very much. So, good evening, Legislators. I am here tonight representing the Ulster County Association of Town Supervisors and Mayor's. Chair Harris was unable to speak tonight and has asked me to convey our message. We are in opposition to Resolution 285. Our reasons are that we think this duplicates services that have already been put in place. We think it could be disruptive to ongoing negotiations. And we think it could potentially inhibit local oversight. I would like to echo my own concerns, many of which the previous speaker just stated to you. So, I won't say them all. But I do have concerns of accountability. I think in negotiating these contracts with these host agencies, the audit power, the ability to audit, to make sure the data is accurate, that the collection is accurate, will potentially go away. And I think the county is much better off dealing directly with the hosts themselves as opposed to the hosting agency. So, for those reasons, I asked you to reconsider Resolution 285 this evening. And it has great potential, but I think it needs a little bit of further work before adoption. Thank you very much.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker we have signed up is Ellen DiFalco.

**Ellen DiFalco**

Yes, thank you. Can you hear me?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes.

**Ellen DiFalco**

Hello?

**Legislator Ronk**

Yes.

**Ellen DiFalco**

Okay. All right. Thank you for the opportunity this evening to address this legislative body regarding Resolution 274. I am opposed to the sale and or transfer of the former Ulster County Jail and the lands owned by Ulster County located at Golden Hill to a local development corporation for affordable mixed income housing development for the following reasons. First, it is in disingenuous to move on this property transfer. Now, during the pandemic when residents and stakeholders are not able to attend meetings to have open dialogues in person. It is difficult for many of us to participate in virtual meetings.

**Ellen DiFalco**

I believe that there are other surplus properties in the county that fit the criteria for affordable mixed income workforce or low income housing. One of the first undertakings of the newly formed housing advisory committee should be to inventory surplus county owned properties which would be suitable for affordable housing outside in this City of Kingston. Your Resolution Number 179 of May 19th indicated that an inventory of such properties would be forthcoming. When the City of Kingston is already saturated with subsidized housing while we have only 13% of the county's population, it doesn't seem fair that this parcel should be the first site chosen for housing development.

The five developers have not been revealed so that our nearby residents and stakeholders can weigh in on the development of this property. We're still in the dark. A local housing development corporation, who will choose the developer, with the best plan for the property, has not been chosen yet. The sale of this property would

generate much needed revenue to balance your budget, but it becomes very obvious that a plan is already in place to hurry the project along to meet certain timelines that have already been established to complete this project. I will, on a final note, continue to advocate that the former Ulster County Jail property, is not the best fit for affordable housing, and not suitable as a solution to meet the housing shortfall, when there are other sites outside the City of Kingston that should be considered. Thank you, and have a great evening.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Next speaker.

**Clerk Fabella**

The last speaker signed up for tonight is Justin Orashan. Can you hear us Justin?

**Justin Orashan**

I can. Thank you very much. Hi, good counsel folks, thanks for allowing me to talk. I'm glad to be here with you tonight. I'm also expressing comment on Resolution 274 with regard to the Golden Hill property. And I am expressing support for moving forward with utilizing that for affordable housing and putting it over to surplus County Land. I speak on this with the acute realization that currently we're the sixth most unaffordable county in New York State, according to the housing affordability report, 2019. Some of you might have seen the most recent articles that 17.5% increase in housing sales price since this time in 2019. And we're in the to top 10 cities of folks moving, and we're top 10 cities in the country of folks moving to a city and, you know, with the exodus of folks from New York City, the folks who cannot afford housing, and who are housing insecure right now, are only being more impacted. And it's an it's an urgent matter that requires a level of urgent response. Unfortunately, we haven't done enough to prepare for this. And we are in a place now, where the folks who already couldn't afford housing here are in even more dire circumstances. I list off those statistics and figures from a broader perspective. But I want to get down to a human level. Over the past month, two months, I have been working with some local folks who are homeless and housing insecure through the Kingston Mutual Aid Project. I don't say this as some sort of savior complex, but I say it from a place of, I hadn't done that before. And it's only now that I realized, at a very personalized level, just how dire the circumstances are. To the previous caller's point, and what I've heard others argue, that the... our Ulster County is saturated with subsidized housing. I think that those folks that are urgently seeking housing, and many of whom, most of whom can't find it right now, would disagree.



**Justin Orashan**

And the reality is with Ulster... with Kingston being the epicenter of the county, and with it being where most of our county services are located, to ask people to go out beyond Kingston is very challenging. It's absolutely imperative that folks be connected closely to the resources that support them most. And try to find locations beyond the City of Kingston. While that might be a great endeavor, in addition to, this location here in Kingston, we need it here in Kingston. We needed it years ago, we needed to build today but the reality is, this is one among other options that we can take to help the folks that are really in dire circumstances. Because the landscape... the ground is shifting beneath us. And we really need to... for any of you, or any of us, who are housing secure, who own housing, we really need to take it upon ourselves to ask ourselves are we willing to stretch ourselves to help those most in need? Who right now are calling out for it. So, that is all I have to say. Thank you, all. Again, I would urge you to support the resolution to move forward with the [inaudible] Golden Hills surplus county land and utilizing it for affordable housing. Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

We actually had two more speakers come online with us. The next speaker is Rashida Tyler. Rashida, can you hear us?

**Rashida Tyler**

Hi. Yes, I can. Can you hear me?

**Clerk Fabella**

We can. You're all set.

**Rashida Tyler**

Awesome. So, I'm speaking tonight in support of the resolution to transfer the properties at Golden Hill to a Corporate Development Corporation that can actually help to create affordable housing. We are past the point of there being a housing crisis in Ulster County; we are in a housing emergency. Actually, about half an hour before this phone call. I spoke with a gentleman who was working two jobs. Two very good jobs, who in ordinary economic times, should be able to support a family, yet he's sleeping in a van. His family is homeless. They're looking for a two-bedroom apartment, and they can't find one. The day before that I spoke with a couple who had to break up in order for the family, and his wife and children, to be able to have a roof over their head. I have, you know, I'm witnessing the toll that the housing emergency is taking on our county. And when I hear arguments and hesitations of well, you know, that you have too much affordable housing. These are positions that are given from a

position of privilege, a position of home ownership, a position of people who don't have to worry about where they're going to lay their heads down at night.

**Rashida Tyler**

In Ulster County, we have over 1,600 people who have experienced, or at risk of homelessness between October 2018 and September 2019. 31%, or 21,319, residents are renters. And we had needed, from 2009, to be building about 6000, over 6000 affordable housing units, to be created by 2020. We have built less than half of that. And we cannot, and we have not addressed the affordability gap. So, I'm asking the legislature tonight to support and vote in support of this resolution so that we can begin to support those who are in our community and have helped make it the community that it is. Keep Kingston affordable. And these properties are abandoned. They're underutilized. Please do the right thing and vote "Yes." Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The last speaker we have signed up is Susan Reif. Susan, can you hear us?

**Susan Reif**

I can hear you. Good evening. Can you hear me?

**Clerk Fabella**

We can hear you.

**Susan Reif**

Very good. Thank you for giving me this opportunity tonight to share with you again that I strongly oppose the jail development into low income housing. I think that Kingston is oversaturated. With all these low-income housings, we certainly have enough of them. I think that it would be more beneficial if you did something else with that property, knowing that it borders my property. And yes, I feel sorry for all these people that are homeless and need affordable housing, but maybe they could reach out to a different community, a different area, other than Kingston. Because Kingston is highly saturated with low income housing. And I'm sorry that they've come here, and they bus them here from areas to Kingston. It just doesn't seem fair to our community. We should try to have to absorb that by making everybody that worked so hard for their homes, and their houses, and where they live, that they should have to compensate, to have their taxes go down and be lowered. Because all of these people that are coming into the area. You know, I strongly oppose, I just strongly oppose it. And I think it'll being used as a as another thing that's going to happen a little... a little cover up of the whole jail thing that happened when they built the other jail. I think that we should take some time. And we should think about what we need do with that

property other than low income housing. The property is a beautiful piece of land that could be beneficial and have a nice value to it. Something else there other than low income housing. It's you know, it seems like low income housing is getting spread throughout Kingston so thick, it's diminishing our community. Thank you for listening. I would be open to come to a meeting to discuss it if it wasn't for Coronavirus.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Is that the end of the speakers?

**Clerk Fabella**

Yes. Yep, that's all of them.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty. Let's get into the resolutions. We'll start with a Consent Agenda. Is there any additions or subtractions to the Consent Agenda?

**Legislator Heppner**

Yes, Chairman Donaldson, I would like to move that we move Resolutions 267, 272, 276, 286, 293, 296 and 297 from Non-Consent to Consent. And move Resolution 278 from Consent to Non-Consent.

**Legislator Ronk**

The Republican caucus consents to those additions and subtractions, Chairman.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All righty, thank you. I'll entertain a motion for those new consent agenda.

**Legislator Heppner**

Actually, excuse me Chairman Donaldson. I might have skipped, I believe I skipped... I'll also move to add Resolution 272 from Non-Consent to Consent. I believe I skipped that.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All righty. Do you concur with that, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

I do. Yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay. On the Consent Agenda, as amended.

**Legislator Heppner**

We are a short yes with one abstention, Resolution 274, Legislator Gavaris, for the purpose of employment.

**Legislator Ronk**

And we are a short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolutions are adopted twenty-three to zero, with the exception of Resolution 274, which is adopted twenty-two to zero, with one abstention, Legislator Gavaris.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Very good. Now to begin the Non-Consent Agenda.

**Clerk Fabella**

The first resolution in tonight's Non-Consent is 191. Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the resolution, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion to amend this resolution with the copy that's been provided to every legislator after Ways and Means. There were several changes that were made. Both, you know, in today's Ways and Means Committee meeting, as well as in previous Ways and Means Committee meetings. Everyone has a copy of the redline version that was emailed around.

**Legislator Heppner**

I'll second it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right, on the amendments to the resolution?

**Legislator Heppner**

On the amendments, I believe I can say we're short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I am a yes on that. But I'm concerned with the resolution being rushed. That's okay, I'll still be a yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The amendments are adopted twenty-three to zero.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the resolution.

**Legislator Heppner**

On the resolution, again, I wasn't able to get in touch with absolutely everybody in between Ways and Means and Session, but I believe I can say we're short yes, unless anyone is a no, please interrupt me.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I'll be a no on it.

**Legislator Heppner**

Okay, so we are short yes, with one no, Legislator Donaldson. And I believe Legislator Criswell has his hand raised Chairman.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'm going to be a yes. I just want to say that I'm hoping in the future we can include broader language on legal structures such as blended structures that are social good corporations, social benefit corporations, such as LC3s, B-corps, flexible benefit corporations. None of that language was included in this, and I'm going to be a yes, but I just hope that moving forward, we can understand that corporate structure has changed, and that we should consider that when we're making these types of resolutions.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank Legislator Walter, Bartels, Gavaris, you know, and everybody on Ways and Means. I just wanted to mention those three because I know that they had brought up a lot of, you know, concerns to the legislature, you know, to the committee. We've been asking for them for several months. This has been going on for several months. I also want to thank Legislator Petit, my co-sponsor on the resolution. I think that this addresses a really deep concern with how we've been funding, not for profits and other organizations through our budget. And, you know, as Legislator, Criswell said, I definitely am open to changes moving forward. I definitely think this is a good first step. And I just wanted to say thank you for all the collaboration and working together.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I might add, Legislator Criswell, if you could send us a copy that you think the changes should be made, send that to Ways and Means Committee and I think they'll make those changes if... Okay?

**Legislator Criswell**

I'd be happy to do that, thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right. Did you vote on this Legislator Ronk?

**Legislator Ronk**

I wasn't sure if anybody else wanted to speak. We, the Republican caucus is a short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I'll change my vote to a yes then even though I feel it should have been put off for the month.

**Legislator Heppner**

On the resolution than, the Democratic caucus is a short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted as amended twenty-three to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 243. Urging New York State Legislature To Increase Recycling And Reduce Municipal Waste Management Costs By Expanding The NYS Returnable Container Act.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the resolution?

**Legislator Heppner**

We are a short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I don't know if anybody wants to speak or not. I didn't see anybody put their hand up. Okay.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're short yes, with two noes; Legislators Ronk and Roberts.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution is adopted twenty-one to two.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 278: Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Walters.

**Legislator Heppner**

She didn't have a hand up on this one.

**Legislator Ronk**

This is different.

**Legislator Heppner**

That's a different resolution.

**Legislator Ronk**

Great job Vicki, by the way. It's a long title.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

No, I just wanted to commend the clerk on the reading of the title. That was a tongue twister. It was quite long, so. I'm ready to vote.

**Legislator Heppner**

On the resolution, we're a short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

On the resolution, we're short yes with two noes: Legislator Bruno and Fabiano.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution is adopted twenty-one to two.

**Clerk Fabella** 29:21

Resolution 279. Authorizing The Issuance Pursuant To Section 90.00 And/or Section 90.10 Of The Local Finance Law Of Refunding Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Be Designated Substantially "Public Improvement Refunding (Serial) Bonds", And Providing For Other Matters In Relation Thereto And The Payment Of The Bonds To Be Refunded Thereby – Department Of Finance.

**Clerk Fabella**

This one is a long roll.

**Clerk Fabella**

Archer

**Legislator Archer**

Yes.



**Clerk Fabella**

Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bruno.

**Legislator Bruno**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Cahill.

**Legislator Cahill**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Corcoran.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Delaune.

**Legislator Delaune**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Fabiano?

**Legislator Fabiano**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Gavaris?

**Legislator Gavaris**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Greene?

**Legislator Greene**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Heppner.

**Legislator Heppner**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Lopez.

**Legislator Lopez**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Maio?

**Legislator Maio**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Parete.

**Legislator Parete**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Petit.

**Legislator Petit**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Roberts.

**Legislator Roberts**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

And Wawro.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Wawro. Did she vote?

**Legislator Wawro**

Sorry, yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted twenty-three to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 285. Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law's Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Walters, Walter rather, I always...

**Legislator Walter**

Thank you, no problem.

**Legislator Walter**

So, for many years, this Legislature has tried to pass this law in one form or another. And while I'm new I learned pretty quickly that the assumptions and misinformation and misdirected emotion that has fueled the opposition to this law, and interestingly, these don't align with each other except for unification against the law.

**Legislator Walter**

So, I've heard the laws illegal. This is an opinion of some legal counsel and not the opinion of the Legislative Council or the County Council, and the Legislative and County councils in over 20 counties in New York that have had this contract. Lawyers are risk adverse. Our County Attorney would not be currently engaging in this very contractual negotiation if they felt that it would attract a lawsuit from the State.

**Legislator Walter**

I've also heard argument that the Legislature, if we had this law, the Executive cannot successfully negotiate a contract. This is fueled by unfounded assumptions. This presents a scenario of Airbnb, or another platform, forcing the county into a bad contract. If we continue this scenario, we would have to assume that the preposterous idea that if an agreement was rejected by us, that Airbnb would somehow sue us, with claims that we had to accept anything they gave us. We are lawmakers, we make an adapt laws.

**Legislator Walter**

I've also heard that town supervisors are against this. And this is misinformation on two levels. First, not all supervisors are against this. And second, those who are only against it for the reasons stated above. They were told by the Executive that this resolution would only hurt his ability to negotiate.

**Legislator Walter**

I've also we've heard that hotels and motels are against this. This is fueled by emotion as Airbnb has been damaging to these companies as businesses. This is also fueled by anecdotes of counties with poor contracts that they're bound to, this assumes our county would accept these conditions when we would not.

**Legislator Walter**

You may have heard that this law proposes new taxes and assessed harmful to our existing B&Bs, inns and hotels, and this is fueled by misinformation. This law's adapting the existing occupancy tax law. Our small B&Bs, inns, hotels and motels must already charge this tax. Their occupants are short-term renters must already pay this, and these businesses must remit this revenue to the county. These businesses have been paying this occupancy tax since at least 1991 when this local law was created. For stays obtained through platforms such as Airbnb hosts have not been charging this tax, occupants have not been paying, and these hosts have only been sparsely remitting this revenue to the county. So, this is not a new tax. This is a process to secure the

revenue that we are owed by occupants who rent through short term platforms like Airbnb. And the resolution clearly states this.

**Legislator Walter**

This is to level the playing fields for our hotels, motels, inns, and B&B's who must pay this tax. And importantly, our failure to pass this over so many years has resulted in millions of dollars of lost revenue. Revenue, we need now more than ever, revenue that could save programs and that are cut, and jobs that are going to be lost.

**Legislator Walter**

That said, the Executive is moving forward with this contract. And I really applaud that office for seeing the light and really seeing the importance of this. But given that so much misinformation has fed, and it has overridden the job that we have as legislators to do the right thing, I'm going to be withdrawing this. Thank you.

**Legislator Ronk**

You're muted Dave.

**Chairman Donaldson**

[Inaudible] about that. She is drawing the resolution, right? So, Legislator Ronk, do you want to speak on the withdrawn resolution?

**Legislator Ronk**

Yeah. I just feel like I need to say something. Because...

**Legislator Heppner**

Point of order, Chairman Donaldson, wasn't the resolution withdrawn?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, it was.

**Legislator Ronk**

Then I'd like to, you know, put further point of order, you know, Majority Leader Heppner. You know, it's not been the past practice of this body to allow a Legislator to go on a multi-minute long diatribe about misinformation and, you know, pretty much appropriating what is the right thing to do, and what is not, and not allowing the other side to be heard. So, if that's what the Chairman would like to do, I'm not going to bother trying to override his ruling, but I feel felt like the other side of the issue might be entitled to a few seconds since the sponsor, you know, went on a very long debate on the resolution, and then withdrew it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Well, she went through it because my understanding is the Executive is in the process of bringing forth an agreement. So, it... I mean I'll give you some leeway, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

I just, you know, a lot of what Legislator Walter just said, I believe is an opinion and not necessarily a fact. You know, calling things misinformation, just because it's information that you don't agree with, isn't necessarily misinformation. Just because it's... you believe is the right thing to do doesn't mean that something is the right thing to do. You know, that's just not the way this works. I mean, you know, in this in this age of, you know, social media, in this age of instant gratification, in the age that we live in today, everybody's opinion is automatically deemed by them to be fact, when unfortunately, it is not.

**Legislator Ronk**

There are many town supervisors that are against this law. There are many, you know, brick and mortar businesses, you know, resorts and hotels that are against this law. They're not just against this law because Airbnb is hurting them. Because Airbnb is not going anywhere. They're looking for a level playing field. They're looking for the ability to have the same kind of, the same kind of inspections, the same kind of health and safety requirements. And this... that... I've never said and, nor I don't believe has anybody else, that all of the town supervisors are against it. But the Town Supervisor's Association, a quorum being present, did vote to oppose this and the Vice Chair of the Supervisor's Association came tonight to speak to us.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right, well, I gave you leeway. Can we move on at this point?

**Legislator Parete**

I'd like to say something, Mr. Chairman.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I have a question, please, about this, Legislator Donaldson, Chairman Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Let me say something. The resolution has been withdrawn. Legislator Walter....

**Legislator Fabiano**

I can't ask a question?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Not at this point, no.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Donaldson**

The legislation has been withdrawn.

**Legislator Parete**

I'm appalled at the accusations that we're all stupid and misinformed. And you wonder why we've been misinformed. And there's a history to this whole thing. You know, I heard the name, the number 1991. That's when this law was passed. You know when it was implemented? What, 10 years ago, 15 years ago, and you want to know what this legislature, when they implemented, it didn't have a public hearing. So, I'm appalled. I don't know where anybody gets the nerve to say things like that.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Well, at this point right now the legislation has been withdrawn.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Chairman Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I gave some leeway, Now, let's move on.

**Legislator Fabiano**

You just let Legislators Parete ramble on for 20 seconds. I only got one question.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I tell you what...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yeah, don't tell me nothing, forget it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

If you want to do some rambling on, go ahead, ramble on.



**Legislator Fabiano**

No, no, forget about it. Thank you very much for letting me ask a simple goddamn question. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

What is your simple question?

**Legislator Fabiano**

My question was, is that if the County Executive's Office reaches an agreement with Airbnb, will that have to come back to the Legislature to be approved?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Excuse me?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Okay, thank you. That's all I wanted to know.

**Chairman Donaldson**

No problem. Oh well. Let's move on.

**Clerk Fabella**

That was the last resolution.

**Chairman Donaldson**

That was withdrawn. Let's go to next...

**Legislator Ronk**

That was last resolution, Mr. Chairman.

**Clerk Fabella**

That's the last one. We're all finished.

**Chairman Donaldson**

That's it? All right. So, Legislator Eve Walter, would you read those that we are a journeying in memory of?

**Legislator Walter**

Yes. Very fitting. I apologize in advance if I mispronounce anybody's name. So we'll, where the meeting is adjourned in memory of Christopher A. Cahill Sr., Port Charlotte, FL; Dorothy Gruner, Highland, NY; Sgt. Alan D. Johnson, Ulster Park, NY; Esther Rose Buton, Woodstock, NY; Martha M. McMullen, Marlboro, NY; Hon. Paul M. Brazier, Saugerties, NY; Russell L. Lemister, Boynton Beach, FL; Richard I. Wollmann, Jr., New Paltz, NY; Frank J. Auringer, Jr., Port Ewen, NY; Sally M. Rhoads, New Paltz, NY; Carolyn L. Roberti, Saugerties, NY; Nicholas Harris, Kingston, NY; K.J. McIntyre, Kingston, NY; Eileen Hoffman, Hurley, NY; Dr. Joseph N. Rienzi, Boca Raton, FL; Royana Black Hubbell, Esopus, NY; Alan D. Johnson, Ulster Park, NY; Muriel J. Whitaker, Kingston, NY; Joan A. Langton, Lake Katrine, NY; William P. Goff, West Camp, NY; Gilbert W. Hales, Saugerties, NY; Suzanne Frederick, Saugerties, NY; Retired K-9 Triton, UC Sheriff's Office 2011-2017.

**Legislator Walter**

And I would like to add Shelby Harris from Accord, New York, who passed away on July 28, from an opioid overdose at the age of 22.

**Chairman Donaldson**

And I'd like to just say something very quickly. Chris Cahill, I hate to say this, Brian, but he was my favorite Cahill. And I've known him I know him all my life. He was a very close friend of mine and I'm going to miss stopping in at Port Charlotte to play golf with him. Whenever I was down there, for any length of time, that's what I did. I'd always call him up. And we'd get together and spend many hours together. And he had a certain karma about... and in the over 50 years that I've known him, I've never seen him angry. Which is an amazing thing. And he's going to be greatly missed. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Anyone else to add?

**Mary Wawro**

I'd like to add.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead, Legislator Wawro.

**Legislator Wawro**

I'd like to add the name of Joseph Pilz from Saugerties.

**Chairman Donaldson**

And I'd like to add Don Every.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I thought I saw some other... Al, did you have your hand up, Legislator Bruno?

**Legislator Bruno**

Yeah, I just like to say a couple of words for Sergeant Alan Johnson. He was a great friend. He was a defender. He was a vet. He served in a cold war and he honored every vet, EMS, and firemen, and police officer who passed. He stood flag lines with us with the Patriot Guard riders for many years. Even though he wasn't a biker himself. He drove his truck, as a support vehicle, and supported both the Warrior Watch Riders and the Patriot Guard Riders to his dying day. And he will be greatly missed by not only his wife and children, but me, the Patriot Guard Riders and a grateful nation. Rest in peace, Alan.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to reflect on the passing of our former canine Triton and just mentioned his former handler, Deputy, James Mellon, you know, who kept him upon his retirement. You know, again, his name is going to be added to the Deceased Canines Memorial at the Law Enforcement Center. I'm going to ask the Sheriff to be apprised of that date because I plan to be there. I hope many of you will as well. The sacrifices that these deputies that handle the canines, and the canines themselves, make for all of us in Ulster County to keep us safe, to detect unwanted substances, and to protect life and property. I feel like is too often not focused on as much. So, they're officers, just like our two legged officers. And, you know, I got to meet Triton one time. I'm going to miss him.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Anyone else?

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right, the next regular meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 7pm. For meeting details, we'll be forwarding. Resolution deadline is Friday, August 21. at noon.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Legislator Litts**

So, moved.

**Legislator Greene**

I'm sorry, can we hear from Legislator Archer. She was trying to get your attention, Chairman Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't see her.

**Legislator Archer**

That's okay. I just didn't want us to close without remembering Anne Nanno Bienstock who just passed away. A local environmentalist and a historian and very much contributed to the area and the community. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you very much Legislator Archer. All right, now I would entertain the motion for adjournment.

**Legislator Litts**

So, moved.

**Chairman Donaldson**

By Litts, seconded by Bruno.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All those in favor?

**Legislative Members**

Aye.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Opposed? All righty, tomorrow have yourself an ordinary day.

**Legislator Litts**

Take care to be safe and healthy, everybody.