

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING IN ANNUAL SESSION

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

6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:38 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Led by Legislator Peter Criswell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Bruno)

6:30 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:40 PM

Pursuant to Section 1411(d) of the Not-for-Profit Law of the State of New York Regarding the Authorization of the Transfer of County Lands From Ulster County To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.

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

1. Laura Hartman
2. Regis Obijiski
3. Sarah Wenk
4. Melia Dumont
5. Todd Erling
6. Cheryl Schnieder
7. Mary Stewart-Masterson
8. Todde Roberts

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Cahill to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:59 PM

Chairman Donaldson recessed the meeting in Annual Session at 7:00 PM and continued on at 7:22 PM. Whereas Vice Chair Bartels convened a Special Joint Meeting of the Ways and Means and the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committees to discuss and vote on Late Resolution No. 650 - Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Certain Real Properties Owned By Ulster County And Located At The Site Known As IBM Tech City East, Town Of Ulster, To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.)

*The Clerk for the record confirmed attendance: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Bruno)

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Herbert Litts, December 6th
Legislative Financial Analyst, Natalie Kelder, December 7th
Legislator Kevin Roberts, December 8th
Chairman David B. Donaldson, December 11th
Legislator Albert Bruno, December 21st
Legislator James Delaune, December 26th
Legislator John Parete, December 30th

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

Motion by Legislator Ronk, second by Legislator Heppner to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

State of New York, Dept. of State
UC Dept. of Environment, Interim Dir. Hvozda

Concerned Citizens
Ulster BOCES, District Superintendent Khoury
Palisades Interstate Park Commission
City of Kingston Planning Director Suzanne Cahill

UC Office Of The Comptroller

Hodgson Russ Attorneys, LLP, Nadene Zeigler

UC Community College, Jamie Capuano

UC Chamber of Commerce

Town of Woodstock, Clerk Jacquelyn Earley

Town of Lloyd, Clerk Wendy Rosinski
Town of Rosendale, Clerk Mandy Donald

Town of Hardenburgh, Clerk Thomas Delehanty
Mr. Ryan Van Kleeck, Kingston

Ulster County Local Law No. 9 of 2021
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Act
Guidelines
(2) In Support of Good Cause Eviction
In Support of PLL No. 6 of 2021
Regular Meeting Schedule 2022
Seeking Lead Agency Status for Golden
Hill Mixed Use Development, Letter,
Resolution & Response Form
Audit of Payments To Assigned
Counsel Through 18-B Program-2021
Admin. Report
Press Release, COVID Cost UC
Taxpayers
2020 Comptroller COVID-19 Impacts
Report
UCIDA RTH Realty Holdings LLC
Project
Financial Statements & EFPR GROUP
Independent Auditor's Report 8/31/21
& 2020
Ribbon Cutting, Sleep & Spas 12/10/21
Ribbon Cutting, Rondout Ice Rink
12/2/21
Resolution 243-2021 Landfill
Opposition
Resolution Landfill Opposition
Resolution 11-2021-#7 Landfill
Opposition
Resolution 21-26 Landfill Opposition
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COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Ms. Karen Miller
The Lisa Libraries
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson
UC Veterans Service Agency
UC Planning Board
UC Personnel Department
UC Community Services Board
Denizen Theatre, Devlmt. Assoc. Steve Bierfeldt
Ms. McComb, Goshen NY
Ms. Lee, New York NY
Mr. Russell Nelson
Ms. Grimsland
Unity Service Recovery
Ms. Connie Hayes, NYS Clerk Board

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
Catskill Watershed Corporation

Email, In Support Rental Protection Law
News Letter Fall 2021
County Litigation, November 2021
Upcoming Events
Agenda 12/1/21, Minutes 11/3/21
Civil Service Exam Announcements
Minutes 11/8/2021
Support Letter
FOIL Request & Response
FOIL Request & Response
Email, In Support Of CMRR Expansion
Email, In Support Of Resolution No. 648
Flyer, NENY AA Mtg. 12/11/21
Email, Emilee Miller New Clerk Yates
County
Letter, Champlain Hudson Power Express
Notice Of Preliminary Decisions 12/8/21

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, COVID-19 Booster Dose
Press Release, Deal Former IBM Site
Press Release, Tech City Developments
Press Release, Nat'l Resources Pledge
Press Release, Mask Recommendations
Press Release, Year in Review By Numbers
(3) Press Release, COVID-19 Test Kits
Press Release, COVID/Governor Support
Executive Order No. 2021-4.01 & State of
Emergency Declaration
Executive Order Nos. 2021-4.02, 4.03
Executive Order Nos. 2021-4.04, 4.05
Letter, Legislature Continued Collaboration
Appointment, Director Dept. Environment
Nick Hvozda, 12/3/2021
Appointment, Director Dept. Employment
& Training, Sharon Williams Eff. 1/3/22
Budgetary Transfers, November 2021
UC Corp.Compliance Agenda/Minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit	November 8, 2021
Energy & Environment	November 1, 2021
Law Enforcement & Public Safety	November 3, 2021
Laws & Rules, Governmental Services	November 15, 2021
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services	November 8, 2021
Public Health & Social Services	November 1, 2021
Public Works & Capital Projects	November 3, 2021
Ways & Means	November 9, 2021
	(2) November 16, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: (on items currently before the Legislature):

There were (9) speakers signed up for public comment. (see transcript)

1. Kevin Smith
2. Andy Mossey
3. Patty Goodwin
4. Gina Liberti
5. Irwin Rosenthal
6. Stewart Auchincloss
7. Grace Murphy
8. Suzanne Timbruck
9. March Gallagher, UC Comptroller

**RESOLUTION NOS: 550 – 556, 558 - 594, 596 – 651; 595 – WITHDRAWN;
325, 376, 395, 426 – 428, & 557 – NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 325 - Establishing “The Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation”, A New York State Landbank

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 376 - Authorizing The Termination Of A Lease Agreement With CPR Kingston, LLC Bank For Space Used By The Board Of Elections

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 395 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 19, 2021 At 7:05 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 426 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Professional Standards Supervisor Position – Sheriff’s Office

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 427 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Crisis Intervention Team Manager Position – Sheriff’s Office

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 428 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Referral Specialist – Human Rights Commission

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 557 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 131, Vehicles, County, Article I, Sustainable Green Fleet Policy, In Relation To Strategies And Goals, To Be Held On Tuesday, January 4, 2022 At ~~6:40~~ 6:30 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 595 -Amending The 2022 Budget For ARPA Related Expenses – Department Of Finance
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

A motion was made by Legislator Heppner, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 649 and 651 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

552 Calling Organizational Meeting Of 2022

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**553 Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section
261 Of The Tax Law**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**554 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into
An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation
District For The 2022 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**555 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An
Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster
County For 2022 Appropriations- Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

556 2022 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

558 Requiring That An Environmental Considerations Checklist (“ECC”) Be Completed Prior To The Commencement Of Capital Projects

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

559 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

561 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board’s Mental Health Subcommittee

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

562 Confirming Reappointment Of Member To The Community Services Board’s Mental Health Subcommittee

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

563 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Community College Board Of Trustees

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

564 Confirming Appointment Of Brian Slack As Coordinator Of Traffic Safety

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

565 Confirming The Appointment Of Brendan Masterson As Commissioner Of The Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

566 Approving Construction, By Licensee Ulster County Agricultural Society, Of A New Ag Awareness Building At The Ulster County Fairgrounds On Libertyville Road In New Paltz – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

567 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With Various Ulster County School Districts For Sharing Of Test Kits For The COVID-19 Virus – Department Of Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 568 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With NYS DEC For Completion Of An Ulster County Natural Resources Inventory And Cloud-Based Mapping Portal Grant Project - Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 569 Approving An Increase In Funding For Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster – Facilities Equipment - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 571 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) With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 572 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Resource Allocation Plan And Inter-Municipal Agreements With The Various Municipalities To Be Funded Under The Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

573 Reappointing Member And Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Rochester

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

574 Reappointing Member And Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Marlborough

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Corcoran)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

575 Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation For Public Transportation Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding - Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

576 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Extend An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz To Provide Public Transit Service To The New Paltz Area (New Paltz LOOP) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 577 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Accept New York State Funds For Ulster And Dutchess County Public Transit Service (LINK) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 578 Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation For Public Transportation Accelerated Transit Capital Grant Funding - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding – Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 579 Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 580 Amending Capital Project No. 550 Fairground Improvements – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 582 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$587,300.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Equipment Rental, Inc. D/B/A Baker Brothers Excavating – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 583 Amending Capital Project No. 580 - Broad Street Hollow Bridge, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget –Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 585 Amending The 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project Nos. 612 Through 615 – 2021 DPW Bridge Program – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 587 Amending Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 589 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Wallkill Fire District To Be Used As A Sheriff Substation – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 590 Amending Capital Project No. 594 - Black Creek Upgrade - Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program - Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 592 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Raise The Age Program – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 593 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Staff Association, For The Period Of Mach 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 594 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 596 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$55,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 597 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 598 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County – The B + C, Inc. D/B/A Belo + Company – Department Of Tourism**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 599 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,380.80, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc. – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 600 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$61,746.00 Entered Into By The County – Naviant, Inc. – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 601 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,349.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 602 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$54,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Halwick Law, LLC – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 603 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Connect America.com, LLC – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 604 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association, For The Period Of March 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 605 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$135,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Dutchess Tekcon Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 606 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$103,328.00 Entered Into By The County – Encon Services & Supply, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 607 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,845.96, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gotham Refining Chemical Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 608 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,864.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Postler & Jaeckle Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

610 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$905,634.00 Entered Into By The County – NCACOMP, Inc – Insurance Department

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

611 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$320,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP – Department Of Personnel

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

612 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$210,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc. D/B/A Relph Benefit Advisors – Department Of Personnel

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

613 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$72,943.32 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Emergency Management

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

614 Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Reopen Section 552 Of The Retirement And Social Security Law

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 615 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$52,730.00, Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 616 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,904.76, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice, P.C., Professional Care Dental Services, P.C., Personal Care Registered Professional Nursing, P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 617 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$18,200.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Public Safety Psychology, PLLC – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 618 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,640.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 619 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,448.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 621 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$532,913.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 622 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Social Services .**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 623 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 624 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,665,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 625 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$73,511.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 626 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$120,328.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 627 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$139,787.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 628 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$162,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 629 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$333,448.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 630 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$544,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 631 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 632 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Nicholas Kamen – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 633 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,480.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 634 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$171,391.92 Entered Into By The County – The VMC Group, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 635 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$450,839.00 Entered Into By The County – The Young Woman's Christian Association Of Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 636 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,780.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 637 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$728,879.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 638 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$386,026.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 639 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,118,290.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 640 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$346,581.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 641 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,973,388.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 644 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,089,646.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 645 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$324,161.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 649 Approving The Advancement Of Capital Projects For The Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 651 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$500,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Accucare N & H Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

Non-Consent

- 550 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021**

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 4 NOES: 18
(AYES: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Litts, and Parete)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

551 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 304, Solid Waste, Article IV, Food Waste Prevention And Recovery, In Relation To Composting

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 8
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Haynes, Litts, Lopez, Maio, Roberts, and Ronk)

560 Confirming Reappointments Of A Members To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Uchitelle, to amend the resolution to include the name of Barbara Graff.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**570 Authorizing The Purchase Of Replacement Maintenance Equipment At
BOND The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$100,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$100,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**581
BOND** **Authoring The Issuance Of An Additional \$637,300.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Infrastructure Improvements At The Ulster County Fairgrounds, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**584
BOND** **Authorizing A Portion Of The Cost Of The Construction Of The Broad Street Hollow Bridge In The Town Of Shandaken, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$10,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$10,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**586
BOND** **Authorizing The Replacement Of Bridges, Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$815,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$815,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**588
BOND** **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$2,850,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 591 BOND Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$573,100.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Purchase And Installation Of Black Creek System Equipment In The Ulster County Jail, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 609 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 5
(Noes: Archer, Delaune, Haynes, Heppner, and Uchitelle)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 620 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trinity Services Group, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Bartels)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

- 642 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$175,428.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus– Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Donaldson and Petit)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

643 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus– Department Of Mental Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Donaldson and Petit)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

646 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$709,337.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.– Department Of Mental Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Petit)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

647 Establishing A Policy To Provide Budget Transparency

Legislator Archer motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to amend the resolution to strike “name of employee” in the first RESOLVED, and add an additional RESOLVED as indicated in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Donaldson)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

648 Opposing Government Mandated COVID-19 Vaccination

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 6 NOES: 16
(AYES: Legislators Corcoran, Litts, Lopez, Petit,
Roberts, and Wawro)
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

Late Resolutions

**649 Approving The Advancement Of Capital Projects For The Ulster
County Community College**

Moved to Consent

**650 Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Certain Real
Properties Owned By Ulster County And Located At The Site Known As
IBM Tech City East, Town Of Ulster, To The Ulster County Economic
Development Alliance, Inc.**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Bruno)

**651 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$500,000.00,
Entered Into By The County – Accucare N & H Inc. – Department Of
Health**

Moved to Consent

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

*Chairman David B. Donaldson, and Legislative leaders thanked legislators for their service and shared words of appreciation to fellow legislators that will be leaving. Legislator Lynn Archer, Legislator Albert Bruno, Legislature James Delaune, Legislator David Donaldson, Legislator Heidi Haynes, Legislator Mary Beth Maio, Legislator John Parete, and Legislator Mary Wawro.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Lynn Archer.

Hon. Justice Peter Matera, West Park, NY
Patricia Storch, Saugerties, NY
Joseph F. Wenzel, Kingston, NY
Joan M. McNally, Kingston, NY
Catherine O'Brien, Connelly, NY
Mary M. Becker-Guziak, Hurley, NY
Dr. Richard Craft, Ellenville, NY
Dale Craft, Ellenville, NY
Elizabeth D. Haight, New Paltz, NY
Craig S. Russo, Shokan, NY
Gail J. Russo, Shokan, NY
Ellen Nixdorf, Boiceville, NY
George W. McClure, Kingston, NY

Hon. Richard A. White, Kingston, NY (Former Mayor,
City of Kingston)
Judith Croce, Modena, NY
Deborah P. Barnes, Town of Ulster, NY
Janet Olson, New Paltz, NY
Michael Cacchillo, Port Ewen, NY
James L. Cleveland, Kingston, NY
Velma Grazier, Woodstock, NY
Peter C. Graham, Kingston, NY
Shirley V. Anson, Clintondale, NY
Dr. David Mesches, New Paltz, NY
Charles R. Smith, Kingston, NY

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:58 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The Organizational Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM**. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

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Chairman Donaldson

Please remain standing for a moment of silence and thought of those people in Kentucky and the surrounding states that are going through the match of hurricanes and tornadoes along with all of us that are now facing the new COVID uptick and please lead us Peter in the flag.

Legislator Peter Criswell

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

Chairman Donaldson

All right be seated. Roll call Madam Clerk.

Clerk Fabella

Roll call. Archer.

Legislator Archer

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno. 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

Here.

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

Yep.

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

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Here.

Clerk Fabella

22 present and one absent. Tonight, we have a public hearing pursuant to section 1411 (d) of the not for profit law of the state of New York regarding the authorization of the transfer of county lands from Ulster County to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance.

Chairman Donaldson

For those people that are signed up to speak, the public hearing is on that item only and that is the only thing that we will be hearing for public hearing. Public comment is on that particular item. Alrighty Fawn do you have them ready?

Clerk Fabella

There are six speakers currently signed up and the first speaker is Laura Hartman.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay, Laura.

Laura Hartman

Hello, good evening. My name is Laura Hartman and I live in the town of Ulster. I'm also the chair of town of Ulster citizens. (inaudible) And as many of you know, we have been researching and pushing for good things to happen at Tech City for several years now. And we've all been waiting for many years to see positive things happen at Tech City, I'd like to ask the legislature to transfer the property from to UC EDA, so that it will allow for the purchase of the property by National Resources. This is one of the most positive

things that happen has happened over there in a long time. And I think we're at a very unique moment in time where the stars have aligned correctly. And we can finally get Mr. Ginsburg out of the equation and we can see something happen over there. So I respectfully ask of the legislature to please transfer this land to UC EDA. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you, next speaker.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up is a Regis Obijiski. Sorry about that Regis.

Regis Obijiski

That's okay. I'll give it a go myself. My name is Regis Obijiski. I'm a resident of the town of Ulster and involved citizen I must say, and I am also appealing to the ladies and gentlemen of the legislature to transfer the county land the from Ulster County to the Ulster County Economic Developmental Alliance as the previous speaker said. This is a, I think, a sign of hope for the first time in about 20-25 years that something positive is going to happen. I think no deal is inherently perfect. But this one is definitely worth a chance. We have hopes that we are talking about my myself and other citizens have felt very strongly that the transparency and honesty that have come from the administration, particularly from Pat Ryan, and Tim Wiedemann, and involved, involve citizens along the way, is also an extremely, extremely positive sign. So I support what the previous speaker has said and ask the legislature to transfer the lands accordingly. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Next speaker.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Sarah Wenk.

Sarah Wenk

Hi, can you hear me?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Sarah Wenk

You can hear me?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes we can.

Sarah Wenk

Okay, great. Hi. Yeah, thanks for letting me speak. I wanted to just echo what Laura and Regis said that I, I support the legislature moving forward on transferring this property. I think it's been almost my whole

life, that it's been sitting kind of abandoned and unused. And this is a great opportunity to get some productive and positive work done there. I, again, as Regis said, hope that the administration will continue to solicit public comment and to be transparent about the process as it goes along. We've certainly had our share here of projects that have not moved that way. And I think this is an opportunity not only for great development, but for a much better, more transparent, more equitable process. So I do encourage the legislature to approve this and just wanted to add quickly that those of you who are leaving legislature, I want to thank you for your service and I'm looking forward to new session with new and different outlooks. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Next speaker.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Melia Dumont.

Melia Dumont

Good evening. My name is Melia Dumont. I'm a resident of the city of Kingston. I'm also a senior administrator at Bard College, and I too, am calling in to support the transfer of the property. As many of you know, Bard College has hundreds of faculty, staff and students who live in Ulster and we have long tried to figure out what the possibilities are for Tech City. We tried working with Allen Ginsberg. We run a lot of programs that benefit residents of the City of Kingston, educational programs, and we didn't we never got anywhere with Allen Ginsberg. We're very excited by the partnerships that Pat Ryan, Tim Wiedemann and everyone working with the county have developed and the possibilities for the arts. I want to ask you to submit this transfer I think it'll be great for the community and we at Bard are very excited about moving forward with this. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Next speaker.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Todd Erling.

Todd Erling

Good evening. This is Todd Erling. I'm the Executive Director of Hudson Valley Agri-business. We're a regional Community and Economic Development Corporation and I've been working with Ulster County's leadership and Ulster County's economic development, staff and programs for over a decade. I'm calling to also echo the support of previous callers for the transfer and to also share our experience with not only Ulster County leadership in UC EDA, but also the proposed developer partner. This site has many challenges, environmental back taxes, other challenges, and I believe the public private partnership being proposed, has great potential and is the right thing at the right time. And we support both the county leadership, the legislature, and the economic development team and community that's being brought together to redevelop this site. I appreciate you listening to the callers and also echo the appreciation of transparency and teamwork in bringing this to fruition and creating the best opportunity for the community and the region. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Cheryl Schnieder.

Cheryl Schnieder

Good evening, everyone. My name is Cheryl Schnieder, I live on Creek Locks Road in Bloomington, New York. And I am not necessarily in support of our willy nilly giving away more assets to basically the lowest bidder. We have a very warped concept of economic development in this country in the state. It's giving our assets to affluent people and businesses, as opposed to uplifting the most the hardest working amongst us, like frontline workers, who instead of giving away this resource, we are not in the 20 (inaudible) economic situation. We are in a situation where people are doing cash or asking price, no questions as transactions. And we seem to think it's like okay to give away the people's resources, just because some really nice people who know what they're doing came along. There's no doubt that anyone who takes over this site has to remediate the environmental impacts. There's no doubt that anyone takes over the site has to pay back taxes, but come on, people. We're just handing it over because some people in the executive's office say these are nice people who know what they're doing. That is not good enough. How about we lift up the wages of the frontline workers who work on County contracts, you're about to give millions of dollars to Family of Woodstock. You know what, how about we start with demanding that Family pays those people \$20 An hour instead of your measly 15 an hour which is not a living wage. It's a subsistence just above poverty wage for people who work full time. Economic development is uplifting and making it fair. So, people who actually live here and work here already can afford to remaining living here and working here. I just got some new statistics for homecare workers, just homecare workers in the state of New York 57 and they make the same thing that people were for Gateway or Family make 57% of them are on public assistance. How about we pay people a fair wage, so they're not on public assistance?

Chairman Donaldson

Could you please stick to what the issue is.

Sarah Wenk

This is the issue. I am opposed to giving away the people's resources as if it's nothing because a bunch of rich white people say it's a good thing. You are maintaining a system of oppression that is mostly women and women of color. And this is obscene. And we don't need economic development like this. We need to raise up the people who are working for us so they can afford to remain to live here. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Next.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Mary Stewart-Masterson.

Mary Stewart-Masterson

Well, hello, I am Mary Stewart-Masterson, founder of Stockade Works and Upriver Studios, which are both women owned and led companies based right here in the mid-hudson valley. We are basically in 2016, we set out to create a new media ecosystem, because we knew film and TV production could transform an economy. And we first founded with the nonprofit Stockade Works to train and grow our crew base up here while also working to break down systemic barriers to employment to the previous callers point. Then just one year ago, we founded Upriver Studios, which is 101,000 SF climate forward production facility. Our goal was to attract big shows to come here base here, hire tons of local people and spend their massive budgets in our region. So, to stimulate the economy. Right now Pretty Little Liars is in our sound stages, which is the first time a TV show of the size has been this far north of New York City and we see tremendous

Chairman Donaldson

Mam can you wrap it up.

Mary Stewart-Masterson

I want to point out that we originally were thinking about Tech City. We want it to be a Tech City. It was the perfect site for film and television. And we knew that it would be a great place to train the local workforce at a hands on, on-site training place. It used to be everyone there was based in everyone there in the Hudson Valley knew someone who worked at IBM's, Kingston campus, everyone had a friend or family member who worked there. And now everyone knows somebody who used to work there. We see a tremendous potential for providing training their workforce training for film and television. And we know that Ulster County, Pat Ryan and his office and Tim Weidman, and, and also Joe Cotter and National Resources, also see film and television production. And also, workforce training, as you know, a real has a real opportunity on the site. And so we just see that this is a great opportunity as a way one way to use the site. It is underutilized and mismanaged for a really long time. And we need a big bold plan to turn it around. And we know that we need someone with the capital and the now how to get it done. So, we are very supportive of transferring the property to, you know, to National Resources, and we feel like the place is going to be buzzing. And there will be like minded folks who want to see people trained in the local workforce included not displaced but included, and all the right sorts of job creating and economic development opportunities that can happen there. And so I really appreciate the time to speak to you. And we feel very strongly that it's an exciting time. And we're very excited to be at this point. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Any the other speakers.

Clerk Fabella

We do we have a few more. The next speaker signed up is Todd Roberts.

Todd Roberts

Hello, Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature. I had a question and I was wondering if the creditors and lien holders on the property have been paid or provided for prior to the transfer to the not for profit? And I was just wondering if that's been considered by the committee and the legislature?

Chairman Donaldson

I really can't comment on that. Would you like to continue commenting on the transfer or you were concerns or inaudible)

Todd Roberts

I guess my only concern was that maybe there are some creditors or lien holders that haven't been provided for. And this is a transfer to a proposed transfer to a not for profit at a price that would be substantially below the market value. So maybe there's a benefit to the taxpayers that off weights the detriment to providing that benefit to the developers. But for the creditors and lien holders, that might not be the same. So that was why I was wondering whether that's been investigated to the same expenses, the risks and benefits to the taxpayers.

Legislator Ronk

Just as a point of order to the caller, we're not permitted during public hearings to respond. So that's why we're not answering. It's not that it's not that the answers are no, we're just not permitted to respond.

Chairman Donaldson

Right.

Clerk Fabella

All the other callers who have signed up would like

Chairman Donaldson

Go ahead caller continue, Todd go ahead.

Todd Roberts

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think if that's the point of order, maybe thank you for hearing my question. And if it's possible, maybe that could be investigated and, and answered offline or In another forum.

Chairman Donaldson

We will be having a meeting immediately after this at a joint meeting of Laws and Rules and Ways and Means and I believe that those questions can be answered then and we will be live streaming out, so if you tune in you should be able to get that information.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, all the other callers signed up are for public comment so that was it for public comment during the public hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty I'd entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing, a Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Chairman Donaldson

And seconded by Legislator Cahill.

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6:30 PM

Legislator Bartels

Joint meeting adjourned. Let's stay tight. I'll hand this back to Chair Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. All right, we're passing it back to - she passed it back now with the - I'm calling the meeting back to order. And I don't think we need to do the roll call again.

Legislator Ronk

I move we take attendance one more time. That's been our best thing tonight.

Chairman Donaldson

Unless someone wishes to - unless someone has left Madam Clerk. Has any of the legislators left?

Clerk Fabella

I do have an empty chair with Legislator Fabiano. Got to be seen and heard.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty when he returns, remind us and we will make that adjustment. So right now the attendance is what it is. minus

Legislator Ronk

There's Dean.

Chairman Donaldson

There he is see. Just when we thought it was safe.

Clerk Fabella

And there he is. So, for the record the attendance called earlier stands 22 to one.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty we'll start with some birthdays. We got Legislator Litts, December 6th happy birthday Herb. Our financial analyst, Natalie Kelder, is December 7th. Happy birthday Natalie. Legislator Roberts, December 8th. And myself, December 11th. Al Bruno, December 21st.

Legislator Litts

That's today.

Chairman Donaldson

That is today. Happy Birthday Al. And Legislator James Delaune, December 26th. He always got robbed for Christmas poor Jim and Legislator John Parete, December 30th. He's gonna be 40 twice. Communications are on file. But I'd like to entertain a motion to dispense with the readings of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Legislator Ronk

So moved.

Chairman Donaldson

Who moved that?

Legislator Ronk

Ronk.

Chairman Donaldson

Moved by Ronk and seconded by

Legislator Ronk

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. All those in favor?

Legislator Ronk

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, as I was saying before communications are on file.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty and public comment. Legislator Clerk, I mean a Madam Clerk rather.

Clerk Fabella

We do we have nine speakers currently signed up. The first speakers signed up is Kevin Smith.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, Kevin.

Kevin Smith

Hi, can you hear me okay.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Kevin Smith

Thank you, Chairman Donaldson. Hi, everybody. First of all, I want to wish you all safe and happy holiday. And thank you all for your service, as always, including the legislators who are stepping down at the end of this term. I wish you all well, and I'm speaking tonight on resolution 609. With the amendment for a second year the permit. And I'm speaking specifically I want to speak to the comment that the Trails Advisory Committee approved last night in our meeting and submitted to our parent committees. Public Safety and Economic Development and Tourism. We didn't take this lightly at all. And we really looked at our authorizing resolution. And we looked at specifically a number of the whereas clauses which really made it clear to us that we needed to speak out on this issue we become aware of recent research that we do not believe that the county has been aware of about the toxic levels of pollutants in diesel exhaust from old locomotives manufactured before a certain date. We believe there may be a really sick significant health hazard involved in particularly for those people in passenger coaches or on trains being pulled by these locomotives and this includes locomotives to our understanding of the vintage that the Catskill Mountain Railroad locomotives are. We believe that this is akin to a situation where if we had a county property that somebody had leased, was a vendor or a tenant from the county. And the county became aware that the lessee that vendor had hazardous air conditions inside of that building, and there were members of the public coming there and patronizing that business. So, we've provided our comment their specific citations in their research that's been done since 2016, and we would ask that the administration and the legislature, really read our comments and look at the citations, the research such studies cited. We think that this is a imminent thing, and we think it speaks exactly to why there should be only a one year permit issued and a new RFP fashioned and these issues investigated and mitigated to the degree indicated, we think there's a real hazard to the public and to members of anybody that's traveling in these trains being pulled by these locomotives. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Next speaker.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker

Chairman Donaldson

For a point of information, each speaker has two minutes - usually allow them to go a little bit over to the wrap up what they're saying. Again, please try to stick to two minutes. Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up is Andy Mossey.

Andy Mossey

Hi, there, everyone. Thank you very much for this opportunity to speak. My name is Andy Mossey. I am the incoming Executive Director at the Woodstock Land Conservancy and I live in the town of Olive. I'm speaking to support passage of Resolution 609 without additional amendments for additional years. Also speaking in support of the county addressing the new information and recommendations brought forth by the Ulster County Trails Advisory committees comments of the legislature as Kevin Smith referred to with excessive levels of noxious exhaust from the railroad. And thank you all for your consideration for all your work on behalf of the County this year. Wish you all a Happy Holiday. That is all.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Patty Goodwin.

Patty Goodwin

Hi, can you hear me?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Patty Goodwin

I'm Patty Goodwin, I live in Glenford. Very close to the Ashokan rail trail. I support Resolution 609 but without any amendments, because I believe the corridor belongs to all the citizens of Ulster County, and we should all be able to get the benefits of it. And no one should incur potentially severe health risks, nor should anything be going on it that can pollute our air or our water. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak. That's it. Thanks.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Gina Liberti.

Gina Liberti

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'm here this evening. My name is Gina Liberti and I live in Clintondale. I'm here this evening to urge you to support Resolution 648. These so called COVID vaccines

are not vaccines. They are experimental MR&A therapies that actually manipulate the heat the human genome. We're talking about genetically manipulating humans. They were never designed or intended to prevent infection. They were never designed or intended to prevent the spread of the virus. And they're experimental, which means they cannot be forced upon Americans. The only approved product which is the commodity by Pfizer is not available. And it's not available because it does not enjoy the liability protections afforded to what by the that the experimental injections are enjoying. This seems very disingenuous to me. If these vaccines so called vaccines were so effective, then why would they have to be forced upon people? If you're using VAERS data, the vaccine adverse event reporting system, and understand that the Harvard study of a couple years ago show that only about 1% of adverse events from a vaccine are ever reported between December 14, 2020 and December 10, 2021 in America, so we're not looking at European data. 965,843 reports of adverse events and of those 155,506 were serious, and there were 20,244 deaths in that year. To put that into perspective, when you look at the swine flu vaccine of 1976, that killed 53 people, caused 100 cases of V-underage syndrome, and the immunizations were halted.

Chairman Donaldson

Ma'am, could you wrap it up?

Gina Liberti

Yes, I would like to say that a mandate is not a law, and to coerce or blackmail someone to accept a mandate is not only illegal, but unconstitutional, and it is a violation of your oath of office. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up is Irwin Rosenthal.

Irwin Rosenthal

Hello, my name is Irwin Rosenthal and I live in Woodstock, New York. I'm speaking to support passage of Resolution 609 without amendments for additional years. I'm also speaking in support of the recommendations of the UC Trails Advisory Committee, their advisory comment to the legislature. Thank you, legislators and Legislator Donaldson, especially for all of your work on behalf of the County this year. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up is Stewart Auchincloss.

Stewart Auchincloss

This is Stewart Auchincloss. Mr. Chairman, members of the legislature, Stewart Auchincloss. I live in Woodstock, New York. And I'm speaking about Resolution 609. I would like to offer another reason not

to amend it to extend the arrangement with Catskill Mountain Railroad. And that reason is that next year 2022 there's going to be a lot of activity and a lot of planning around the county, non-motorized transportation system trails, hear trails there. And that kind of planning will be more open ended. If it can be included in the RFP, which will go out which should go out in 2022 but dealing with the railroad from Kingston going up, and for that reason, for the reason of keeping flexibility in the planning, I recommend not amending that motion but just keeping it at one year. Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up is Grace Murphy.

Grace Murphy

Hi my name is Grace Murphy and I also live in Woodstock. I'm speaking to support passage of Resolution 609 without amendments to additional years, and in support of the recommendations of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, advisory comments to the legislature for all of the previously mentioned reasons. I would like that to happen. Thank you for your consideration and for all of your legislative work on behalf of the County this year. Thanks. Bye, bye.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up is Suzanne Timbruck.

Suzanne Timbruck

Hi, everyone. Good evening. My name is Suzanne Timbruck and I live in Kingston, New York. And I'm also calling to support the opposition in the mandates the number 648 resolution on tonight. I happen to be the mom of six children and one of them was permanently injured as a young child by a vaccine and another one is highly allergic and had a severe life threatening anaphylactic reaction to a previous vaccine. And so while I am absolutely not an anti-vaxxer, which is a term that is negatively, you know, thrown out at people right now who questioned these. I do come to this, as a mom, who has to be careful because of what has happened to, you know, two of her children. I do see both sides of the issue as the wife of an EMT who has been working out in the virus for the past two years. And while I am also not a virologist, I am a mathematician, that's my degree. And I actually have spent the last 20 years so much reading no less than personally reading 80 peer reviewed studies on the virus, the treatments and vaccines. I think two important points to make are that the risk reward analysis, they're not in yet, if you go on Pfizer's own websites, they just finished enrolling trial participants in January of 2021. And they themselves said that they would be taking 26 months to finish those trials. So those trials are not even going to be done until March of 2023. So they are still under an emergency use authorization. But I think the most important point really is that when it comes down to a personal bodily choice, and a medical choice, that the only people who should be making that choice are yourself and your medical professional. There's nobody who knows you, or in my case, my child and their reactions to different drugs, or vaccines, or other allergies, they have. Nobody knows our children better than their pediatrician, and their mom and their dad. And so there is no government official that is a medical provider, you know, here. And this really has to be something that is left just for parents, for individuals and their doctors to decide. So I do

ask that you vote in support of opposing any mandate, and just leave the medical decisions up to the medical professionals. Thank you. And Mr. Donaldson, thank you very much. Nice to see you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you, Suzanne.

Clerk Fabella

There's no other speakers.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty then can I have a motion to close the public comment.

Legislator Litts

I didn't know you need a motion but closed public.

Chairman Donaldson

I'm so use to asking for motions I did it anyway. Since you're letting me do it, Legislator Litts I'll close the public comments.

Legislator Ronk

Excellent.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, let's get into the...

Chairman Donaldson

Are we ready with the consent agenda?

Legislator Heppner

Yes, Mr. Chairman on the consent...

Clerk Fabella

Before we get to that, I just want to stop because the Comptroller was signed up to speak. And we had her marked as just listening, but she's letting us know that she wanted to speak.

Chairman Donaldson

And I'll let the Comptroller speak. I'll open that back up and allow the Comptroller to speak.

Comptroller March Gallagher

Thank you very much for the opportunity. I wanted to thank Chairman Donaldson for his service. I know this will be the last meeting that is going to be chairing, and I've been working with him for a long time. I also wanted to let the record reflect that I was not able to join the Zoom meeting for the Joint meeting of Laws and Rules and Ways and Means. I find that out of the norm. And I want people to know that if I was able to be there, I would have had some things to say. And namely the thing that I would have said which

I hope the legislature is aware of and I think the public should be aware of and that is that at 8:30 tonight the UCEDA Board will be voting on the disposition of Tech City and they will be making that vote without the public having access to the details of the transaction and without an appraisal for fair market value. And I just want to state that for the record. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you, Madam Controller. Back into the agenda.

Legislator Heppner

So I would like to make a motion Chair if you don't mind to move 649 and 651 to consent.

Legislator Ronk

Without objection.

Chairman Donaldson

And what are they?

Legislator Heppner

649 is approving the advancement of capital projects for the Ulster County Community College. And 651 is approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$500,000 entered into by the county to Accucare N&H Incorporated to the Department of Health.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. Thank you. And on that move, you said it was alright Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yep.

Chairman Donaldson

So on the consent agenda as agreed upon by both the majority and minority leader.

Legislator Heppner

We are short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We are a short yes with one abstention, I believe and he can correct me if I'm wrong. But I had Legislator Corcoran on 574.

Legislator Corcoran

That's correct. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

That's for employment?

Legislator Ronk

Employment.

Clerk Fabella

So the consent agenda is adopted 22 to zero with the exception of Resolution 574, which is adopted 21 to zero, with one abstention Legislator Corcoran.

Clerk Fabella

Our first resolution in non-consent is 550. Adopting proposed local law number 6 of 2021. A local law repealing local law number 2 of 2013 and establishing the Ulster County school based Mental Health and Safety Act of 2021.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter

Thank you. Um, I want to say that I am going to be a no tonight however, I strongly support that we identify a way to improve the mental health services to our youth. I've been in conversation already with both our mental health department and the BOCES supervisor, Superintendent and I am committed to should this not pass to really continue this work and work with other legislators and the schools and mental health to identify a proposal that we could put in front of you in the 2022 year.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else?

Legislator Heppner

Legislator Bartels has their hand raised?

Chairman Donaldson

Yeah, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you. Um, I would like to echo Legislator Walters comments I share in that commitment and look forward to working with Legislator Walter and others in the coming term to identify ways to improve mental health services to our youth. I think it's of critical importance, I will not be able to support this resolution tonight. I've stated on the record, my concerns about it, the fact that I don't feel that the programming is laid out in a specific enough manner. And rather than go into the details, I just would like to say that I do look forward to working on it in the coming term.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Um, well, obviously, I support this and I think it's long overdue. I think all of you folks got it. A couple of weeks ago, the Surgeon General of the United States of America issued an extremely rare, extremely rare advisory, calling attention to the youth mental health crisis and recommending resources and calling on everyone to take action. His 53-page report was serious. It was sobering. And I think I want to thank him for his timing on it. I mean, it's something that we can't dismiss. And there are folks that want to dismiss it. It's a very, very serious problem. The project or the resolution that we have in there. I call it a capital, a human capital project. A human capital project is for the future productive potential for the people of our community, is often measured with education and health matrix. Unlike regular capital projects, human dynamics are extremely efficient when they're giving the right protection and, encouragement. It's very easy to sort of, it's not difficult to understand what a capital project is to, to build a bridge or build a building or rent a house. But capital projects are investment in the community. Yes, this is also an investment in the community. And its purpose is to make and help nurture the folks in the grade schools and the middle schools and the high schools more productive and more useful for themselves in their community.

Legislator Parete

It's, you know, 10 years ago, this was recognized as a serious problem in Ulster County. And the last executive just wanted to get rid of mental health problems. Now it's an epidemic. And now it's a serious epidemic. And I guess you could always, you know, like, like Peter Faulk, Columbo. Well, I have one more question, I have one more reservation. This is a human capital project. It's not a bondable project. It's sort of like going to the, to the bank to build your house, you get a letter of commitment, if this could pass, the county executive would have a letter of commitment to move forward. Not now, not next year, not five years from now, we'll put our heads in the sand and think nothing's gonna happen. And we'll all go away. It's a letter of commitment. Things can change a letter of commitment. Prices become exorbitant, or there's no known necessity anymore. I don't think it's going away. We have such a serious problem that I don't think most of the folks really understand what's going on in the schools. And the waste of human life. Because they're not, it's not funded properly. You know, the school districts and the legislators, legislative districts have the same constituents, they just have different portfolios. You know, the towns always want the county to do something that county, and a school districts want the state to do something or the federal government. It's about time we put our money where our mouth is, and Ulster County is spending, and the country is spending millions and millions of dollars on mental health problems. And these mental health problems often find their way into the streets as public safety issues.

Legislator Parete

But we're spending millions of dollars and Ulster County, I don't believe can afford not to move down this road. You know, just in the last few years, the assessed valuation of our taxable properties in Ulster County has increased almost \$2 billion.

Legislator Parete

So we can't say we can't afford it. We can afford it. I don't believe we can afford not to do it. I don't see what the harm of this because of the executive doesn't like it. He can decide he doesn't want to do it. He can veto it. What to say it doesn't exist. And therefore I have a lot of questions is you know, death by 1000 cuts. Legislator Criswell I thank you for that. I don't know where you're on my screen for sending

me the information on a RFP and it's coming out on sort of this issue on working with the schools I find it first of all, that's not building a foundation. But I'm happy that people are responding. I do find it rather ironic that this legislation has been up event online and in the hopper since I think December of last year and December 2nd this year, suddenly, some folks must have said well, we better do it before those folks up there start to think it's important enough for them to take a step. I will only say one other thing and finishing up because I know it's effort in futility, because I don't think most of the folks that have the vision and the knowledge and see what's going on in the real world. History is going to judge us and our peers, on how we protected and respected those that came before us. But more importantly, how we care for and offer opportunities for the young people in the next generations that follow us. History may not know it, we should be judging ourselves. The Elf on the Shelf will know what we're doing. Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you Legislator Parete. Anyone else?

Legislator Criswell

Yes, I'd like to speak.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

I want to genuinely thank Legislator Parete for his passion about this issue. Thank you, Legislator Parete, it is a huge issue. And I believe that there are many legislators who have the equal passion about getting this right. It's clear that we need to put resources into mental health support in our schools. And I'm personally committed to working with other legislators on this issue in the coming year. But I have to say I just don't think that the specifics in this law are correct. I think they need to be worked on. I think we need to get this absolutely right. So that we have a strong, strong program moving forward. And my personal commitment is that I will make this one of my priorities in 2022. And again, thank you, Legislator, Parete, for your energy and your enthusiasm around this critical issue.

Chairman Donaldson

Any other wish to speak?

Legislator Parete

Call the question.

Chairman Donaldson

Well, I'd like to say something if you don't mind. Mental health condition of our youth is that it's worse - probably than ever. And I agree with legislator parity digital is a step in the right direction. The idea of actually putting money a 2.75% of the sales tax that we collect and giving that to the school districts you know, so they can actually use that money for mental health programs. I think that allows them to do the job that they know how to do best, not us doing the job. And I believe that with the way that's been set up the executive still as a good deal of power. Not only does he have the veto power me which can veto

it, he also has the power to make this work in a manner that would make sense now helping no school districts in a way outing themselves. I mean, we can make that true or that that orange they do not decrease any of their other spending on that. And that can easily be done in this. So I believe that this makes sense to do and the idea of committing that 2.75% is a big step. It's a big step and it shows that we give a damn and I will be supporting this resolution. What else then we'll call for the vote.

Legislator Heppner

On the vote we're short no with sorry Leader Ronk you have your hand raised? On the vote we're a short no with one yes, Donaldson.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution, we are a short no with two yeses Haynes and Litts.

Clerk Fabella

For the record Legislator Parete is also a yes. The resolution is defeated 4 to eighteen.

Clerk Fabella

The next is Resolution 551. Adopting proposed local law number 8 of 2021, A local law amending the code of the county of Ulster Chapter 304 Solid Waste Article IV, food waste prevention and recovery in relation to composting.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. Alright I see no hands, I'll call for the vote.

Legislator Heppner

We are short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short no with one yes Legislator Wawro.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 14 to eight.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 560. Confirming that reappointment of members to the Community Services Board mental health Subcommittee.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. Legislator Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Can I please make a motion to amend the resolution as presented to include the name of Barbara Graff?

Legislator Ronk

I'll second that.

Legislator Criswell

Second.

Legislator Criswell

I'll second Minority Leader Ronk second it.

Chairman Donaldson

All right. On the amendment.

Legislator Heppner

We are short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The amendment is adopted 22 to zero.

Chairman Donaldson

On the resolution as amended.

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're also a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted as amended 22 to zero. Resolution

Chairman Donaldson

We now have several bonds so everybody can be happy because we call all the names again.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 570. We do we have six. 570, Authorizing the purchase of replacement maintenance equipment at the Ulster County Community College campus at SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge in in for the county of Ulster New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$100,000. And authorizing the issuance of \$100,000 bonds have said county to pay the cost there of.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

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.

Clerk Fabella

You are muted Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Can you hear me now?

Clerk Fabella

I can.

Legislator Fabiano

I'm a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Perfect. Legislator 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

Yep.

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.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 581. Authorizing the issuance of an additional \$637,300 bonds of the county of Western New York to pay part of the cost of infrastructure improvements at the Ulster County Fairgrounds. In and for said County.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Clerk Fabella

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

Petite.

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.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 584. Authorizing a portion of the cost of the construction of the Broad Street hollow bridge in the town of Shandaken in and for the county of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$10,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$10,000 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Clerk Fabella

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

Yup.

Clerk Fabella

Petite.

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.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 586. Authorizing the replacement of bridges throughout and in and for The County of Ulster New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$815,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$815,000 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Clerk Fabella

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

Yup.

Clerk Fabella

Petite.

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.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 588. Authorizing the issuance of an additional \$2,850,000 bonds of the county of Ulster New York to pay part of the cost of the upgrade to the county wide radio system for said County.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Clerk Fabella

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

Petite.

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.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

The last bond for the evening is 591. Authorizing the issuance of an additional \$573,100 bonds of the county of Ulster New York to pay part of the purchase and installation of Black Creek System Equipment in the Ulster County Jail in and for said county.

Clerk Fabella

Archer. For the last time.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Clerk Fabella

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

Petite.

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.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

The next resolution is Resolution 609. Approving the execution of a contract for \$50,000 entered into by the county Catskill Mountain Railroad Company Inc. Department of Public Works.

Chairman Donaldson

Nobody wishes to speak alrighly, then I'll call for the vote.

Legislator Bartels

So, actually Chair Donaldson can I speak?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes I'm sorry I didn't see you. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

I didn't raise my hand until fairly late. I just I just wanted to be on the record. I know there's been some back and forth about the two versus the one year contract. What's before us is a two-year contract. I will be supporting the resolution tonight. I would have supported the one year contract but given that that's what is before us. I do want to ensure that there is a contract.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yeah. Um, I would like to say that it's really important that the two contractors that are working on the railroad, Rail Explorers and Catskill Mountain Railroad be treated equally by all of us, including the executive branch. And one of the reasons that was given in opposition to the two-year contract is the fact that they wanted to align an RFP for both ventures. And by the way, before I make the comment that I asked for time to make, I do want to say that I take very seriously the report of the Trail Advisory Committee, and about diesel. And I'd like to have both the Health committee and Energy and Environment look carefully at that. And also to speak with Catskill Mountain Railroad. I think upgrading it if we could all work together and upgrade that to, for example, a solar power even though it's historic locomotive, I think, you know, we can be setting good examples moving forward. But given that that was a reason, I just want to quote. Let's see, county planner Dennis Doyle was at a meeting in Shandaken and one of the council person said, so your contract in this case with real explores ends at the end of the year, and December 2022. And planner Doyle said Rail Explores, and in December 2022. And then the councilman asked, what do they have to do to extend their contract? And Dennis Doyle said, it's a permit issued by the county, so the county would enter into a permit discussion with Rail Explorers. And we would do that. Councilman said, the right of first refusal, or are you going with an RFP and planner Doyle said, we have not made a decision with respect to the RFP yet, but it would seem given the success, he's referring to rail explorers, it would seem counterproductive, not in the county's interest to issue another RFP. But that discussion is ongoing right now, at the county level, whether or not we would or wouldn't. So if something is unclear, let's give the Catskill Mountain Railroad a chance to continue to do the really beneficial work that they've been doing. Have time to do the negotiations with vendors, including Polar Express, etc. while we figure it out. And that's one of the reasons that Legislator Litts and I did make that amendment

and I just want to be clear that it's going to be in the county's best interest for all of us to work together. The legislature, the executive branch, and to have Rail Explorers and Catskill Mountain Railroad coordinate, that's what's going to give us the best results. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you, anyone else? Alrighty I'll call the vote. Oh, I'm sorry Legislator Petit.

Legislator Petit

Thank you. Thank you, Legislator Greene for your insight on, you know, and working so hard with Legislator Litts on this. You know, I do agree we do need to worry you know, about any adverse impacts regarding climate smart, the climate and use of diesel, I'm sorry, little babbling here. But you know, New York State just invested \$40 million into the Adirondack railroad, and they have the same type of equipment that they're using. So I think we also recognize that, you know, we need to keep our history. We need to keep bringing in this type of economic incentive into our community, you know, hundreds of people have lined up to ride on the Catskill Mountain Railroad. So I think, you know, looking forward and taking these two years, is, is critical. And, yes, we should be addressing any concerns about the environment in the Health Committee and the Environmental committee, but this resolution does have my support with a two-year extension.

Chairman Donaldson

Does anyone else wish to speak that I missed? Alrighty then I'll call the vote.

Legislator Heppner

So on the vote, and just because I'm calling you, I'll speak on that. I supported the one year contract for the sake of the Catskill Mountain Railroad and continued discussions in the long history we've had and made to make it successful and work together in the last couple of years. You know, with that, though, I'll be a no along with Legislator, Uchitelle, Archer and Delaune.

Legislator Ronk

Since I'm calling the vote...

Chairman Donaldson

Is that a yes with the following noes? Is that correct?

Legislator Heppner

Yes. Yes with the following noes.

Legislator Ronk

Since I'm calling the vote, I'll just say that if they could come up with a solar powered train, I approve a five-year extension. But that having been said, on the two-year extension, we're a short yes with one no Legislator Haynes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 17 to five.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 620. Approving the execution of a contract amendment for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000 entered into by the county Trinity Services Group, Inc, Ulster County Sheriff

Chairman Donaldson

On the resolution, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you, I'm going to be a no tonight I have a long record of noes on these type of contracts. And I just keeping it up, I realize it's symbolic and that it's going to pass. But and I also do know and want to recognize that the sheriff is really is open to this discussion, the one that I've been raising over the course of years. I really, I'm deeply concerned about privatization, in the jail, and by larger extension prison, which we don't have authority over. And that's any privatization. You know, in my, in my first term in the legislature, I spent a lot of time talking about the phones, the phone service and the exorbitant charges that were being levied for and, and for profit, and in a jail community. You know, the normal situation that's surrounds the capital - competitive markets don't exist, because the inmates don't have a choice. And so I can't be supportive of a system that goes to the lowest bidder and serves food at the lowest price, but isn't really thinking about the well-being and health of those who are under our care. You know, the health of our inmates has broad reaching implications. It has implications in terms of their visits, to the nurse and to other health issues. It has food, it's long been shown that that jail and prison food have implications with regard to behavioral issues. As we mature as we personally feel when we don't eat adequate nutrition or healthy food, how that makes us feel. It's been implicated in prison uprisings on a national basis, and we're now down to two companies nationally, that provide this food essentially, and that's Aramark who used to have and Trinity who we currently have. So, despite the fact that my I know, my noble vote is symbolic, I hope that we will, continue to have an earnest discussion about potentially taking back over the food service knowing that it might cost more, but potentially partnering with our local or local farms a robust portion. And not just that maybe providing (inaudible), it's something that's been discussed in the Democratic caucus, say, a pipeline for training for prison prisoners when I first toured the jail when it was in a stages of forever construction, you know, that the kitchen was sold to us legislators at the time as being a place where the prison the jail population could be trained. So that's a long-winded explanation of why I'm going to be no and I hope for further discussion in the future.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With all due respect to your Legislator Bartels comments, it's not only the lowest bidder, it's the lowest responsible bidder. And I, I think it's, I think it's a little bit, uh, you know, had more than a half truth, but, you know, I would say that it lacks context to say that it's just the lowest bidder, like, we're like, we're putting it out on the side of the road, and, you know, free to a good home kind of situation. Um, you know, in addition to that, I will say that, you know, on the last tour, I know that when a Legislator Bartels concerns in the past has been fresh fruit and things of that nature, the last tour of the jail that I went on, I want to say it was two or three years ago, um, you know, I made sure to point out to

all of the legislators on the tour that there were fresh apples on every single table, you know, and the last thing I'll say is that, you know, companies like Trinity and Aramark are the same companies that feed our children in public schools. So it's not like these inmates are getting the absolute worst of the worst when it comes to nutrition. There is a nutritionist on staff that ensures that, you know, the meals are balanced. You know, there's a, there's a lot of safeguards, you know, we can always do better and I encourage us to do better, but I'm not sure that the context here is 100% on the level with the way I'm feeling.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter

Thank you. Um, I definitely agree with everything Legislator Bartels said, so I'm not going to bother to repeat it. I will say having my kids gone through the school system. That doesn't make me feel any better, because I always had an issue with the food my kids had at school as well. But I also want to just add that I, you know, I had recognized that there was an issue with the food there. And I really feel you know, it's important for myself to prioritize figuring out some good solutions, both to having healthier foods to integrate what's going on in our agriculture and to really provide an opportunity for training because it's an excellent opportunity for on the job training in a very viable skill set. So I will be a yes but I absolutely agree with everything Legislative Bartels said.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty on the issue I see no other hands.

Legislator Heppner

We are short yes or one no Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 21 to one.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 642. Approving the execution of a contract for \$175,428 entered into by the County Health Alliance hospital Broadway campus Department of Mental Health.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. Alright for a point of information I will be voting no on the contract and I realized that it passes and I realized that it's got to be done and it wouldn't be more expensive going somewhere else. But until the issue with Health Alliance gets solved I will - I vote no on their contract. Legislator Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes with two noes Legislator Donaldson and Petit.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 20 to two.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 643. Approving the execution of a contract for \$100,000 entered into by the County Health Alliance hospital Broadway campus Department of Mental Health.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. Call for the vote.

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes, with two noes, Donaldson and Petit.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to two.

Clerk Fabella

The next resolution is 646. Approving the execution of a contract for \$709,337 entered into by the county Rehabilitation Support Services Inc, Department of Mental Health.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. Call for the vote.

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes with one no Legislator Petit.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 21 to one.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 647. Establishing a policy to provide budget transparency.

Chairman Donaldson

Oh, Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer

A yes thank you, Chairman. I'd like to present an amendment. I'd like to make an amendment to this resolution. It's in the documents before you.

Legislator Ronk

I'll second that.

Chairman Donaldson

That amendment could you give me a brief synopsis on the amendment rather than me looking it up.

Legislator Archer

Yes we removed the from the first resolution the names of the employees. And that we asked that five days after and we added a resolution that at five days after the submission of the budget. The clerk of the legislature and the chair-person of Ways in Means receives a detailed list by name of employees with their job titles, etc.

Chairman Donaldson

Would that list include their salaries? In other words, but

Legislator Archer

Yes, yeah.

Chairman Donaldson

All right, because I mean, my concern, if you don't mind Legislator Ronk and Legislator Heppner, is it alright if I speak?

Legislator Ronk

No objection.

Legislator Heppner

No objection.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright because my concern is I know very well that if you wish to you could look up what my retirement is on New York State website. And I'm done by name. I worked nine Park School District for 20 years. Prior to that I worked in other school districts that every one of them my salary was able for people to peruse that whenever they wanted to. Is that your work for the public? And I you know, to be? I think the name should be there. I think it makes it much easier for you as legislators to actually understand the budget and where, you know, the salaries are that, but I mean, I'll still support the resolution. But I really think the original one that you put together Legislator Archer was better, but that's okay. All right on - now do we have to do an amendment?

Legislator Heppner

I believe Legislator Archer has her hand raised.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes, Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yeah, I just thanking you, Chairman. I appreciate that. If this was a compromise to get everybody comfortable and I thought that was the best course of action.

Chairman Donaldson

And I certainly understand. On the yes, we had to do the amendment first.

Legislator Archer

Yep.

Legislator Heppner

Short yes.

Legislator Ronk

On the amendment we're a short yes.

Chairman Donaldson

Well, I'll be a no on the amendment if you don't mind.

Clerk Fabella

The amendment is adopted 21 to one.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty. The resolution as amended. Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank Legislator Archer for being open to an amendment. I know it was it was of importance to my caucus. And I think that this is the last, the last time I will have asked Legislator Archer of many, many, many times to amend something and I think that she and I've worked pretty well together over the years with some with some departures here and there on either side, you know, to take some of these things and make them more palatable either to myself or to herself and her caucus and my caucus. So I just want to thank her for this compromise and for the spirit of compromise that she's always come to the legislature with.

Legislator Archer

Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

So on the resolution as amended. The vote. You're muted.

Legislator Heppner

We're a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

And we're a short yes as well.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted as amended 22 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 648. Opposing government mandated COVID-19 vaccination.

Legislator Ronk

Long roll, please.

Chairman Donaldson

All right. Long roll. Um, may we call on members and speak people in the long roll?

Legislator Ronk

That's fine. Or we could just have them speak during a long roll - either way.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Walker had her hand up first, and then Legislator Wawro was right after.

Legislator Walter

Thank you. I'll be brief. So we can hear everyone in the long roll. I'm just gonna state as a legislator, and as a PhD epidemiologist, I cannot support this resolution. We have mandated vaccines since the 1800s for very good reasons. The primary one is the risk of harm to others. And not only does - it's the only way we are going to eradicate this virus is if we have full vaccination or close to full vaccination. This is doing the burden on our healthcare system.

Clerk Fabella

(inaudible) So again, this is about risk of harm to others. This is why we have vaccine mandates, this is why they're extremely important. And so if it's not for yourself, it's for all the other people who are at risk of death. And for a health care system, which is exhausted at this point in two years of this virus. And so if we ever want to see this virus, we need to be okay, with forcing of requiring everyone to be vaccinated again, as we've been doing with these viruses and similar viruses since the 1800s. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Good evening. First, I'd like to thank my co-sponsor, Laura Petit, and members of my caucus that have supported this resolution. I think it's really important that we look at the big picture. This isn't just about

the COVID vaccine, it's about our retaining our rights to choose what we do with our bodies. I hope my fellow legislators will take this into consideration when voting tonight. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Legislator Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Thank you, um, you know, I was going to speak at the long roll but since we're talking now just speak now I want to I want to say, you know, I have tremendous respect for the sponsors. And I know that this can be an emotional issue. And I you know, I did a lot of research, reflecting on what Legislator Walter just said, into the history of mandated vaccinations. You know, this resolution it speaks to, to me, there's a disconnect, because it speaks to choice, and opposing any vaccine mandates from the state, local or federal government. And yet the very federal vaccine mandate that it cites, allows for choice, it allows for the choice to be vaccinated, or to be weakly tested and to wear a mask. When we talk about individual choice, you know, we're talking about personal liberty. And not only is there a long history of, of regulating that, you know, choices have consequences. And when one person's choice may harm others, it can be ethical to regulate that choice. This very legislative body, in my absence, regulated the use of cigarettes in restaurants years ago. And they did that on the basis of the harm that it could cause to others in the restaurant, others in the restaurant who weren't smoking, and to workers in the restaurant. We have speed limits, we have stop signs, you're not allowed to shout fire in a crowded theater, and those are all prohibitions on liberty for public good. In terms of limiting people's choices about vaccination, during the COVID 19 pandemic, we have to consider whether one person going unvaccinated is likely to cause harm to others.

Vice Chair Bartels

You know, when I looked into the history of this, I was surprised to find that this the first court case that upheld mandated vaccines was in 1905, and it was called Jacobson versus Massachusetts. And that upheld Massachusetts authority to enforce compulsory vaccinations, which was reaffirmed in 1922. But in fact, that was the smallpox epidemic and Massachusetts in 1905, issued a an ordinance that included a \$5 fine for anyone over 21 refusing to be vaccinated. Today, all 50 states, including DC requires school aged children to receive measles, rubella and polio vaccine vaccinations. There are members of our society that can't be vaccinated, either because of extreme allergies or because of their age. And there are also members of the society that despite being vaccinated will not have adequate protection because of their immune system. And we have to be able to protect those. You know, I see this as also a safeguard for those on the frontlines of this pandemic for the health care workers who are who are facing daily onslaught of the worst of the worst of this, and our healthcare system is extremely overburdened. We're in the midst of this newest outbreak and the system may crack. So I will not be supporting this resolution today.

Chairman Donaldson

Already, so I guess we'll go right into the long roll.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, Archer.

Legislator Archer

I support vaccine mandates and therefore I can't support this resolution. I'm a no.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

No.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

No.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

No.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

No.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

It was interesting that Legislator Bartels brought up the cigarette thing when we banned cigarettes from being smoked in restaurants. And, you know, many people brought up a similar argument and it was their right to smoke if they wanted to go to restaurants. But the problem was it was - what he was doing to the bartenders was more important because that was their livelihood, and they were being subjected to smoke gods that night. It's a little off subject, but I'm a no.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

No.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

No actually Chair Donaldson what he just said it was sort of almost pretty close to what I was going to say, you know, as a person who worked in health care and seeing the staff, the frontline workers who are dealing with this. I'm normally a person who believes in free choice and not having government mandate people to do things, but I also believe in being protected. And here, just the same example that Chair Donaldson talked about the bartenders being affected by smoke. Here, the frontline nurses and other staff they're being exposed, because we have yet to squash this virus, and the mutations are just going to make it worse. So I don't see another choice. And in the absence of another choice, I'm going to be a no on this.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

No.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

No.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

No.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

I am vaccinated, but I will be a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

No.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Nope.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

I am vaccinated as well and I will be a yes on this resolution.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

No.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

I just want to share that I'm concerned about the way that this topic has been treated by some folks at the national level and I'm concerned that it's going to not only lead to people not - was not bringing an end to the pandemic in the way that we all want to that we're currently facing, but that it will lead to a resurgence in vaccine skepticism around other vaccines and other diseases that that you know we can

be protected by. I mean, we've had outbreaks in communities that are you know, resistant to vaccines and it's just not necessary and I just worry about the ripple effects in addition to all the things that everyone has said already. So I'm going to be a no for that reason and for many, many others.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

I think I'm just gonna say, what we're all feeling is we need this virus to end. You know, we've lost people. We don't know the impact even fully of long term COVID. We need this to be done. I've been a legislator for only two years. And I've had three sessions in person in those two years. It's nice seeing you on Zoom. I don't have to travel but it's, it's we need this to end and so I'm a very proud no.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is defeated six to 16.

Clerk Fabella

Our final resolution on the agenda tonight is Resolution 650. Authorizing the required steps for the transfer of certain real properties owned by Ulster County and located at the site known as IBM Tech City East town of Ulster to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Inc. By the nature of this vote it will be a long roll. I can do that whenever you're ready.

Chairman Donaldson

I'm sorry, I messed up - had myself muted. Anyone wish to speak on it or would you just wish to go to long roll? Let's go to long roll.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Vice Chair Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

100 percent yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

I am an enthusiastic Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

I do have some reservations in reference to this. Because there are certain things that have not been done yet. And that kind of worries me. So there's a number of worries that have been brought up by the comptroller also. Having said that, in a situation where it seems like it's one of those things. You just have to trust me. My worry is that might turn out like Animal House. But anyway, I will be a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

I just want to say that I feel like I you know, I've heard concerns from the Comptroller, I think that they're important. And I do recognize that in the last couple of years, there's been lots of issues over transparency over what's going on there. Where I feel reassured is that we have Legislator Cahill, who has the vested interest not only in his district, but for the legislature to really make sure that funny businesses isn't happening. I feel like you know, having him be so engaged in this process. And they are to inform us on things that maybe we don't necessarily get from the executive's office, gives me reassurance that this isn't just going to - things aren't going to just happen under our noses because I don't think Legislator Cahill will allow to. So with that I'm a yes.

Legislator Litts

Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes. Sorry.

Clerk Fabella

There you go. No problem.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is unanimously adopted. 22 to zero That was the last resolution for the evening.

Chairman Donaldson

We have anyone signed up for public comment on issues that are not before the legislature.

Clerk Fabella

We do not.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty then before we go into the meeting adjourn in memory of, I'd like to say a few words about some of the people that are will be leaving. And although we didn't get to spend much real time together, Legislator Al Bruno will be leaving in a couple of weeks. And I found Legislator Bruno to be someone that was open minded, bipartisan, and truly cared about its community, important traits to have as a legislator,. Thank you for your service.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Heidi Haynes. She has been a thoughtful legislator and someone who took her role as a representative of our district seriously. She added class to the position and a sense of humor. And when she asked you why you took a position on a particular issue, she didn't want to know it for debate reasons. She wanted to actually understand all sides of the issue before she committed to her position. She has truly been a pleasure to work with and has become a friend.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Archer, we served for three terms in his garage, some real accountability to county government, and otherwise a legislator but also as a chair ways and means some of the groundwork that she laid has helped bolster the legislature's role as the appropriating authorities. So changes are now ingrained in the process of the legislature, and particularly the budget process. Her service has made a significant difference for the better, and enforce some accountability that may not have been so welcomed by the executive branch. But our county is much better for it. Thank you Lynn for your service.

Chairman Donaldson

James Delaune was a man of few words, but when he did speak we all listened to him because he spoke with deep knowledge on the subject. I know he changed my mind on issues various times, because he said it. And I didn't question it. And I'm sure he did that for others. It always shows and Jim truly cares about others. His wit and his humor could make a meeting enjoyable. Something that sometimes is a little difficult to do.

Chairman Donaldson

Mary Wawro has served five terms. Mary has always gone above and beyond to help her constituents - often called me for information about meetings or what she can do to get somebody else, figured, I may know the right person. I'm sure she called others. She seems to approach her legislative position as a mother. That's the way I look at Mary the way she approaches things. Always pleasant. She had a way of making those around you feel better. I'm sure he will continue to serve her community, through RYAN and other organizations that have come to consider her a friend. The fact that I served with Jim and Mary and the Legislative Programs together. And it was like going to government heaven. Always a mellow, easygoing meeting. And that's what made things so nice about it. And I often tell people when they came in when they first come to the legislature, and they want to know what committee to be on. What do you want to argue, you want to be at a good time but you know, Legislative Programs you don't argue. Rarely is there debates. It's sort of a feel-good committee, and as you know, there's not many of them on the legislature.

Chairman Donaldson

Mary Beth Maio served six terms. She has logged in hundreds of hours up here on the sixth floor of the county's office building, has been a mainstay of the Ways and Means Committee and has always been a steady hand during often contentious budget negotiations. She has been steadfast and doing the most important job we all have as a legislator, and that is to keep an eye on the budget and protect the taxpayer. She took that very serious and thank you for that service.

Chairman Donaldson

John, of course, I'd served with John for four terms. They're a little broke up. But he's been a public servant and a county employee for many years. He was a county purchasing agent, an auditor in the late 70s and into the 80s, I believe it was. Before serving with his sons of the legislature, he was the Election Commissioner, and made it his singular mission to ensure that Ulster County new voting system was not a touchscreen, and had verified paper trail. We all wanted that and we knew if John wanted that it was going to happen. I worked with John for many years, we change history for this county. When the Democratic majority was elected to his body in 2005, for the first time in 30 years. Unlike today, he did that without taking money from the outside. With complete transparency, a clear issue driven message and teamwork inviting all into and under the tent. Changing charter form of government. In my 2006, State of the County address I said, I want to be the last CEO Chairman and John helped make that happen. You also helped - worked with him on creating single seat, legislative districts. That has changed the way we get elected. And I think it changed better for the county as a whole. So I value our friendship John, and thank you for your long service for your community and for your county. And that's all I have to say.

Legislator Ronk

Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes, Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

You know, not having you say anything about yourself. I feel like somebody definitely has to and, you know, you were chairman, my friend, when I was first elected to this legislature - took office in 2008. And you were one of the first people to call me and offer your guidance and wisdom and help. And you know, you've been chairman, you've been minority leader. I think that was my favorite of your roles, I think was minority leader. You always made a really good minority leader. And, you know, two stories that I have two little funny stories. You know, they go together. And when Terry Bernardo was chairing the legislature, and you were the minority leader, Patricia Doxy, called me up when she did her year- end review for the legislature. And she said well, what do you - she asked me for my opinion on the year and I said, well, what did Dave say? And she said, "well, Dave said, my mama told me that if I didn't have anything nice to say, I shouldn't say anything at all." And then he spent the next 45 minutes saying terrible things. Um, and that was also the year that in a press release, you referred to me as an inexperienced Republican attack puppy, which is my favorite thing anybody's ever called me. And later on that year, you and I had a disagreement. And you said, "well, I've never said anything nice about - anything mean about you." And I said, "you called me an inexperienced Republican attack puppy", and then you smiled. That big smile I see right there and you said, "what puppies are cute it was a term of endearment." Mr. Chairman, you've served, you know, your entire life, in public service, whether as a teacher or as an alderman, or as a legislator. And I'm saddened and disappointed that we can't all be together to celebrate your lifetime of public service, but just know that it's honored and respected and appreciated by me, members of my caucus and the members of this legislature. So thank you.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you Legislator Ronk, thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright, the meeting will be

Legislator Heppner

If I may Chairman Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes a Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes. Before we close tonight with the meeting, I just want to thank you, for the way you handled yourself as the chairman. Since you've been the chairman, you've always been a man with a sense of fair play. And I can justify that by saying that, even though that you were a Democrat chairman, with a democrat majority, you kept me in my position as chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects. And I know at times you took some heat for that. And I guess that's one of the things that I admire you about the most. We've been friends since the day - you were the first person I met in the elevator when I came here almost 18 years 16 years ago.

Chairman Donaldson

I was locked in the elevator that time that's why,

Legislator Fabiano

Yeah. But I just want to thank you for your sense of fair play and, I want to just wish you luck in the future, whatever you do. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty yes Legislator Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Thank you Chairman Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

It's a little weird people saying nice things about me. But that's okay.

Legislator Heppner

Actually I'm gonna start with, you know, on Legislative Ronks theme. I'm actually going to start with John Parete, if you don't mind. Legislative Parete was one of the first people I called when I was running for office. And very well remember him saying, when I asked, you know, how do I do this, you know, what do I need to do? You know, and so on. He goes, "Do The work kid." Then I paused, and I didn't really know what to say back. And then you said, "but if you need a little help, give me a call, I'm more than happy to." You know, in the same way, we know John Parete is always willing to work with all folks for the sake of public service.

Legislator Heppner

Chairman Donaldson, you're a little tougher. You made me work a little bit harder over the years, but I've always appreciated it. I can obviously- I can definitely say, up to this day, you know, I still pause for a moment before I call you to make sure I have my ducks in a row. And make sure I don't know how you're gonna counter me because you're pretty good at it sometimes. And, but again, I respect your incredible services community, to your personal community to the county as a whole. And you know, it's a long legacy you should be proud of.

Legislator Heppner

Legislator Archer. I want to thank you for proving my math teachers wrong. That through guidance and patience and a lot of phone calls that I actually can do math, especially when it comes to a county budget. And I want to thank you for all the time you put in to really bring what I think is the county budget process to a new level and for your partnership, and I'm truly going to miss you. But definitely just a phone call away when I have some more math questions.

Legislator Heppner

Legislator Delaune, you brought the perfect balance to the rest of them. When I knew I needed someone to come to, calm to talk to, you were always there with sound advice. You brought immeasurable insight to economic development, to the arts, to land use to agriculture, to Ulster County Community College, to

your work chairing Legislative Programs. And again, I want to thank you for your service especially as someone who was elected the same year as you. And I really appreciated our time together.

Legislator Heppner

To my other colleagues, I don't want to extend this night any further. But you know, like I say to all of us, you know, thank you not just for your service to your communities. Thank you for your service to my community for your dedication this county as a whole. We're as strong as we are together. This government is strong is as strong as we are together. And I look forward to keeping that going. So thank you all for your service.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, no one wishes to speak. Um, I think Legislator Archer you are going to (inaudible) those that we are adjourning in memory of.

Legislator Archer

Yes. The Honorable Justice Peter Matera, West Park, Patricia Storch, Saugerties, Joseph F. Wenzel, Kingston, Joan M. McNally, Kingston, Catherine O'Brien, Connelly, Mary M. Becker-Guziak, Hurley, Dr. Richard Craft, Ellenville, Dale Craft, Ellenville, Elizabeth D. Haight, New Paltz, Craig S. Russo, Shokan, Gail J Russo, Shokan, Ellen Nixdorf, Boiceville, George W. McClure, Kingston, former Mayor of City of Kingston the Honorable Richard A. White, Kingston, Judith Croce, Modina, Deborah P. Barnes, Town of Ulster, Janet Olsen, New Paltz, Michael Cacchillo, Port Ewen, James L. Cleveland, Kingston, Velma Grazier, Woodstock, Peter C. Graham, Kingston, Shirley V. Anson, Clintondale, Dr. David Mesches, New Paltz, Charles R. Smith, Kingston.

Chairman Donaldson

You have any added? Alright, I guess not. So, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. For my last one.

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, it is my due honor to motion for adjournment, in your last session.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you, do we have a second?

Legislator Ronk

I'll second that.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, and I will - believe me my life will be a little easier. And I thank everybody for their service again. The next meeting of the Organizational meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Further meeting details will be forthcoming. Alrighty and hasta la vista.

Legislator Archer

Happy holidays.

Committee Members

Enjoy the holiday's everyone be safe.