

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

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

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:03 PM

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

Led by Legislator Kenneth Ronk Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

7:00 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:05 PM

On application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:05 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator, Craig Lopez, October 30th
Confidential Secretary, Laurie Lichtenstein, October 31st

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

Majority Leader Heppner motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson

Jewish Federation of UC, David Drimer
UC Legislator Herbert Litts III
UC Legislator John Gavaris

Press Release, Romeo Kia PILOT
Press Release, Hold WMCHHealth
Accountable
Press Release, UCRRA & Comptroller
Letter, Reject Hate Speech & Anti-Semitism
Letter, TRAC Recommendations to Exec
2022 Non-County Contract Agency Funding

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

NYS Office Of The State Comptroller	Legislative Process Executive Budget
UC Comptroller, March Gallagher	Allocation Of Sales & Compensating Use
	Taxes Agreement, UC & City Of Kingston
	Press Release, Office Budget Request
	Press Release, 2 nd Qtr. 2021 Report
	Press Release, RRA Audit Authority
State Of New York, Dept Of State	Press Release, Emergency Housing In UC
	Receipt of Local Law 5 Of 2021 Filed 9/16
	Receipt of Local Law Nos. 6,7,8 Of 2021
	Filed 9/27/2021
UC DPW, Senior Eng. Ed Pine	Superstructure Replmt. Stone Arch Bridge,
	Town of Saugerties
Harris Beach PLLC Attorneys At Law	Culvert Replmt. Mtn. Rest Rd. Town of NP
	Kingston Meadows Senior Residence (HVV
	Parcel Easement Request City of Kingston)
UC Resource Recovery Agency	UCRRA Draft 2022 Budget and Tipping Fee
	Letter, 2022 Net Service Fee Calculation
Peter Baker, West Hurley	Email, CMRR Presentation Ext. Basin Rd.
UC Community Services Board	Meeting Minutes, August 9, 2021
Catskill Forest Association News	Fall 2021; Vol 39 No. 3
UC Board of Health	Minutes, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 7/12, 8/9
	Commissioner's Report 1/11/21
UC Planning Board	Agenda 10/6/21 & Minutes 9/1/21
UC Behavioral Health Task Force	Final Report 9/27/2021 Recommended
	Priorities & Solutions
UC Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon Cutting, Bearsville Center 10/8/21
	Grand Opening, Hudson House 10/5 3PM
	Ribbon Cutting, Violet's Bakery 10/14/21
	Ribbon Cutting, Core Cardio Kickboxing
	10/12/21 5PM
NYS Dept. of Transportation	Passenger & Freight Rail Application
	Assistance Program Winter 2021
UC Emergency Mgmt, Dep.Dir. Michael Gaffney	Preliminary Damage Canvass: Hurricane
	Ida
UC Veteran's Services Agency, Dir. Cozzupoli	Veterans Events
UC Corporate Compliance Officer, Tom Gibney	Minutes & Agenda, May 2021
Spencer D. Shapiro, Garden City NY	FOIL Request & Response
Robyn Gullickson, Alfandre Architecture	FOIL Request & Response
Concerned Citizens	(4) Email, In Support of PLL No. 7 of 2021
Teresa Dwyer	Thank You Note
Elias Kassirer	Email, Barred From UC Venues

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Rick Jones, Kerhonkson
ppolizotto@aol.com
Concerned Citizens

CN County News
UC Dept. of Finance, Burt Gulnick

Drescher & Malecki LLP

UC Workforce Development Board
Pennrose Bricks & Mortar/Heart & Soul

Jeanne Edwards

Email, Letter To The Editor Daily Freeman
Email, Opposed to Resolution No. 507
(2) Emails, In Support of Extending CMRR
Lease
Vol. 53, No. 16, 9/27/21
Letter, American Rescue Plan Funds Usage
Justification
Independent Acct. Report On Applying
Agreed-Upon Procedures
Minutes, September 14, 2021
Golden Hill General Development Mtg.
Timeline Held At Restorative Justice Center
Broadway Kingston, 10/25/21 6-7PM
Letter, Code Enforcement Office
SAMADHI Recovery Outreach Center

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, Behavioral Health Report
Press Release, Vax to School Partnership
Press Release, Fiscal Stability AA Rating
Press Release, NYSAC Committee Appt.
Press Release, 2022 Budget Plan
Press Release, Small Business Funding
Press Release, Trails & Infrastructure \$
Apptmt. UC Board of Ethics, Derek Spada,
Esq. Term: 01/01/2021 – 12/31/2025
Withdrawal Apptmt. UC Board of Ethics,
Derek Spada, Esq.
Apptmt. Intermunicipal Collaboration
Council Tamara Murray, Supervisor Mike
Baden, Supervisor Neil Bettez
Budgetary Transfers, September 2021
Apptmt. Director Personnel, Dawn Spader
2022 UC Exec Operating Budget and
2022 UC Exec Budget Summary
U&D Corridor Revitalization Study,
Shandaken Section, Barton & Loguidice
Apptmt. UC Interim Director UCAT Toni
Roser, Effective October 16, 2021.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

UC Comptroller, March Gallagher

Second Qtr. Financial Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

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

August 31, 2021
August 30, 2021
September 1, 2021
September 13, 2021
August 31, 2021
August 30, 2021
September 1, 2021
September 7, 2021
September 14, 2021

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman David B. Donaldson granted Privilege of the Floor to Steven Kelley, President & CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital, to share information about the At Risk Family Transformational Pilot. Joining Mr. Kelley are Deborah Briggs, MS, Chief Human Resources Officer & Community Relations, Exec. Dir. ERH Foundation and Victoria Reid, LMSW, Executive Director, Rural Health Network.

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

There were 37 speakers signed up for public comment.

(See attached list of speakers and transcript)

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website and attached transcript.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 374, 424, 425, 430, 433, 435 – 495 , 497 - 508;
325, 376, 395, 426, 427, 428, 505 – POSTPONED; 496 – REFERRED BACK; 434 –
WITHDRAWN**

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 496 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.39 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health
REFERRED BACK TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 434 - Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 505 - Rescinding Resolution No. 333 Of 2021, And Establishing Special Revenue Projects For Transparent Reporting – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Consent

- 425 Establishing A Policy Requiring Respite Houses In Ulster County, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Seeking Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Recovery Assistance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 433 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Substance Abuse Subcommittee**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 435 Urging The United States Congress To Enact The National Infrastructure Bank Act Of 2021**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 436 Condemning Anti-Semitism In All Forms, Supporting The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition Of Anti-Semitism**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 437 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services-Project GIVE – Ulster County Sheriff/Ulster County Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 438 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant– Child Passenger Safety Program – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 439 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement For A Department Of Homeland Security - FEMA- Port Security Grant, Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 440 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,328.00, 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: 23 NOES: 0

- 441 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Inter-Municipal Agreements With Various Police Agencies For The Provision Of Funding For Expenses Related To The Implementation Of Discovery And Bail Reform, Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – District Attorney**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 442 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For FY21 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 443 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2021 — Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 444 Amending The 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 607 Government Operations Center – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 446 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$722,430.25 Entered Into By The County – Urbahn Architects PLLC – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 447 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$419,634.00 Entered Into By The County – The Palombo Group Inc.– Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 448 Authorizing The County Executive To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Office Of Community Renewal For Community Development Block Grant Funds For The Year 2021 – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 449 Authorizing The County Executive To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Office Department Of Transportation For Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding For The Construction Of A Rail Trail From Highmount To The Belleayre Day Use Area – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 452 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$95,558.00 Entered Into By The County – PK30 System Inc. – Department Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 453 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The On-The-Job Training Program Through The Ulster County Office Of Employment And Training**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 454 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$112,500.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 455 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$24,532.46, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – AssetWorks LLC – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 456 Supporting And Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept And Administer 5307 Urbanized Area Funds Under The American Rescue Plan Act Of 2021 For UCAT's 2021-2022 Operating Budget And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 457 Supporting And Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept And Administer 5339(b) Funding For Bus Replacements And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 458 Amending Capital Project No. 529 - Purchase Of Mass Transit Buses And Related Equipment, And Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 460 Establishing Capital Project No. 610 - UCAT Equipment & Facility Upgrade, And Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 463 Amending Capital Project No. 584, Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 465 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$59,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MJ Engineering And Land Surveying – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 466 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$479,974.47 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrows Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 467 Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 608 - Bridge Street Bridge, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 469 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 470 Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 609, Plank Road Culvert, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 472 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$95,350.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 473 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$40,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – A & J Construction Of N.Y., Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 474 Approving An Increase In Funding For Design, Testing And Construction Services Of Emergency Roof Work At Various Buildings On Campus Related To The Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs, And Approving The Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) For Such Services – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 476 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For The Veteran Peer To Peer Support Pilot Program – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 477 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 478 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Agreement With The Town Of Rochester In Ulster County For The Use Of Polling Equipment And Material – Ulster County Board Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 479 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Settlement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Civil Service Employees Association, For The Period Of March 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 480 Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Staff Association, For The Years 2021, 2022, 2023 And 2024 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 481 Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2022 Levy**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 482 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Olive – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 483 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Saugerties – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 485 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$74.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – ACCESS: Supports for Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 486 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 487 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$38.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 488 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$59.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 489 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$88.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 490 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 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: 23 NOES: 0

- 491 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$65,340.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornerstone Family Healthcare – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 492 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$249,589.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 493 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,100,381.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 494 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$172,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 495 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$72,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 497 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$71,235.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 498 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$226,00.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Village – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 499 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Children's Home Of Poughkeepsie – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 500 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 501 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$151,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MercyFirst– Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 502 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$200,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 503 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 504 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. John Bosco Child And Family Services – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Non-Consent

- 374 Setting A Public Hearing On 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, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 At 7:00 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 424 Establishing A Policy Requiring An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/ Or Substance Use Crisis**

(Legislator Bartels made the request to be added as a sponsor)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 430 Establishing The Ulster County Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Litts)

- 445 Authorizing Design And Planning Costs In Connection With The
BOND Construction Of An Ulster County Public Safety Communications Building, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,353,624.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,353,624.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

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

450 Establishing Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery – Department Of Economic Development

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to amend the resolution to fund only property surveys, property appraisals, and legal fees, for a project total of \$170,000.00.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16 NOES: 7
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Donaldson, Fabiano, Gavaris, Haynes, Litts, and Wawro)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Gavaris and Haynes)

451 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$435,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Economic Development

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to amend the contract to fund only property surveys, property appraisals, and legal fees as described in Schedule A and B of the contract, for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$170,000.00.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 6
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Gavaris, Haynes, Litts, and Wawro)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Gavaris and Haynes)

- 459
BOND** **Authorizing Purchase Of Buses, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$91,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$91,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 461
BOND** **Authorizing The UCAT Equipment And Facility Upgrades, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$384,720.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$384,720.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 462** **Setting A Public Hearing On 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, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 At 7:10 PM**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Maio, Roberts, and Ronk)

- 464
BOND** **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$619,822.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Rehabilitation Of The Sawkill Church Bridge And Powdermill Bridge In The Town Of Kingston, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 468
BOND** **Authorizing Hydraulic Design And Planning Costs In Connection With The Bridge Street Bridge In The Town Of Shandaken, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$150,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 471
BOND** **Authorizing The Replacement Of The Plank Road Culvert In The Town Of Shandaken, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$95,350.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$95,350.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 475
BOND** **Authorizing Roof Reconstruction At Various UCCC Facilities At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$500,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$500,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 505** **Rescinding Resolution No. 333 Of 2021, And Establishing Special Revenue Projects For Transparent Reporting – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget**

Postponed in Committee

Late Resolutions

- 506 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$750,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Institute For Family Health – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Bruno, Fabiano, and
Wawro)
(1 Abstention: Legislator Walter)

- 507 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,800,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Progression, LLC D/B/A Village Apothecary – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Bruno, Fabiano, and
Wawro)

- 508 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The United States Department Of Justice Office On Violence Against Women (OVW) – District Attorney's Office**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk.

Steven M. Nicoli, Middletown, NY
Silas Countryman, Mt. Tremper, NY
Aline M. Steyer, Saugerties, NY
Mark S. Braunsein, Woodstock, NY
Glenda H. Frizzell, Saugerties, NY
James K. Mead, Manson, NC
Theresa Swech, Saugerties, NY
Robert S. Grant, Saugerties, NY
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Kenneth G. Rumsey, Wallkill, NY
George G. Washington, Woodstock, NY
Raymond Marrero, Lake Katrine, NY
Paul Ostrander, Middletown, NY
Rona Sullen, Highland, NY

Ronald H. Every, West Hurley, NY
Deacon John “Jack” Peters, Saugerties, NY
William Mayer, Saugerties, NY
Devin Griffiths, Kingston, NY
Robert Wenzel, Connelly, NY
Robert Quirk, Saugerties, NY
August Fellows, Saugerties, NY
James M. Binney, Kingston, NY
Lorraine A. Shaw, Saugerties, NY
Nancy Kafka, Bearsville, NY
Barbara J. O’Reilly, Saugerties, NY
Carl H. Wilson, Saugerties, NY
Joanne F. Coutant, Port Ewen, NY
Christopher E. “Howie” Howe, Kingston, NY
Jessica Jefferson, Plattekill, NY

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:14 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is this **Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12 Noon.**

AT RISK FAMILY TRANSFORMATION PILOT PROGRAM

Presented by Ellenville Regional Hospital

THE PROBLEM

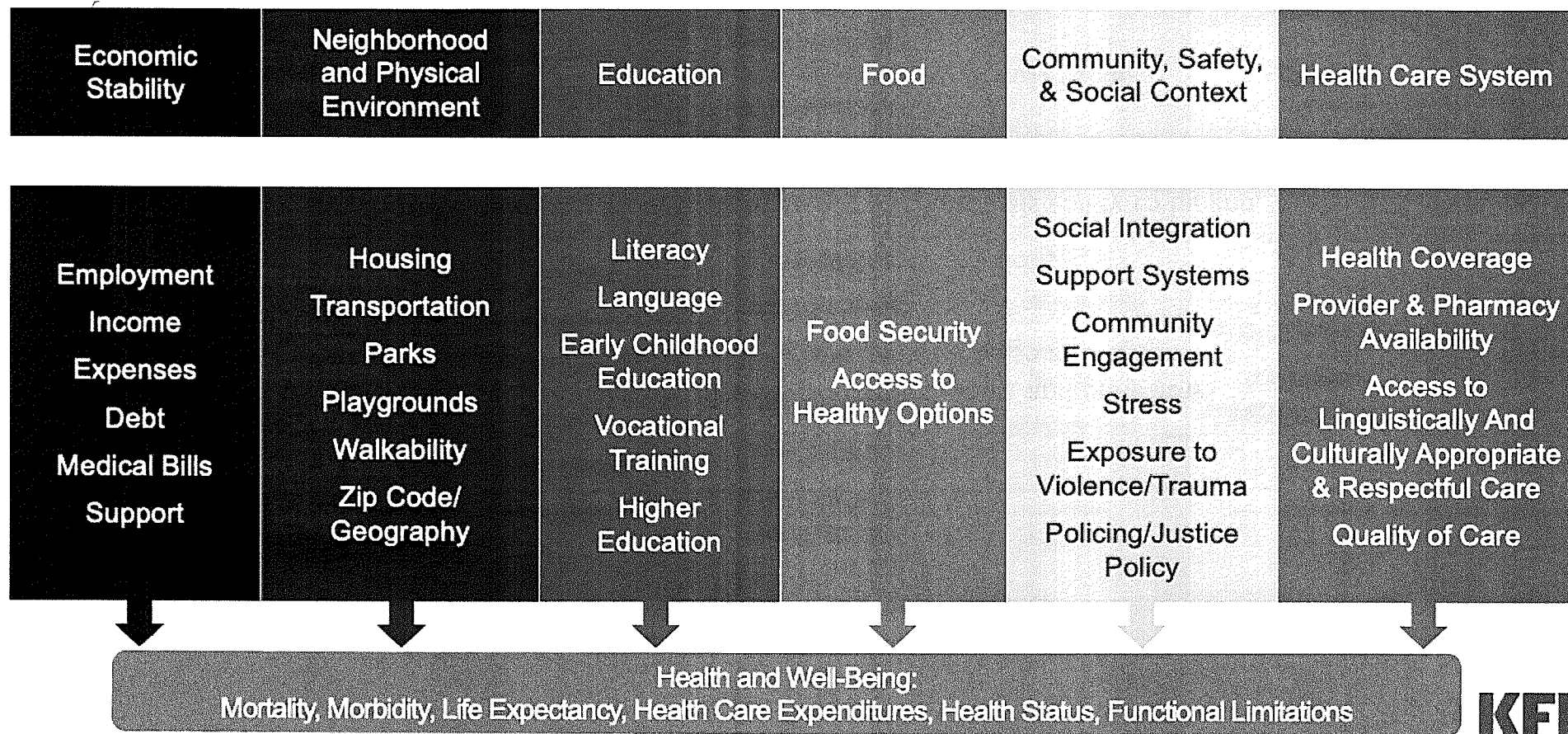
- The Wawarsing region has suffered from over 1,450 jobs lost since the 1990s
- Residents have lower than average rates of educational attainment
- 18% live below the poverty line
- Attainable jobs that don't require degrees or training have low pay and minimal upward trajectory
- **Goal:** provide an opportunity for Wawarsing region families to double their income, and improve their economic and physical well being

THE NEED

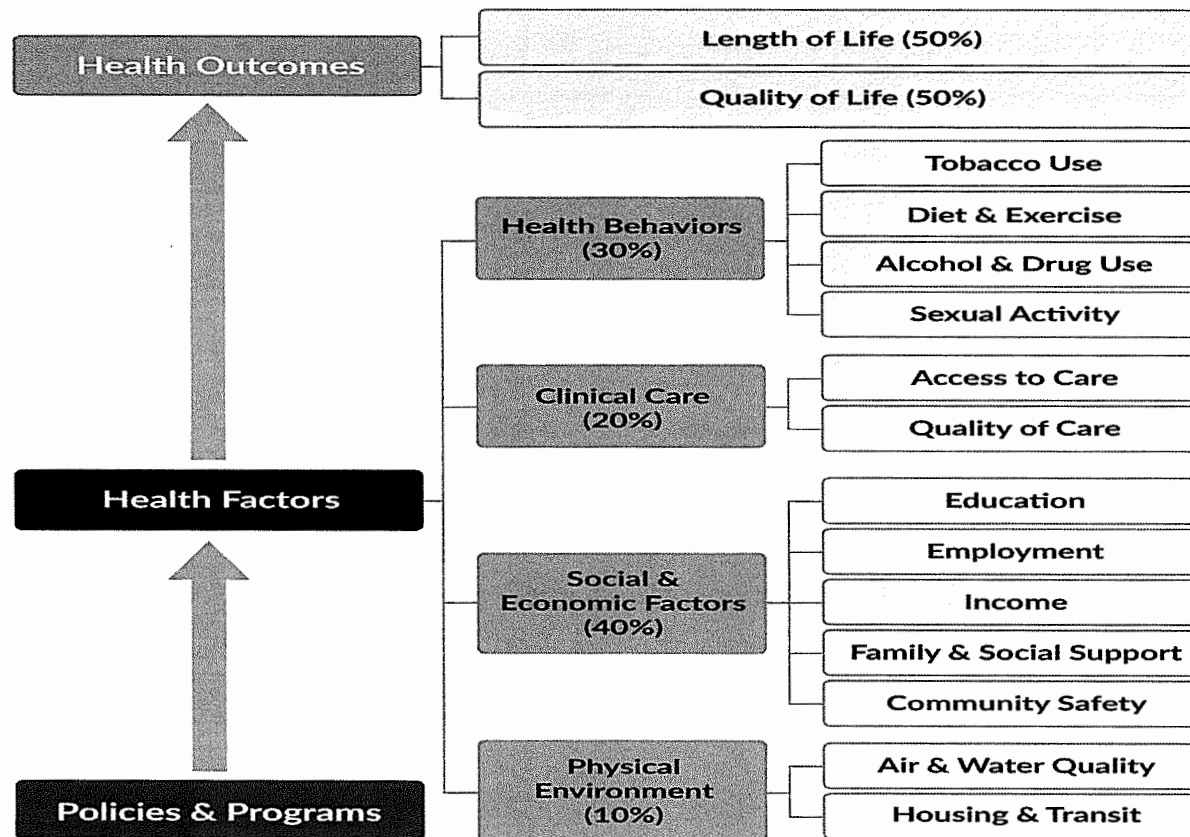
- Correlation between chronic disease, premature death, and unhealthy causal behaviors such as smoking and substance use and lower socioeconomic status across the board
- COVID-19 exasperated and highlighted these associations
- Situational circumstances directly influence an individual's ability to be and remain healthy
- Economic Stability as a social determinant of health

Figure 1

Social Determinants of Health



ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION - COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS MODEL



County Health Rankings model © 2014 UWPHI

THE CONCEPT

- Workforce retraining program for adults with children to improve and positively influence the economic wellbeing of Wawarsing region families
- To begin with a cohort of 25 families
- 5 year program
- Case Management in congruence with workforce development opportunities
- Provide the following support:
 - Action planning
 - Barrier resolution
 - Soft skills education
 - Child care
 - Transportation
 - Supplement to wages
 - Tuition assistance

INVESTMENT REQUEST

- Total Investment Requested: \$3,725,000 over 5 years
- Yearly requested: \$655,000 per year
- ERH requested amount: \$220,000 per year
 - Salaries and benefits for 2 FTE Case Managers
- Programmatic support requested amount: \$435,000 per year

ERH Budget

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Personnel ¹	\$159,972.50	\$163,269.95	\$166,636.29	\$165,789.49	\$165,808.31
Fringe Benefits ²	\$33,594.23	\$34,286.69	\$34,993.62	\$34,815.79	\$34,819.74
Travel ³	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies ⁴	\$10,560.00	\$6,575.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,525.00	\$3,500.00
Other ⁵	\$435,000.00	\$435,000.00	\$435,000.00	\$435,000.00	\$435,000.00
Direct	\$640,126.73	\$640,131.64	\$640,129.91	\$640,130.28	\$640,128.05
Indirect ⁶	\$14,873.28	\$14,868.36	\$14,870.09	\$14,869.72	\$14,871.94
Total Investment	\$655,000.00	\$655,000.00	\$655,000.00	\$655,000.00	\$655,000.00

1 – Personnel estimate includes 2 (1.0 FTE) Social Workers, 1 Project Director (0.05 FTE), 1 Project Coordinator (0.05 FTE), and Financial Staff (0.10 FTE)

2 – Fringe is calculated at 21%

3 – Travel is reimbursed at the federal rate of \$0.56 per mile and will be used for attending meetings with partners

4 – Supplies include office supplies and cell phone stipends, and during the first year laptops and monitors for new staff.

5 - “Other” Investments detailed on following Page

6 – Indirect rates are calculated at 7.25% of direct costs (**not including “other”**) to cover administrative overhead.

At Risk Transformation Plan Program
 Ellenville Regional Hospital (Applicant)
 One Year – “Other” Investments - \$435,000 per year

Annual Living Stipend	\$31,200.00
Child Care Stipend	\$10,800.00
Transportation Stipend	\$2,400.00
Scholarship Stipend	\$10,000.00
Total	\$54,400.00

	Investment Range by Cohort Size	
Need	1	25
0%	\$0	\$0
10%	\$5,440	\$136,000
20%	\$10,880	\$272,000
30%	\$16,320	\$408,000
40%	\$21,760	\$544,000
50%	\$27,200	\$680,000
60%	\$32,640	\$816,000
70%	\$38,080	\$952,000
80%	\$43,520	\$1,088,000
90%	\$48,960	\$1,224,000
100%	\$54,400	\$1,360,000

Client Example: Single parent with one school age child

Current Employment: Full Time (40 h/w) McDonalds

Current Pay: \$15 p/h - \$31,200.00 Annually

Program: Nursing RN program at UCCC - 63 credit program (Must be completed in 4 years)

Future Pay as an RN: Median Wage \$30 p/h - Range of \$56,100 - \$120,000* Annually

*Upper range is approximately \$110,000 in Kingston/Ulster and \$140,000 in NYS

Program Costs

UCCC			UCCC		
Year 1			Year 2		
Tuition	\$3,420.00	18 credits	Tuition	\$2,660.00	14 credits
Fees	\$443.00		Fees	\$364.00	
Books	\$1,200.00		Books	\$1,200.00	
Transportation	\$1,700.00		Transportation	\$1,700.00	
Child Care	\$7,111.04	1 school age child	Child Care	\$7,111.04	1 child
Supplement to Wages	\$15,360.00	4 days of school	Supplement to Wages	\$15,360.00	4 days
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$1,400.00	Food, supplies	Out of Pocket Expenses	\$1,400.00	Food, supplies
Financial Aid	-\$3,249.00	95%	Financial Aid	-\$2,527.00	95%
Health Insurance Supplement	\$6,904.56	12m marketplace	Health Insurance	\$6,904.56	12m
BLS Certification	\$99.00	Prerequisite			
Uniform Allowance	\$500.00		Uniform Allowance	\$500.00	
Year 1 Total Investment:	\$34,888.60		Year 2 Total Investment:	\$34,672.60	

UCCC			UCCC		
Year 3			Year 4		
Tuition	\$3,610.00	19 credits	Tuition	\$2,280.00	12 credits
Fees	\$360.00		Fees	\$311.00	
Books	\$1,200.00		Books	\$1,200.00	
Transportation	\$1,700.00		Transportation	\$1,700.00	
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Supplement to Wages	\$15,360.00	4 days of school	Supplement to Wages	\$15,360.00	4 days
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$1,400.00	Food, supplies	Out of Pocket Expenses	\$1,400.00	Food, supplies
Financial Aid	-\$3,429.50	95%	Financial Aid	-\$2,166.00	95%
Health Insurance	\$6,904.56	12m marketplace	Health Insurance	\$6,904.56	12m
Uniform Allowance	\$500.00		Uniform Allowance	\$500.00	
Year 3 Total Investment:	\$34,716.10		Year 4 Total Investment:	\$34,600.60	

4 Year Total

Investment: \$138,877.90

Client Example: Married Individual with 3 children whose partner is a homemaker

Current Employment: Full Time (40 h/w) Stocker at Walmart

Current Pay: \$15 p/h - \$31,200 Annually

Program: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Future Pay as a HVAC Technician: Median Wage \$24.87 p/h - Range of \$51,729.60 - \$62,400.00 Annually

Ulster County BOCES

Tuition	\$4,077.00	
Supplies	\$276.28	
Transportation	\$1,780.80	64 trips, 60 miles, roundtrip, IRS rate .56
Child Care	\$0	
Supplement to Wages	\$7,680.00	4 days for 16 weeks
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$1,600.00	Food, supplies
Financial Aid	\$0	
Health Insurance Supp.	\$6,559.40	4 months
Total Investment:	\$21,973.48	

HVAC (Air Conditioning & Oil Heat) Breakdown

<i>BOCES - Air Conditioning</i>	<i>Electrical Theory</i>	Tues. & Thurs	4 Virtual meetings	5:30 - 9:30 pm	
			25 sessions		
<i>BOCES - Air Conditioning</i>	<i>Air Conditioning</i>	Tues. & Thurs	100 hours	5:30 - 9:30 pm	
					\$2,019.00
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technology 9th Edition					\$126.83
Lab Manual and Workbook					\$53.34
Safety Glasses					\$13.50
<i>BOCES - Oil Heat</i>	<i>Oil Heat</i>	Mon & Wed	28 sessions	5:30 - 9:30 pm	
			112 hours		
					\$2,058.00
NORA Oil Heat Technician's Manual					\$69.11
Safety Glasses					\$13.50

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7:00 PM

Chairman Donaldson

Standing for a moment's silence.

Legislator Ronk

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

Chairman Donaldson

Please be seated.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight's announcements fire evacuation plan. Please note that in the event of an emergency, the fire department has requested that legislators and all others move at least one block away from the county office building in order not to impede the firefighters in their duties. Cell phones, please silence cell phones for the duration of the session. Microphones, please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

Clerk Fabella

Roll Call. Archer

Legislator Archer

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Roberts

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Legislator Uchitelle

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Clerk Fabella

Walter

Legislator Walter

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Clerk Fabella

And Wawro

Legislator Wawro

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Clerk Fabella

23 present and zero absent.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight, we have one public hearing on the docket it is on an application for community development block grants CDBG funds administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal.

Chairman Donaldson

Do we have any speakers?

Clerk Fabella

There are no speakers signed up.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone wishing to speak on this public hearing? No one out there. Entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Opposed, adjourned.

Chairman Donaldson

Now we begin with our birthdays really quick. We only had two Craig Lopez, October 30th. And confidential secretary Laurie Lichtenstein, October 31st.

Chairman Donaldson

Entertain a motion to dispense with the readings of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Legislator Heppner

So moved.

Legislator Ronk

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Any opposed? Seeing none, carried.

Chairman Donaldson

There are various communications on file. Peruse through them at your leisure. And we will begin with a privilege of the floor is being granted to Steve Kelly the president and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital to share information about the At Risk Family Transformational pilot. Joining in with Mr. Kelly will be Deborah Briggs, the MS Chief Human Resources Officer of community relationships and Executive Director, ER H foundation Victoria Reed.

Steve Kelly

Thank you very much. I'm Steve Kelly. I'm the president and CEO at Ellenville Regional Hospital. And I'm here to talk about our "At Risk Family Transformation" pilot program proposal. I'd like to introduce, I've got Victoria Reed and Vin Martello here who will be part of the presentation. Victoria heads up our population health programs at the hospital. And Vin works in the health department but was instrumental in a think tank that we were developing this idea and so some of these ideas really he was very helpful in coming up with them. I'd like to thank Chairman Donaldson, thank you for giving us this opportunity. And to all of you in the legislature already for indulging us, I'd like to thank the members of the health committee who already heard this presentation. And Craig Lopez is the Chair of that. I'd like to start with kind of identifying the problem. And the problem really has to do with what are called the social determinants of health care. And we're going to go into that in a lot more detail later in the presentation. But really the area around Ellenville, the Town of Wawarsing has really suffered a lot in in the last few years, we've lost most of our industry, we've lost our hotels. And so we have a lot of a lot of poor people in our community. We have as you can sort of see in our bullets here in the handout, we have lower than average rates of educational attainment 18%, living below the poverty line, we're probably the poorest area in the county. And so what we're looking at is we have a lot of people who are on social services and are struggling, we have a lot of people that are working kind of paycheck to paycheck there. And our proposal is to figure out how we could help people lift them from living paycheck to paycheck, having really no bank account, and no, no cushion, to be able to double their income, to join the middle class. And to be able to have money in their bank account for emergencies and be able to be part of the middle class. So that's kind of the problem. We're a poor community. And we'd like to propose this project as a demonstration that could be advanced all across the county, if it's successful. So I'm going to ask Vin to come up and talk about kind of the basics of the social determinants of health care, and how these determinants are the greatest predictor of health outcomes that there are, and really, nobody's done too

much about it. Really, nobody has done anything more than really measure it. And so this is a really an innovative program that we're proposing, that will actually change the outcomes for many people, certainly a small number in to begin with, and then hopefully, we'll be able to use these principles to expand the program across the county, and maybe have that be a model for the state or the country. So Vin.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. Thank you, Steve. Thank you, Chairman and legislators for allowing me to address you today. In the past, the public health community spent a lot of effort and placed a lot of emphasis on changing individual health behaviors, getting people to eat better diets, exercise more, not smoke, etc. The problem with that is that you can't take an individual or family out of the total context in which they live their lives and expect them to do better. And the reason is, because there are a myriad of challenges and barriers that people have in their lives, especially low income families and families that have a lot of other poor health outcomes, etc. And an example of this is, you know, you could tell a mom, hey, you need to go for preventative breast care, breast cancer screenings. And she might say, single mom, she might say, well, that's great, but I don't have insurance. I don't have a car to get there. I don't have childcare, to go there. And I can't take time off from work. Or you could tell a family, you know, you need to eat healthier and more nutritious food. And they might say, well, you know what, I can't afford that. I don't have a supermarket in my neighborhood. I don't have a car to get there. I don't even have a safe and affordable hap home, to gather the family together and to prepare that food. So you know, so you've so the public health community then shifted to take a really close look at what are called the social determinants of health. These are things like housing, education, employment, transportation, all the things that constitute the barriers and challenges that individuals and families might face in achieving healthier lifestyles and better health outcomes for themselves. The problem with that is though, even though the public health community put an outsize emphasis on the social determinants and their impact on that, they really, they really didn't integrate it into a comprehensive package that would address a particular family's needs. So, you know, you had these one off siloed services, you know, like, the housing organization was over there, the, you know, the food assistance pantry was over there, the, you know, what have you. So you had you had these different organizations, much like we have in Ulster County, a lot of really good organizations, with amazing people doing great work, but less connecting of the dots, less integration, less ability for those families to figure out basically, where those services are, what they are, how to realistically access them.

Chairman Donaldson

So Steve conducted a strategic visioning process, he brought in a consultant for the for the Orlando Regional Health Network. And consultant threw out a challenge. He said, You know, we've done a lot of work in chronic disease prevention and opioid work. Where do we go from here? How do we move this organization for what's the next horizon? And I called Steve the next day after thinking about this. And they said, Steve, what if we were to put together an interdisciplinary team to work with a so you know, a small group of at risk families who opted into the process and this team would work with the family collaborate with the family to craft an individualized improvement plan, consisting of small, incremental steps, designed to build confidence, and momentum and move them forward. So that might mean, you know, going from a \$15 an hour to a \$20 an hour job, which would be a 25% increase in family income, it might be assessing their educational attainment might be getting a kid into the BOCES P TECH

program, or the electricians apprentice program, it might be trying to figure out, you know, which employers like bread alone or others in Ulster County that are really hurting for people, but they can't get people to them? How do we do that? So the point being is that, you know, aside from money, the one thing that families who are struggling don't have, aside from money as they don't have the knowledge of what's available to them, or the contacts to know who to call and where to go to get with what they need. So this interdisciplinary team would go in and work with these families, and it's not a one size fits all proposition. They go in, they'd work with these families, on small steps leading to big change, you know, it's not leaping to the top of Mount Everest in one fell swoop, it's taking small steps, a little bit better pay, a little bit more jobs, skill training, a little bit more education, a little bit better housing situation, a little much better connectivity to the network of services and programs, and Ulster County. And the beauty of this is we don't have to invent new services. We have a world class, Community College, the bet one of the best in the country, we have a great BOCES program, we have great office of Employment and Training, we have a great public transportation system, we have all of these resident services and a tremendously committed and passionate community of partners who are willing to help people move forward on their own terms. And the beauty of this also is that it's sustainable change. It's not like you know, just putting someone in a program or service or, or giving them some kind of assistance that terminates after X number of months. This is designed to put them to change the trajectory of their lives, and to do it on a realistic incremental basis. And, and, and if we do this, the reality is, is that you know, Ulster County taxpayers spend \$33 million a year that's the Ulster County taxpayers share of Medicaid that's designed to provide medical assistance to low income families. There are cost savings, but it also puts Ulster County on the map because as hard as I tried to read and researched all over the country, to find out what other community is doing this, the answer is none. So when we're able to do this, we can we can showcase Ulster County as being positive, proactive, and creating something that is leading to real sustainable change. And I think this is an amazing program and I'm really grateful for Steve, in making in being open to it. So give us Victoria, thank you.

Victoria Reed

Somehow, I always ended up going last and having like three seconds left. So I'm going to talk really fast and hope I get through all this and not take up too much time. So, I'm going to go through with the concept of the project looks like. And so for this project, it really does look similar to intensive care management with intensive case management with a focus on economic mobility. Because at the end of the day, when we're trying to improve people's health, I can host 100 free yoga programs. But if people can't afford to buy healthier food, if they can't afford to live in a nicer house that has, you know, consistent access to running water, yoga is not going to improve their health outcomes or the health outcomes of their children. And, you know, we know that the more we invest in prevention, the less we spend in the long run on, you know, treatment and dealing with poor health outcomes and poor adverse child hood experiences, resulting in you know, losses down the line. So for this project, down to the nitty gritty, we would look to hire two social workers who would work at start with a cohort of 25 families, we would look to grow this over time, but on the initial pilot would be 25 families, so we can really hone in on measuring impact, we would stay with these families for five years. So we would go through a selection process, make sure they have they're good candidates, and then we would provide them case management incongruence with work, first of all, an opportunity. So we would be working with a lot of the opportunities been said with the Office of Economic Development and such. And we'd be working with them to, you know, create action plans to take those incremental steps, you know, what kind of trainings can you take to step up?

resolving their barriers? Do they have childcare issues that they can't get to a class? How can we help them overcome that? The I have some case managers that already worked for me, and I can say a lot of the work that they do when working with families now is just that is where can I get food from, you know, which food pantries are open on the days that I have off. My case managers know that information and can tell them right away without the family having to spend all that time doing the research. And so this coordination really speeds it up for the family. So we would be helping them overcome those barriers, providing them some skills, education, like how to build a resume, how to dress for an interview, where to get affordable clothes for an interview, if you don't know that you can go to family of Ellenville and access those providing them stipends for childcare, transportation, supplemental wages, if they can only take classes during the day and they're missing work time, there has to be some kind of offset in order to allow them to succeed there, and tuition assistance. And then in addition to that, because these are the things that we'd be investing in with this project, there's a number of other projects, like I mentioned, yoga classes, but also, you know, my community health workers, work with families to do nutrition, consultations, get them exercise opportunities,

Victoria Reed

you know, make sure their children's needs are being met, if they need mental health referrals and things like that. So we'll coordinate to make sure they're really getting everything they need in one place without them having to spend the time googling and researching and getting frustrated. And this would just be an added layer of benefit that's really focusing on the thing that's going to have the biggest impact, which is affecting their economic standing. So the investment that we are looking to make with this project is, like I said, it's over five years. So we would be looking to invest \$655,000 per year into the project. In the back pages of the packet that we provided, there is some breakdown of how those numbers look. So about \$220,000 would be going towards actual staff time, and program supplies. And the remaining \$435,000 would be going towards the things like the childcare credits, the transportation credits, the tuition assistance that I had mentioned. And so the page after the five-year chart, which is titled the at risk transformation plan, program, one your other investments kind of breaks down how we figured that out, going through people needing you know, the annual living stipend if they're having to offset their work hours childcare (inaudible) if they you know, need that to get to class and stuff. And then it would be kind of on a sliding scale because not everyone would need that full stipend, some would only need portions of it. I know I'm going through this really, really fast so my contact information is in the back in case anyone has questions about how we figure this out. But I just want to say we included two examples as well. One for if we used a SUNY Ulster program and one if we used a BOCES program, and so the Ulster program would be nursing. And so you can see kind of how we break down what this investment into the person looks like. And how you know, they could go from potentially making \$15 per hour with an annual salary of only \$31,000, to working in an RN position, which the upper range for an RN in the City of Kingston is \$110,000 a year. So that's a lot more than you know, a \$5 an hour increase, that is a life changing increase for a family. And this can be generational, that's going to have an impact on their children, the food, their children is eating their children's access to extra curricula's, their adverse childhood experience scores going down. You know, if we're working with families that have teenagers, we can provide that support to teenagers as well. So at the start, they're knowing how to build resumes, they're knowing the access, they have to, you know, you can get an EMT training and certificate while you're still in high school, so you can graduate with a job.

Victoria Reed

So I will do that super quick, because I wanted to be respectful of your time. But my contact information, Steve's and Vince is all in the last page, we tried to be really thorough with the breakdown, so you knew what we were looking at. And if anyone has questions, otherwise, I'll turn over Steve to close us out.

Steve Kelly

Thank you very much. The genesis of our program is to do a bracket shift, that people be able to double their income and move from the lower class into the middle class, to be able to support themselves not be needing as many services in the future because they would be able to pay for them themselves, they would have their own health care, I'm sorry, they would have their own health care, they would have I'm sorry about that good catch, thanks for bailing me out, they would be able to have their own health care, because they would get that through their employer. And it is really, this would be a prevention kind of agenda, as opposed to a treatment agenda where we will be trying to get people and help them to help themselves. And that really is a pretty universal thing. I think that's something we would all want. If we were in a situation where we were kind of poor and struggling, we'd want that helping hand to help us to get up. And then we would be able to go on our way and not need those continuing supports. So this is something that really hasn't been tried. It's a coaching model, where we're helping to coach people navigate through the challenges, connect them to their health care and their education and their families. And that's our project. Our project is also when you're looking at different projects, there are some projects that that have a small impact of many people. This is a project that would have a great impact on a smaller number of people. And it's a pilot project. We haven't done this before. But we've been doing something very similar and our population health programs where we have been connecting people to their health care to their health. So diet, exercise, risk reduction, we've done a lot of work around opioids we've been you may have noticed that with us. And so using that same kind of coaching model to be able to have that to address the social determinants and help people to elevate their economic foundation. So thank you very much if there's any questions we'll do everything we can to answer them otherwise we very much appreciate this opportunity and ask for your support.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you Steve.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, we go into public comment and I'm assuming we have people signed up.

Clerk Fabella

There are currently 39 speakers on the line. So

Chairman Donaldson

Yeah, they each have two minutes to speak. And please wrap that up once you get to the two minutes. I usually give people a little bit of time to finish that up and be respectful of all the others.

Clerk Fabella

The first speaker that we have signed up is Michael Platzky.

Michael Platzky

Hello, thanks for this opportunity to speak to you. I am speaking to use me as an example of the position long term renters are in Ulster County. I have been a long-term renter in Woodstock, West Saugerties, for the last 27 years. Eight years in the first house eight years in the second house and I'm about 10 years in the house I presently live in. My landlord is in a position where she wants to sell this house. Frankly I would have been forced out if it weren't for the fact my wife has been diagnosed with cancer. And my landlord is a compassionate person, understanding that I haven't been late in my rent one time. But now looking for somewhere to move, what used to rent for \$1,500 is now \$2500 to \$3,500. I am out priced in a community we've lifted and raised children in. My wife has been a home health aide for twenty years and end of care life, she was a volunteer EMT for 15 years. I am self-employed, been a productive member of this community. And I don't know how we'll be able to remain living here. So when you consider rent regulation bills that you have before you, I'd like to keep you to keep my family in mind while you consider that. Thanks. (inaudible).

Michael Platzky

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Gaelena Cirlante.

Gaelena Cirlante

Yes, hello. I don't know if you can hear me or not, it's probably not the best connection. But I'm calling about resolution 507. And I understand that this is about receiving money from the federal government, for testing students and teachers and probably other school staff. And I want to voice my opposition to that. For one thing, the PCR tests can penetrate the blood brain barrier. So doing regular tests on people is not such a great idea. And I think it's just one step closer to mandatory vaccination, which of course, I'm opposed to, because for many, many reasons, but mainly, it really doesn't work. And you know, you're exposing people to an experiment. It feels like it seems like this is a form of harassment on the people that would be subjected to the students. And I'm very, very much opposed to that. And that's all I have to say.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Gaelena Cirlante

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Next speaker is David Drimer.

David Drimer

Good evening, Chairman Donaldson members of the legislature. My name is David Drimer. I'm executive director of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County. Also attending virtually our numerous members of our board. We seize the opportunity to comment on a resolution condemning anti-Semitism in the county. It

is as a matter critical to our primary mission. The Federation is celebrating 45 years of service to Ulster, promoting Jewish culture and values as a watchdog to the safety of Jewish residents as a promoter of humanitarian and social justice initiatives for all racism (in audible). In pursuit of the mission, we watch the Ulster County anti-Semitism hotline and the Ulster County hold cost awareness initiative, an ambitious project to supplement Holocaust education in the area high schools, inspired by research that reveals dismal levels of Holocaust awareness in New York State. We appreciate your bipartisan effort to bring this resolution condemning anti-Semitism to a vote. I cannot overstate the importance we attach to this glaring (inaudible) bias in Ulster. We note FBI data confirms the rise of virulent anti-Semitism, which recent history teaches us can erupt suddenly and acts of horrific violence of (inaudible) unwavering preemptive statements from this body that Ulster County stands united against anti-Semitism is an essential building block in establishing a climate of tolerance, fundamental to a progressive Ulster and to our American ethos. We're hopeful for unanimous passage, as we perceive unanimity is itself a powerful state. The message we implore you to send tonight hatred is not welcome here. We reiterate an appreciation for your leadership. I close by saying in Hebrew, Mazel Tov, which you all know me good luck and Yasser (inaudible), which means be strong. On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Ulster County. Thank you again for your support on this issue of grave importance.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you it is on the Consent Agenda, so that means it will pass unanimously.

David Drimer

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker is Jeannie Edwards.

Jeannie Edwards

My name is Jeannie Edwards I live at 64 Liberty Street in Kingston, New York. I'm calling about 496 resolution for Samadhi. We have had nothing but issues here on Liberty Street, Clinton Avenue and Center Street. I represent most of the people around that area, but they are here to talk. I'm talking about almost 200, 200 police reports of overdoses, fights, yelling, sex acts. This is outside and inside the building. This is affecting our children and our neighborhood in an awful way. And there's no management of this, this place going on. We did not know that they were moving into the neighborhood. And not only do we not know, we have no protection here. We brought this to the Common Council we brought this to the alder woman of our ward Rita. I have brought it to Abe. Abe is for this program, but he does not live right here next to Samadhi. Our children are being tormented going to the bus stop and they're urinating on our houses, they throw eggs at us, using drugs in the backyard that our children see them putting needles in their arm, seeing sex acts, no accountability to this neighborhood whatsoever. I am distraught that this has been even allowed. For two days the sheriff had to go over there and talk to the management over there. Only two days have we had peace since Samadhi has moved in. We have had plenty of meetings, my neighbors and us with the director. So it's just it's I wish that all of us could see. We believe in recovery. I'm 35 years clean from the same thing that he's trying to help with these people. 35, I know from experience, this hurts me that we have to even go this far to try to get peace back in our neighborhood. We are very close

Chairman Donaldson

Could you wrap it up, please.

Jeannie Edwards

Thank you very much for listening, and I hope you really think about what I said.

Clerk Fabella

Yari Cuniga

Yari Cuniga

Hello, my name is Yari Cuniga. I'm 17, and I go to Kingston High School. And I live on 71 Liberty Street. I'm also speaking about Samadhi. I just want to say ever since they moved here, it's been terrible. They're always doing drugs in the backyard. And I'm afraid to take my little siblings out to play outside most of the time. Because my mom and stepdad work like at night as well. So it's really kind of scary. Sometimes I take them out because they might come out and like do their drugs out there. And at night, it's kind of hard to sleep because I'm right next to the window and I hear them doing their drugs and screaming out there. And it's kind of scary as well because sometimes we also see them overdose like they get - we got police calls and stuff. So I just wanted to say that.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you,.

Clerk Fabella

Kimberly Santiago.

Jeannie Edwards

Okay, hold on. Tell them your name and your age.

Kimberly Santiago

Hello, I'm Kimberly Santiago. I'm nine years old, and I go to George Washington Elementary School and I live in 73 Liberty Street and things aren't the same as they used to be. I just don't feel if I can go outside and play normally. And my mom always has to be watching me.

Jeannie Edwards

Okay, keep going.

Kimberly Santiago

And

Jeannie Edwards

As a child tell them. What about the other night.

Kimberly Santiago

And there, (crying)

Jeannie Edwards

We're gonna let Kimberly deal with this. Okay. You did good.

Clerk Fabella

She did great. Nordea Jimenez

Kimberly Santiago

Nordea. (inaudible) Can we go back to her she has a little baby she's nursing.

Chairman Donaldson

Can we go to the next one.

Clerk Fabella

Francesco Santiago

Francesco Santiago

Hi, yes, my name is Francesco Santiago. I'm a 73 Liberty Street. Yes, this place is since they moved in we have a lot of issues all the time. My concern is I got two kids, I'm not the only one who has kids around here. And my kids, I don't feel that they're safe. You know, this place has attracted a lot of people that we don't know. And they - right on the corner, where they are located. It's where the school bus stops in the morning to pick up kids and they get dropped off also there. And most of the time we have this people just hanging their drinking and doing drugs. This place definitely, it's not a rehab place. It's got to be something else. They, I don't know if they're making money or whatever, with this, people (inaudible), but it's just not right what they're doing. It's really affecting us. The other night, about two weeks ago, I had to call the police because there was two men having sex in the back, you know, my kid's bedroom, and, you know, things like that they shouldn't happen. It's not the only thing we saw. There have been, there's so many things that you know, that happened so far here. Also the other day, my wife, when I got home, she was in panic with a she didn't feel safe, there was one of those - they're part of Samadhi. He was having a knife and I don't know, she was she was pretending to scare her to intimidate her. You know, I did call the police. And there's got to be, you know, a police report or something about what I'm mentioning. But I mean, this place is definitely not good for anybody. And, I mean, something's got to happen, you know, I just hope that nobody get hurt or something. Somebody gets - some kid gets raped, then you guys, someone is going to do something.

Chairman Donaldson

All right wrap it up please.

Francesco Santiago

I, hope we

Chairman Donaldson

Finish up your thought. Next.

Jeannie Edwards

Okay, who's next.

Clerk Fabella

Laurie Oliver.

Laurie Oliver

Hi, good evening my name is Laurie Oliver. I live at 66 Liberty Street. I am a 58- year old woman that comes home at between the hours of 11 and 2am in the morning, I run a restaurant. I'm a restaurant manager. I have called the police at least a dozen times on various amounts of activity, whether it's they're getting high in their car, on Furnace, whether they are right in front of my house, shooting up which happened last year. We found everybody's work. That was last year. And when I say works, I mean it's a street term. It is literally their needles, their stash of heroin or whatever they are putting into their veins. I have been viciously attacked. I have had the cops come while I was walking my dog that also part of me happened last year. This is a broken neighborhood to begin with. We are trying our best on Liberty. We are struggling. We care about our neighbors. I woke up at seven o'clock last year, to a man that was literally throwing bottles at my neighbor at like six o'clock, seven o'clock in the morning. With all of us out there. It is an ongoing problem. I spoke with the police department just the other day when we found people sleeping in the streets. And he assured me that they will be more patrols. But you know, it really you're the legislators, you're the people that make the laws, you're the people that should be governing us. You should be making these commitments to us as well as to them. Because I feel like they get more privilege than us. And my sister owns a house. She owns a duplex here. She pays taxes. There's also a couple of other people here that pay taxes. I live in Ulster County, I work in Dutchess County, but I'm from Ulster County for a majority of my life and I have to tell you, I'm real disappointed in the way that things are going down around here. I am shocked to believe that everybody is actually turning their heads to this. And that's what it feels like. It feels like everybody has just said you know what? We're not going to acknowledge it. So thank you for listening and have a great day.

Clerk Fabella

Robert, Robert Coserta.

Robert Coserta

Yes, this is Robert Coserta. I live at 389 Pearl Street, Kingston New York. I'm the owner of three properties here on Liberty Street. One is 70 Liberty Street, 73 Liberty Street, and 65 Liberty Street, which was recently sold. I've been I've been a landlord on the street for more than 20 years. And when I came here, there was a lot of drug dealing in the street, all sorts of gang activity. And I've been literally hand to hand combat, and we more or less cleaned the street up and had some peace for some years. Just to give you a little insight into my credentials, I am substance abuse treatment counselor for over 30 years. I worked in inpatient, outpatient. I own I own Ester House halfway house right here at #70 Liberty Street for a number of years. And the list of my experience goes on and on. I finished my career at New York State Department of Corrections. And I've overseen 18 facilities, substance abuse treatment inside the prison. So I'm an astute person in regards to substance abuse. What's happening here has nothing to do with treatment or help. Presently there is not a day passed by that we don't see an overdose going on. The

overdoses are not in the street, there inside of the program. I've never heard of a treatment program that allows people to come in and use substances inside. If there was overdose in the street, that's one thing but the inside the program, meaning they allow them to come in and use. I understand whatever it is they're trying to do. They have no medical staff there. There's constant emergencies in there. They're using Narcan to bring them back. It's constant over and over again. Even NA we had NA Narcotics Anonymous which is a program just based on helping people itself - it's self-run. They ran out of the place. They couldn't stand what was happening in there. The members of Narcotics Anonymous, ran away from the place. It's just like AA it's the same thing. Nobody could have any piece here. Constantly something going on breaking the law. People are coming in from everywhere. We never seen so many people on this street. You just have to hang out here one day and you see all day long traffic from early morning. They're even sleeping in the street alongside the church early in the morning, five o'clock in the morning. They're attracting all of these people. Nobody knows who they are. They don't screen them. Are they sex offenders? Are they parolees are they probationary? Who are they nobody knows that? You cannot ask anybody who are these people are.

Chairman Donaldson

Can you please wrap it up, your two minutes are up.

Robert Coserta

That's my time.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Robert Coserta

I just pray that you guys listen to what we're saying. We had enough - our hands are up.

Clerk Fabella

Ryan Mallory.

Ryan Mallory

Hello,

Clerk Fabella

Ryan

Ryan Mallory

Can you hear me? My name is Ryan Mallory, and I am a resident of 66 Liberty Street, Kingston, New York. And my issue is also with the Samadhi rehabilitation that is going on. I'm an (inaudible) of society here. I'm Narcan certified. I'm also a Russell Sage student in the progress of getting my psychiatric nurse practitioner degree. I also work in Kingston Hospital, which is the psychiatric ED. My neighborhood is in severe need of your guy's help safety, and well and concerned about our well-being and also the well-being of our children here. It is not fair. What's going on in our lives and our children's lives. And everything that our children are subjected to. Now they're subjected to pornography that's happening in the backyard,

this attested to seeing adults go through a period in their life, where they're not coming back from as of right now. We're not seeing a program that's helping our community. We're seeing a program that's been it's dragging our community down and our children are being subjected to it. I mean, would you guys want to see your children, you know, see somebody stick a needle in their arm, and then overdose. And then the cops come, the ambulance come, and this is what they grew up seeing. And so now our children become a statistic. And it's not right. We are tax paying people. We're hard working people. We're students of prestigious schools around here, and it's not acceptable that we do not have any protection whatsoever against our community and for our community. So I really hope you guys take this into consideration. I hope you guys are listening to your taxpayers and understanding what we're going through, and what we're trying to get out of our community, not saying the program, but saying the people take the program, put it somewhere, where it's the secluded area, where, you know, they can do whatever they need to do in that program, but not in a neighborhood that's, that's working class people. That's just trying to make a living. And our kids can't even go in the properties that we own supply. Can't do that. Can't trust them. Can't trust the people that run the program. And we need help and we are asking for your help. Please come and help your community thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Vicki Torres

Jeannie Edwards

Did you say Nancy?

Clerk Fabella

The last name is Torres.

Jeannie Edwards

The male (inaudible). Hold on.

Vuki Torres

Hello, how you doing? My name is Vuki and I live a 55 Liberty. And I am being seeing so much of the drama that I like everybody does. But uh, and recently, a couple of weeks ago, I've been seeing more and more and more drama. And I think it's for be a part of the neighborhood, I see that the kids is being afraid of - they kind of like, they don't want to come out and participate in activities. They don't want to you know, and I see this the parents who is troubling for, for the safety of our own kids, no family. And I just, I just see so many stuff going on and on and on and on and on. I don't have not the anger, you know. But uh, I think it has to be reached to the point that we need to stop what's going on. Because regardless if we want to help people with addictions we need to see the other point of view our neighbor's safety because I feel not safe to be honest. And let's see the whole the whole neighbor is afraid. I mean, it's not because we are against to the program, the only thing we need is more protection. And we need someone who take it management the right way, not just let it be the people that are doing whatever they're doing because it's not my business to watch every single addict with the different addictions seen them by (inaudible) or overdose or whatever the case may be. It's not my problem. I believe it is to work hard working man. And but I see and I think it's very inconvenient for our neighbors. I hope you guys listen and appreciate your time for listening to what I said. Thank you and have a great night.

Clerk Fabella

And Nereda Jimenez.

Nereda Jimenez

Okay. Hi, my name is Narita Jimenez. I live in 70 Liberty Street. I live here for maybe 10 years. And I want to talk before Samadhi we live in peace. But now it's this is a mess. I don't I don't like this. This thing for my kids. I have my four kids and I just want peace and safe for my kids. That's all. It's really, really painful for me because my little kids don't play. He can play it's not safe. I don't want to I don't want this for my family. So please, please, you need to do something. Because the other day one guy hit my husband on the head with a bottle in my house in my driveway. So I don't want this for my kids. They saw this incident so it's really no, that's not fair for us. So please do is something we need. We need safety in this neighborhood. Thank you

Clerk Fabella

We don't have another caller signed up at this specific number. But before we go to the next caller in the queue, is there any unique person that hasn't spoken from this number?

Kimberly Santiago

I think everybody here has spoken. And no more. Everybody here has spoken.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Jeannie Edwards

You want to speak? We have another young man if that's okay.

Chairman Donaldson

Sure go ahead.

Jeannie Edwards

He wants to say something. He was on

David Santiago

Hello, my name is David Santiago and I live in 73 Liberty Street. Well, ever since they've been there, it's been hard like I go to the bus stop and I can't even go there safely. Because they're usually they're doing something really stupid. And my mom has to come with me in order to make sure I don't get well I don't get attacked by them or something. I can't even go into my own backyard. They're right there doing drugs or something. All I know they can be doing anything they could shoot me at any second. I can't play with my friends at all. Then when I come home my mom has to wait for me by the house. Because they're usually over there by the corner just standing there. They occasionally follow me. Not exactly sure why they follow me but really dangerous at this point. They've been doing drugs, they've peed on the wall - doing stupid things ever since, well since they been here. Then when I arrived home that day when my mother, well they threatened and they tried to intimidate her with a knife. Just imagine how that feels for

a child. You're just arrived home to find that your mother's sort of broken and won't talk a lot. So I hope you take into consideration what I said.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Jeannie Edwards

Very good.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, thank you, Jeannie, everybody. We're moving on to the next group.

Jeannie Edwards

Okay, that's fine. Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Thank you. The next caller is Eli Kassirer.

Eli Kassirer

Hi, I'm Eli Kassirer of Gardner, New York. I'm calling about resolution 507, which deals with \$1.8 million being allocated for testing of teachers, educational staff and students who are unvaccinated. Unfortunately, as a mandate that teachers have to get vaccinated, so that brings into play this testing program. So if there was not this mandate, for teachers getting vaccinated, there would not be this money, which I think is a waste of money being spent to test unvaccinated teachers and students. As a matter of fact, there's a real hesitancy about vaccinations, approximately a little over half of the country has been fully vaccinated, which actually means that approximately half of Americans have not been vaccinated. We've had plenty of opportunities to get vaccinated and people clearly do not want to participate in this program. Now, people have different reasons for not getting vaxed, some mistrust the government, some have religious reasons, some have medical reasons. Some have looked at the statistics coming out of theirs, which is the vaccine adverse events reporting system, which is run by the CDC, or the data coming out of Udrih vigilance, which is Europe's version of theirs. And it looks well it doesn't look the numbers speak for themselves. There have been over 30,000 deaths. That's 30,000 deaths linked with vaccinations. There are over 2 million serious injuries linked with this vaccination. So it's no wonder that people do not want to get this experimental injection which has such a poor track record. Finally, I would rather see the legislature looking at a resolution not when dealing with mandatory testing for people who don't want to get vaccinated. But looking at a resolution that deals with something like no vaccine mandates should be permitted in Ulster County, and no vaccine passports should be allowed to be used in Ulster County. At this point if I wanted to attend a concert a UPAC or a music session up in the colony in Woodstock

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty wrap it up.

Eli Kassirer

In Rosendale

Chairman Donaldson

Wrap it up you're out of time.

Eli Kassirer

Yes I will thank you. If I wanted to go to a movie in Rosendale I can't go. So please I'm urging you to take heed of what I'm saying and think about a resolution to ban Vax passports and ban vaccination mandates here in Ulster County. Thank you for listening.

Clerk Fabella

Maureen Kerry. Maureen we're gonna move past Maureen for a minute. Lauren Piperino?

Lauren Piperino

Okay, good evening. Thank you for this moment to have a public hearing regarding this resolution 507. If I may ask, how could \$1.8 million help the county? Now I understand that these PCR tests are being considered as the method for documenting whether somebody's got COVID-19 or not. But are you aware that these tests are incapable of determining results if someone is infected, incapable even Fauci has defined back in 2020, that these tests were not being utilized properly. So here we go. We're getting Ulster County is getting \$1.8 million to test healthy people. And I asked you before COVID if somebody had the flu, or somebody had a cold, what would they do when they go to a doctor? What would the advice be? They have symptoms right? They would tell him to go home, take a couple aspirins and go to sleep, drink plenty of fluids. But now we have this incredible sham and a hoax that these tests are being determined whether or not someone is sick or not? Let me give you a piece of advice about a recent test that happened in Germany that they experimental that a physicist and a biomaterials researcher examined various PCR tests swabs under a microscope and found that the fibers they contain are as dangerous for human beings as inhaling

Chairman Donaldson

Ok wrap it up. You got one second left.

Lauren Piperino

If you care I could send you the link to this because this is pretty scathing. The swabs are dangerous for the nasal mucous areas. The glassy fibers, they're not made out of cotton are hard and brittle.

Chairman Donaldson

Time. Let's go next.

Clerk Fabella

Greg Young

Chairman Donaldson

Please keep it to two minutes.

Greg Young

Hi, my name is Greg Young. I own two apartment buildings 40 and 42 Liberty Street and I represent 16 residents who live there. Those two buildings have been in my family and operated for the last 53 years. We are having all kinds of problems in the neighborhood. As it seems very clear from earlier people talking on this on this program. Broken windows, tenants disturbed late nights, fights in the street, trespassing in the alley in the backyard. We have inadequate police presence in the neighborhood for a program like this to be there unsupervised. We, as recently as last night, had a vagrant found in the hallway sleeping. This is the second time this week we've had to escort a vagrant out of the hallway at 4am. We've had to install fencing, we've had to install video systems. This is just criminal - the absence of supervision and police protection for a community. I'm 100% pro-rehabilitation and substance abuse programs but not at the economic destruction of the community that it's placed in. This is a sham, Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Phil Earner.

Phil Earner

Good evening Ulster County Legislature I'm here to speak about Good Cause Eviction and our housing crisis. I'd like to know what the county's plan is to keep our most vulnerable housed as the winter is approaching. I want to thank Legislator Abe Uchitelle for introducing Good Cause Eviction last month. Good Cause would give some of our most vulnerable residents a legal tool and an accompany marginally greater chance to remain housed during one of the most-deadly periods to be without a home in the history of the United States. But to me, this isn't about landlords and tenants, so much is about our county, assuming a modest, obvious and yet never tried responsibility to keep a roof over everyone's head. Before we pass many laws or spend many dollars, we could commit to the notion that in our communities, we keep each other safe and fed and clothed, educated, healthy, supported, love and housed. According to our County Executive and our Comptroller, our county's financial situation is fantastic. Sales tax revenues are up. Money recovered from auction of foreclosed property brought in more than back taxes owed. County tax rates are remaining at the rate that they were forcing the price of property that will increase with the market sale rates going up. That's another matter with the assessments. I digress. Please think of the most vulnerable, move ahead with Good Cause Eviction legislation. And finally, if your livelihood depends on depriving others of their homes, perhaps in my future capacity as legislator, I'd like to help you find another job.

Chairman Donaldson

Cut it out you.

Phil Earner

If you are in danger of losing your home, I stand by you. Thanks for your attention.

Clerk Fabella

We're gonna try to go back to Maureen Carrie.

Maureen Carey

What is the resolution? Hello. Hi, I'm here to speak about Samadhi. I live at my name is Maureen Carrie, I live at 66 Liberty Street. And I just have a couple points to go over. And a lot of it has to do with lack of respect for the neighborhood, for the defacing of our homes, whether it's by sex, whether it's by urination, defecation, this is done in front of children, it really doesn't matter. They have a lack of respect. Now this is through the addict, my biggest issue is the fact that their management is not doing their job. The addict will do what the addict will do. There is no protective oversight. There is no sign in and out if that building was to go on fire or have any kind of issue they wouldn't even know who was in that building. There is no accountability of people outside of the building. There is no accountability for the safety of the residents that live in the neighborhood of this building. This management has taken no accountability, and all they're interested in is bringing more and more people in. They had a physician who came off their board because of lack of management. These things are very important. And these things are here for the safety of this residents of this whole community. And because of this lack, we have absolutely no protection and we've just held out here. The police do what they can, but they do have the whole city to worry about not just Samadhi. They use up all now our EMS services, our police services. They use up all the taxpaying funds that go on into the city of Kingston is now going to Samadhi. Now that there are holding up our EMS if somebody

Chairman Donaldson

Wrap it up please, two minutes are up.

Maureen Carey

They wouldn't have availability.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Greg young. Greg Young

Greg Young

Yes, I already spoke but I'll speak again I'm not sure if I was out of time.

Chairman Donaldson

No need to thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Daniel Venture

Daniel Venture

Yes, my name is Daniel Venture. I'm an owner of a property right across the street from Samadhi. And I am to talk exactly everything (inaudible) that is really, really terribly. I have tenants, good tenants leaving because of the noise, the problems in the danger, that the rehab center is causing. I feel they know management, they more and more people coming in, they stay up very, very, very late, and creating a

very, very dangerous situation for a lot of people. We're constantly moving beer cans, and needles and things like that from our lobby. I find two people already sleeping on our lobby on the on the building right across the street. And I very, very much wish for the legislature to investigate this issue simply just to go there and spend some time and you will realize what we're talking about, if I was surprised how many people are calling because in reality, their neighborhood was coming really nice and suddenly totally stopped and is now really on a downhill basis. I hope you legislatures take this seriously. Thank you very much.

Clerk Fabella

Jamie Barthel.

Jamie Barthel

Hi, I'm calling with regard to resolution 507. Judge Judy says if it doesn't make sense, it's a lie. In August, CDC director Rochelle Wolanski stated that the fully vaccinated can still transmit the virus. The COVID virus kills on average one quarter of 1% of the overall population. Given these facts from the CDC, would it not make any and all efforts to segregate our society into the holy tear of vaccinated versus the untouchable tier of unvaccinated? A completely useless and utterly destructive and tyrannical exercise? Why is the vaccinated can still transmit the virus per Rochelle Lewinsky? Are they not then also subjected to useless PCR testing? Further, why are we discussing implementation of continued testing when we know the PCR test is inherently flawed, in that it cannot distinguish between viruses has a high false positive rate and was never designed for this purpose? Per its creator Kary Mullis when a can of Coke test positive for COVID we need to ask the question why? Remember what Judge Judy said? Why are the vaccinated allowed to enter businesses which require a passport while the unvaccinated who will more likely display viral symptoms? Why are they being denied entry to these businesses? If both camps transmit how can one be excluded and the other not? Since the vaccinated can have suppressed symptoms? Are they not at a higher risk of spreading the virus? Why do you all refuse to discuss the robust immunity given to those who had the virus? To date the vaccine efficacy is already waning or failed hence the need for a booster but those with natural immunity are showing very powerful levels of antibodies by comparison. The NIH has stated that as of January 2021, the immune systems of more than 95% of people who recovered from COVID-19 had durable memories of the virus for up to eight months after infection

Chairman Donaldson

Alright time is up.

Jamie Barthel

wanes after three or four months didn't be required for those whose - I haven't gone that long yet. I've only gone two minutes please let me continue

Clerk Fabella

Diana Zuckerman

Diana Zuckerman

Hi, I'm Diana Zuckerman, a Rosendale resident local public school teacher and the concerned and active community member calling about resolution 507. I'm required to have weekly nasal swab tests at my school through Ulster County. I urge you to ensure that Ulster County employees such as public school staff who are mandated to test have the option of a saliva test instead of the nasal swab. My school district informed me that the county is not allowing or providing saliva testing. There are many who need and want testing choice. In addition of saliva test options needs to be clearly communicated to employers such as public school, through the county from the county, that to school boards and administrators that any guidance should include options. They should be transparent and easy to find on the Ulster County website, and also on school district or employer websites. I would also add that the saliva test options should come from pandemic money and provided be provided by the county which might mean that the county might need to change their vendor and use a vendor that supplies saliva test. Medical choices should be voluntary, not forced. Some Ulster County residents are leaving and losing employment due to vaxed and testing mandates. Residents leaving and losing jobs can lead to increased housing insecurity, increased food insecurity, increased mental health issues, and other community problems. The people losing their jobs are our neighbors and community members. People need to be employed to have a sustainable Ulster County. In my ideal Ulster County testing is optional and voluntary. And if testing is mandated, then there needs to be testing choice such as saliva testing.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Teresa Thompson.

Teresa Thompson

Hello, can you hear me?

Clerk Fabella

We can hear you.

Teresa Thompson

Okay great thanks. Hi, I'm Teresa Thompson. I live in New Paltz. Among the many hats I wear here, I am a small business owner and the landlord. I'm calling tonight regarding the Good Cause Eviction legislation. I urge all of you to really think about this law and it's relevant unintended consequences for both tenants and landlords across Ulster County. I think this law as currently written it's a very bad law. Currently here in New Paltz our village board has put this proposed law on its docket. It is now having horrific consequences for tenants. The very people this law is meant to protect. Many, many landlords have already raised their rent 10 to 15% in fear of this law passing. I listened to the first gentleman that called in about being priced out of Ulster County. And yes, he is correct. He will be, as will many others because of this law. With landlords fear that their ability to change market rents may be taken away their natural reaction is to increase their below market rate before the law takes effect. This is happening right now in New Paltz. This law will also cause many municipalities to suffer lawsuits as it's happening in Albany right now. A group of landlords are currently taking a class action against the city of Albany against this law. This will happen here as well as the law has not even been proven to be constitutionally sound.

Our New Paltz village officials are very concerned about the costs associated with the legal defense of this law. The conclusion was that it would be better to let the challenges in Albany - good cause play out before moving forward. The village of New Paltz has decided to table the law. I would strongly recommend that you do the same at the county level since many of the same issues also (inaudible) in Ulster County. Is my time up?

Chairman Donaldson

Yup. Thank you I appreciate your time.

Teresa Thompson

Okay, I just have one more thing to say. I wanted to thank Legislator Eve Walter for reaching out to a member of our landlord group at Eiler in an effort to understand the landlord perspective on the issue. I understand that. Okay, thank you very much for your time.

Clerk Fabella

Nancy Reyes.

Nancy Reyes

Yes, hello, my name is Nancy Reyes. I'm a resident here in the City of Kingston, who calling on behalf of the Samadhi program. I don't live in the actual neighborhood where it is affecting, but this program from what I see him from what I hear is not a residential program. We have so many other areas in Kingston, where this program can be placed, where it can be safely monitored outside of the residential areas such as the Mid-Hudson Valley Mall, the new have IBM building, you have the old county jail. There's so many other business areas where you can put a program like this that can be better supervised, and monitored. Because these children and these families, I went there a few times, because there was some street festivals going on. And I was really taken aback by how poorly this community is now. Bad enough it was a hard area hit before with all the shootings and everything. Now you have people that don't even live in Ulster County, participating in the program. That has nothing to do with that area whatsoever. It's taking our tax dollars, and you're looking to fund this program. If you're going to fund anything, fund all those families and landlords that are losing tenants due to this program. We need more supervision. You know, people over dosing - the cops don't even arrest them anymore. They don't even they haven't even arrested anybody from inside that building using an illegal drug. And to me, that is mind boggling. I did corrections for 26 years. And I am so confused as why they are not arresting these people for doing drugs or even giving them an appearance ticket for doing a drug - an illegal drug in a church without supervision and when somebody OD's, they don't pull that needle out. So somebody is in that building, taking that needle out of their arm and hitting them with Narcan. So we're supplying - we're better off giving them methadone. At least you knew who was getting the methadone. Yeah, there was selling it on the streets at least there was a controlled atmosphere here.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty wrap it up. Thank you your time's up.

Clerk Fabella

Bravin Ranganathan.

Bravin Ranganthan

Hi, can everyone hear me?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Can you state your name? Is this Bravin?

Chairman Donaldson

Is this Bravin?

Bravin Ranganthan

One more time.

Clerk Fabella

Bravin?

Clerk Fabella

Yeah.

Bravin Ranganthan

Yeah this is Bravin, can y'all hear me?

Clerk Fabella

Yes, we can.

Bravin Ranganthan

Can you hear me? All right, fantastic. Hi, my name is Bravin Ranganthan down the political coordinator at For The Many. We're a grassroots organization that represents members across Ulster County and the larger Hudson Valley and I'm here to speak in favor of the Good Cause Eviction legislation. All of us know that there is an urgent housing crisis here in Ulster County. Working people are forced out of their homes, they're pushing to poverty, and live with the constant realities of rising prices and increase rents. This all continues to happen as large corporate developers and predatory landlords have raked in profits and enrich themselves, especially over the course of the past two years at the COVID pandemic and the subsequent economic fallout has accelerated all of these trends. 2019 According to US census data, 57% of the renters in Ulster County were rent burdened, which means they paid more than a third of their income on rent. That number has only increased over the past few years. Good Cause Eviction legislation will not single handedly solve these issues, but it will give tenants a fighting chance in their dealings with landlords, discuss this law will give tenants real protections against predatory rent increases, or arbitrary evictions. It will also give tenants the ability to stand up to landlords, who seek to take advantage of them and demand better conditions with those protections. By combating housing insecurity, the county legislature has the opportunity to improve the lives of Ulster County residents on a host of other issues.

When people are housing insecure, their employment and their educational prospects are affected when housing security affects a neighborhood.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty time is up. Your time is up sir. Thank you.

Bravin Ranganthan

One more time.

Chairman Donaldson

Your time's up.

Bravin Ranganthan

One more time. Oh, well, thank you for your time and I really stress the urgency of this issue and encourage you to pass the legislation as soon as possible.

Clerk Fabella

The next speaker signed up did not provide a last name just Marissa.

Chairman Donaldson

Your last name Marissa?

Marissa Ender

Can - I'm here. I'd like to comment on resolution 507.

Chairman Donaldson

Please state your full name.

Marissa Ender

Yes, my name is Marissa Ender.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Marissa Ender

I'd like to comment on resolution 507, which is for the \$1.8 million contract to provide COVID testing for schools, I'd like to be sure that the business award of the contract is required to offer non-invasive COVID testing options such as a saliva test for school workers and students, and to communicate this option. As of this time, as mentioned by a previous speaker, there is no clear guidance for districts on their responsibility to provide options. And I'm speaking for the many I personally know in the school systems that can't afford the loss of income that would like a saliva testing option, or for parents who would prefer this option for their children. And also really like to encourage the county to require testing for all or better yet to make it optional for all so as to shift the current discriminatory practice, especially in light of the data showing that vaccinated people can carry and transmit COVID-19. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Diana Lopez.

Diana Lopez

Good evening my name is Diana Lopez. I'm a resident of Ulster County and community organizer with "For The Many", and I am speaking tonight, in support of Good Cause Eviction. We, as a community organizer, I have worked with a lot of families that unfortunately go through the situation with predatory landlords, and use intimidation tactics, to get them out of their homes or raise the rent. And just speaking on someone that commented against their rights, because of this legislation, landlords already doing it, like they've been doing it for years already. And I think the best way for it to like, protect our community is to pass this legislation as soon as possible. I, myself have been through a lot of homes here in Kingston for over 25 years, ever since I arrived to Kingston. And yeah, I have experienced personally, all the types of landlords that you can think of. And so for me, it's very important that we pass this law to help our community members. So please, I urge the county legislature to really, you know, take that same steps that Albany and Hudson and other cities have been doing in protecting our community. Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Amanda Sisenstein

Amanda Sisenstein

Amanda Sisenstein, I'm calling about good cause eviction. So can you hear me?

Clerk Fabella

We can.

Amanda Sisenstein

Okay, great. My name is Amanda Sisenstein. I'm calling about good cause evictions. So as we all know, the housing crisis preceded COVID-19. But certainly a lot of the issues that have been convictions would mitigate. Right now, you know, tenants know that, depending on the length of their lease, be it month to month, 30 days, or six months or a year, you know, depending on their lease, they may have to move simply because a landlord chooses to not renew their lease, even though they paid their rent and has overall been good tenants. And, you know, I'm sure we all can relate to the fact that moving sucks. And then if you're also someone like myself, who doesn't have a car and living in an absolute nightmare. So you know, considering, you know, I also, you know, I, not only am I limited, because it's really hard to get a car, but also where you can live without a car is very limited. You know, you have to be able to actually get to work, you need to be able to get to the grocery store, to the laundry, not to the bank, to the post office, etc. You know, by foot or by public transportation, sitting now that really limits where a person can live. And as we see now with exorbitant rent hikes, and overall housing shortage, having to find a place and the person's needs and specifications, whether it's a (inaudible) transportation, maybe they have kids, they want to see them the school district or you're on a fixed income, etc, is very, very difficult. And

obviously, that's all been exacerbated with, COVID-19. The other issue with you know, non-renewal being just, you know, rebranded willy nilly, at the whim of the landlord, when there are issues that arise a tenant is afraid to stand up their landlord and enforce their tenant's rights. I've been in the position myself, especially when I was in a month a month situation, because I knew if I push too hard or whatever, that they could simply evict me through non-renewal or as a month to month tenant just like giving me a full month tenant notice. So you know, people that they don't they don't stand up for their tenant's rights, even when they're within their rights because they're afraid of their lease not being renewed. Now the extra issue that this will solve. Right now we are seeing landlords who are not renewing leases and some of them are even providing glowing letters of recommendations that are tenants already.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty thank you wrap it up please.

Amanda Sisenstein

Yes. So the landlords are these are clearly good tenants are we giving given glowing letters of recommendation for the landlord are still not renewing their lease and then the tenant then

Chairman Donaldson

Alright thank you.

Amanda Sisenstein

doing that thing is they were paying so you see the landlord are

Clerk Fabella

Matthew Elkin

Matthew Elkin

Just say hello. Hello.

Clerk Fabella

Hello Mr. Elkin.

Matthew Elkin

Hi. Yes, thanks. Thanks for all this public comment. My name is Matthew Elkin. And I'm speaking about the Good Cause Law. I want to speak in opposition to the law. I'm an active community member, a business owner and landlord in New Paltz. Another local landlord wrote some highlights here on the issues and I wanted to speak to that he allowed me to share it. While most of us while most of us agree that there are indeed challenges facing our local housing market, and we've heard a lot of important stories tonight of tenants this law is problematic for a number of reasons. It's trying to be a one size fits all law and the issue of housing equity and stability is not a one size fits all, especially here in Ulster County. While the comments focus on our world here in New Platz they may not apply the comments I'm about to share they may not apply to Kingston rental landscape or other places in our county. In public hearings and workshop five means sets of issues have arisen. The village of New Paltz, rental housing stock is primarily but not solely leased to college students. The student rental market operates in a

fundamentally different way than the non-student market, particularly in terms when leases are signed. It's very common for students to make their housing decisions six to nine months prior to the current lease expiring. Village officials have found it impossible to reconcile these two different markets, particularly in terms of when notices must be given. This issue impacts many municipalities and Ulster County. From the beginning, there has been significant concern that this law is coming from outside our community and doesn't really fit the situation in a small town like New Paltz. While there are a lot of evictions in Albany, for example, there are virtually none here in New Paltz. We surveyed landlords owning a total of more than 700 bedrooms in New Paltz and found that only five evictions that occurred over the past five years. The village has been unable to provide any data whatsoever demonstrating a local problem in need of fixing. Furthermore, nearly all the people speaking in favor of the law have been outside advocates, which has been frustrating to both landlords and some of the village board members. There's a general sense that this law is trying to force a square peg into a round hole. While it's a very important issue. It's the

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty wrap it up there please. Your time is up. Thank you. Finish your thought.

Matthew Elkin

Are you cutting me off?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes I am.

Matthew Elkin

Thank you. Thanks for hearing my comments.

Chairman Donaldson

No problem.

Clerk Fabella

Bob Gabrielli.

Bob Gabrielli

Hi, Bob Gabrielli I'm speaking to the unfortunately poorly named and deceptive Good Eviction Law, nothing to do with evictions. These eviction is a court process and an eviction is a forceful removal from a rental property. Contracts have mutual benefits and responsibilities with consequences and enforceable in the courts. Are we saying that the courts are doing unfair things in proper without good cause? All these contracts have essential elements including the people in the term of the lease. So when that lease is up, we have a mutual responsibility to either renew it or not renew it. That's the landlord's call. This is very unfortunate that it is really about an automatic renewal of leases, and to the detriment of the landlord's. Several iterations have called for a cap on rent increases during the forced leased extensions. And that's really what you should call this, you should really call it a nullification of lease term provision act. So 5% is around today. But you can't guarantee us that in a future legislature isn't going to reduce it to a half a percent or no increase whatsoever. So this is the basis of rent control in New York City. What

happens is, somebody comes in, you can't increase that rent, you've got pre-war buildings, paying pre-war rents. If someone comes in if and they're there for two years, so if as a sublet, he shares the building for two years, he becomes a lease on the lease, family members can continue it. So that's just not a good thing. And I'll tell you something else. I've been hearing people say we're in a housing crisis with people forced out of our homes. Listen, listen, we've had a moratorium on evictions since 2019. So people forced out of their house. I don't know about that. And in New Paltz, the landlord's here have tried to do have the local village government who's been thought about passing this law. They asked him to produce some sort of statistics that would supplement their findings for the law. And none of them are ready, I think. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Sharon Klein.

Sharon Klein

Hello, can you hear me? Yeah, I can hear you. Hello. Yep. Okay. Hello, I'm Sharon. Hello, I'm Sharon Klein. I live in Marbletown and I'm a real estate broker, landlord, and a musician and an avid hiker. I manage several properties. And I also own four properties. And I consider myself and I was a renter for many years also. So I've been on both sides of the of the fence. I consider myself an extremely fair landlord. I would much rather keep long term tenants and renew their leases. However, I can say that since the new landlord, tenant laws have come into effect, I have done measures to make sure that I don't get stuck with a bad tenant. I now require all new tenants to have co-signers, the co-signers have to be either parents or friends that have assets in case I need to sue these people if they've trashed my apartment, and I need to collect on my assets. I have much higher credit score requirements, much higher income requirements. So I want to make sure that I don't get stuck with a bad tenant. So I think this Good Cause Eviction law has will have unintended consequences for the very people that it's meant to help. I've already made contingency for raising rent 5% percent each year now, which I never did in the past. So it already has unintended consequences for my tenants and any future tenants that I have. I'm a retired person, and this is my income. I've worked all my life, for my properties. And this is the way I support myself in my older years and I feel that the rug is being swept out from under me. So that's what I have to say.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Benjamin Miller.

Benjamin Miller

Hello, my name is Benjamin Miller. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this. I'd like to also speak against the Good Cause Eviction law. I've been a New Paltz, resident Ulster County resident for almost 30 years, about a third of that time, I've been a tenant and the other two thirds I've been a landlord.

I hope everyone agrees that new laws are not always the answer. Usually enforcement of existing law is very helpful. And the problem that we have here as Bob Gabrielli accurately put it is really much more a violation of lease terms and contract law and property rights. Landlords are not looking to evict tenants, we do not make money by evicting tenants we make money by renting to tenants. And as the gentleman who, you know, was concerned earlier, the potential legislature, you know, again, if you're going to respect contract law, and property rights, and things like expiration dates on a lease actually need to matter. So it seems very much that this is coming from outside. This is a solution that's in search of a problem. There's been no valid justification or that we've asked over and over again, for any measurable data that we can use to actually deal with the problems that the housing community is having. In my opinion, good laws should come from community feedback, which involve all affected groups that would include landlord and tenant's quantitative data that we can actually measure so that we can actually determine if a law was even to be passed, that we would be able to see if there was any progress with this. So, you know, as politicians or outside parties want to facilitate these types of committees getting together to discuss and propose solutions, that's great, but they shouldn't be the focus, we should be the focus. This is the type of method that's going to result in good laws that will be supported on multiple sides. And then all parts of the community will actually feel supported by our government as we should. Thank you very much for listening to me. I hope you guys will table this law and go back to committee. Let the landlords and the tenants participate together to discuss whatever solutions might be necessary. Have a good night.

Clerk Fabella

Robert Gelback

Robert Gelback

Good evening. I am Robert Gelback. I live in Saugerties. And I would like to speak in favor of the Good Cause legislative proposal. It is true that it's a complicated issue. But at the same time, we need to understand that the market for housing is not a fair market. It's not a market in which the parties come together with equal opportunities to make reasonable choices for themselves. The very high number of people in the county who are rent burdened by the amount of their total income that they have to pay in order to have a safe place to live indicates that as it does all across the country right now. At the end of the current moratorium on evictions, there's going to be an enormous problem of people who will not be able to pay all of the funds that they will still owe after losing money during the pandemic. That's the reason this has come up now. We will be confronting in this county enormous problem of homelessness, that you will have incredible problems confronting the legislature at that point, unless something is done to make an orderly transition from the present situation. And good cause does provide for that it does allow for prices to rise when costs rise. It does allow for the termination of leases when tenants are disrespectful of the property and don't do the proper thing. But it protects tenants otherwise, and having a place a home to live in. People who want to rent property to other people for their homes should accept a responsibility for those homes to be stable and for the cost of those homes to be and remain reasonable.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you your time is up.

Robert Gelback

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Nick Moran.

Nick Moran

Hi, good evening Nick Moran. I'm speaking in favor of resolution 395. As the previous speaker has said, you know, I think that the unequal relationship between landlord tenant needs to be rectified. And other people have said that they're getting priced out of the rental market. I think in my opinion, it doesn't go far enough there should be no market and housing and housing is really a human right should be provided to all regardless of ability to pay for the benefit of all because our communities suffer as a bad economic policy to allow rents to go up without being managed by the government. That productive value out of the economy goes into landlord's pockets as they seek rent on land values. As we know that all land value is derived from public investments. And that's why Kingston is a very hot place to live in facing a real estate or housing crisis. So I'm very supportive of resolution 395. And we need some more rental protections for tenants. I think landlords they want to make money that's fine they can find some other way to make money but not on the backs of tenants. Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Are second to last speaker signed up is Robert Gladding or Gladding.

Robert Gladding

Hello, Hello, can you hear me, my name is Robert Gladding and I, I've lived in both New York City and also Ulster County during the pandemic. And now thanks to the mandates in New York City, I'm a full-time Ulster County resident I just paid my school taxes. I urge Ulster to not take the Cares Act 1.8 million. No one wants to pandemic to continue but putting our choices in right into the hands of the Feds, for a fat wad of cash is down a treacherous and slippery slope. When that cash is long gone, individuals will still be dealing with the repercussion of lost jobs, lost rights, long term side effects from a still experimental vaccine and not able to do without dependency on the federal government to hold their budgets together. Leading to the next round of imposition and acquiescence. I have seen Yorkers like health care workers bullied in almost lose their jobs based on simply wanting to make their own medical choices and choices of conscience. They may still lose a job. The New York City Department of Education the mayor took the money. I have lost my teaching job of 20 years teaching AP Literature and filmmaking in the New York City High School because I was not willing to comply with the mandate. I have always been willing to test I've always gotten negative saliva tests and I believe I have natural immunity as I was sick in March 2020 and COVID like symptoms before testing was available. I had bad reactions to vaccines as to the rest of my family and we have been counseled by our doctors not to get this vaccine. I have watched as my teacher's union politicized way my rights, watched arbitrators issue blanket unspecific denials, virtually all religious and medical exemptions. I do not think you realize how harsh the demands could be if you accept the CARES money. We need to stand free. We need to rely on our own resourcefulness and encourage personal responsibility for that officer can be a beacon of hope in this hysterical and suspicious time. Selling away rights and choice for money is immoral and its insulting. When you think of what is being offered. It is a drop in the bucket of the prophecy made by the county to claim

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty thank you.

Robert Gladding

Thank you stand strong and (inaudible).

Chairman Donaldson

Next.

Clerk Fabella

The last speaker we have signed up is Kathy Nolan.

Kathy Nolan

I am a physician and president of Samadhi Cathy Nolan, and the legislature tonight has before it resolutions 424 and 425. To establish a crisis stabilization center and respite houses to serve individuals needing mental health and substance use services. And rightly these resolutions have strong support. Meanwhile, Samadhi Center is a very large part of Ulster County's current services for people who have mental health and substance use disorder issues. We're serving hundreds of people and saving hundreds of lives. In 2020, during the height of the pandemic, when opioid overdoses in Ulster County doubled, deaths from overdose in Ulster County did not rise. They were flat. The outreach efforts of Samadhi and others provided Narcan to address overdoses and Samadhi has referred over 300 people into medically assisted therapy treatment. Were aware of the concerns of the neighbors and we are concerned for the neighbors. We are committed to addressing those concerns. We have been addressing them we are increasing our efforts. And we welcome the community to continue to inform us of any situation that is unsafe. We do not allow use of illegal drugs at Samadhi. I invite the neighbors or anyone with concerns to contact me and we invite the community to come inside and visit Samadhi and meet our staff. We don't want our staff or others to appear dangerous or be dangerous to anyone. So appreciate the legislature for hearing the concerns and perhaps providing a forum for further discussion. And really appreciate the support for resolutions 424 and 425. Which are on the agenda tonight. Thank you very much.

Clerk Fabella

We actually had two more people just sign up Marjorie Leopold.

Marjorie Leopold

Hi. Can you hear me? My name is Marjorie Leopold.

Chairman Donaldson

Go ahead, Marjorie.

Marjorie Leopold

Oh, okay. Yes, I'm speaking in favor of Good Cause Eviction. I have been working with the Ulster County Coalition for housing justice as well as the Ulster immigrant defense network. And I want to, first of all say that, for people who are working hard, who, in fact been our essential workers during this pandemic,

increases of rent from, say 1000 to \$1,400 a month, are, are just simply wrong. I mean, these are people who just are not getting the raises to enable them to pay these increased rents. So what is going to happen? We're going to lose people who have been contributing to our community because they can't afford these increases. And let's be honest, these increases have gone through the roof because of the intense gentrification pressures on our community. So good cause evictions do not prevent landlords from evicting tenants who, you know, are not paying their rent, this is after the moratorium was over, of course, and tenants who are causing a nuisance or damaging property. What it simply does is it puts a reasonable cap on increases in rent. And if the landlord has to make a very extensive investment in rehabilitating the building in court, he or she can explain to the judge this is why I have to increase the rent more than 5%. It seems reasonable, that we should, A. Continue to be able to allow working class people who earn the working-class wages of our community to stay in our community and, 2. To allow landlords to be able to, to some extent, pass on

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty thank you very much.

Marjorie Leopold

(inaudible) if a judge says this is reasonable. Thank you for listening. I appreciate it.

Clerk Fabella

And the last speaker signed up is Adele Ruger.

Adele Ruger

Yes. Hi. Can you hear me?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Adele Ruger

Thank you. And thank you to the legislature for having this hearing. I would like to speak in opposition of the Good Cause Eviction law. Good Cause evictions will do nothing, in my opinion to help vulnerable tenants or do anything to solve the housing crisis. This really isn't an eviction law, but a lease renewal law. And what it will do is make landlords become much stricter and who they choose to rent their apartments to, and marginal people will not be able to find housing. Landlords do not want to evict tenants, they lose money every time they do in painting and cleaning and scheduling for showing, however, sometimes to the benefit of a building a tenant needs not to be renewed. Sometimes tenants are just not a good fit for a property. They can be a nuisance to other tenants in the building in various ways, such as filth or making other tenants including children uncomfortable. This may not rise to a full eviction that would be recognized in court. By not renewing the lease is the simplest way to solve a real problem for other tenants. I urge you not to pass this Good Cause Law because I do not believe it will solve the housing problem. More Housing will solve the housing problem. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you and the comment period is over. There you go. We'll start with the Consent Agenda.

Legislator Heppner

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As of right now, we won't be moving any resolutions to have

Chairman Donaldson

already on the Consent Agenda.

Legislator Heppner

On the consent agenda. We are a short yes with one abstention resolution of a 506. But legislator Walter for the purpose of employment.

Legislator Ronk

And we have a short yes with the following extension abstentions for legislator Litts for the purposes of employment 444, 446 and 447.

Clerk Fabella

Before I announce that vote, I just want to check with the majority leader. You want to leave by 506 and non-consent

Legislator Heppner

Oh, sorry. But yep, you're correct, right.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, then the consent agenda is adopted 23 to zero, with the exception of resolutions 444, 446 and 447, which Legislator Litts is abstaining from so it is adopted 22 to zero with one abstention.

Chairman Donaldson

Non-consent

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 374. Setting a public hearing on 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 to be held on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021. At 7pm.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue. No one go over the vote.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution, we are short Yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're short Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 424, Establishing a policy requiring an Ulster County crisis stabilization center and requesting the initiation of the procurement process to secure services for individuals experiencing mental health and or substance use crisis on the issue.

Legislator Criswell

Yes, I'd like to speak to the

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes, I just have a short statement I'd like to say for the record from Legislator Walter and myself, are passing this resolution and the next for our crisis stabilization center and respite centers illustrates how government can truly hear and respond to the needs of our community. Many of us were distraught by the closing of the mental health and recovery beds from our hospital during COVID. This was worsened by the rising mental health problem and opioid overdose doses we were experiencing at this time, finding the right care in our county was not possible. Community members were at a loss. Law enforcement and judges were at a loss. Mental health providers advocated for solutions. And tonight, we are providing it from both sides of the aisle. We are going to help finally set things right in our county for those who suffer from addiction and mental health crisis. All who vote yes to these two resolutions should be very, very proud of themselves tonight. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes, I would like to thank and acknowledge Legislator Criswell and Legislator Walter for their work. And say that I do feel proud and if my name is not on as a sponsor, I'd like to have it added to both. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay I'll call the vote.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution, we are short, yes.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution where a short yes with two noes, Legislators Ronk and Roberts.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 21 to two.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 430, Establishing the Ulster County Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution, we are a short, yes.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution we're short, yes with one no Legislator Litts.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to one.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 445, A bond resolution authorizing design and planning cost in connection with the construction of an Ulster County Public Safety Communications building in in for the county of Ulster, New York and a maximum estimated cost of \$1,353,624 and authorizing the issuance of \$1,353,624 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

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

Abstain.

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 with one abstention. Legislator Litts.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 450, Establishing capital project number 601. Small Business and Economic Recovery Department of Economic Development. The resolution

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you. At this time, I'd like to make an amendment that was made in the Ways and Means Committee, which would reduce the amount of money that's going to be put into the capital projects to \$270,000 from \$435K. Thanks.

Chairman Donaldson

A second.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

And a Legislator Bartels on the amendment.

Legislator Bartels

Yes on the amendment, I just want to confirm for records that we're not just changing the number we're being specific about what those numbers are attached to as per Legislator Ronk's amendment.

Legislator Ronk

Yeah but it's not in the resolution.

Legislator Bartels

Right. But I'm just making sure that

Legislator Ronk

All right so I'll confirm that you know, I'll just add to my comments if I could Mr. Chairman that \$170,000 covers the survey, the appraisal, and the legal fees portions of what the \$435K

Chairman Donaldson

Survey, appraisal and legal fees. Alright on the amendment.

Legislator Heppner

On the amendment we're short yes with one no Legislator Gavaris.

Chairman Donaldson

And I'm a no also.

Legislator Heppner

And Chairman Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

And Legislator Parete I believe you are a no.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Chairman Donaldson

You are a no or a yes on the amendment.

Legislator Ronk

He's a yes.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Legislator Ronk

And on the amendment, we have five yeses and five noes. I'll announce the noes for the record, noes are Legislators Corcoran, Litts, Haynes, Fabiano and Wawro.

Clerk Fabella

The amendment is adopted 16 to seven.

Chairman Donaldson

On the resolution as amended.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution as amended, we are short yes with one no Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution as amended we're a short yes with one no Legislator Haynes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted as amended 21 to two.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 451, Approving the execution of a contract for 435,000 entered into by the county Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Inc, Department of Economic Development.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk for continuity.

Legislator Ronk

Yep. Thank you very much. I would like to amend the contract to be for the same amount \$170,000 for the same amounts for the survey for the appraisal and for the legal fees.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

On that amendment.

Legislator Heppner

On the amendment we are a short yes with the following noes Legislator Gavaris, and are you a yes or no chairman?

Chairman Donaldson

Well I'll be a yes on that one, it's already established the other (inaudible)

Legislator Heppner

One no Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Ronk

Our vote count stands the same we have five yeses and five noes. The noes are Legislators Corcoran, Litts, Haynes, Fabiano and Wawro.

Clerk Fabella

The amendment is adopted 17 to six.

Chairman Donaldson

On the resolution as amended.

Legislator Heppner

As amended we are short yes with one no Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Ronk

As amended we are short yes with one no Legislator Haynes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted as amended 21 to two.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 459, A bond authorizing purchase of buses for the County of Ulster New York at a maximum a maximum estimated cost of \$91,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$91,000 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

Legislator Criswell

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Greene

Legislator Greene

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Haynes

Legislator Haynes

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Heppner

Legislator Heppner

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Litts

Legislator Litts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Lopez

Legislator Lopez

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Maio

Legislator Maio

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Parete

Legislator Parete

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 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 461. Another bond authorizing the UCAT equipment and facility upgrades in for the county of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$384,720 and authorizing the issuance of \$384,720 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

Legislator Criswell

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Greene

Legislator Greene

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Haynes

Legislator Haynes

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Heppner

Legislator Heppner

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Litts

Legislator Litts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Lopez

Legislator Lopez

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Maio

Legislator Maio

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Parete

Legislator Parete

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Petit

Legislator Petit

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Roberts

Legislator Roberts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Ronk

Legislator Ronk

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Walter

Legislator Walter

Yes

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro

Legislator Wawro

Yes

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted. 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 462, Setting a public hearing on proposed local law number 8 of 2021. A local law amending the code of the county, chapter 304, Solid Waste Article IV, food waste prevention and recovery in relation to composting, to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:10pm.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty on the resolution.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution we are a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution were a short yes with three noes, Legislators Ronk, Roberts and Maio.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 20 to three.

Clerk Fabella

Let's go on a little bond roll for four of them in a row.

Clerk Fabella

464 -Authorizing the issuance of an additional \$619,822 bonds of the county of Ulster New York to pay part of the rehabilitation of the Sawkill church bridge and Powdermill bridge in the town of Kingston in and for said county.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

Legislator Criswell

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Greene

Legislator Greene

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Haynes

Legislator Haynes

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Heppner

Legislator Heppner

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Litts

Legislator Litts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Lopez

Legislator Lopez

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Maio

Legislator Maio

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Parete

Legislator Parete

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Petit

Legislator Petit

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Roberts

Legislator Roberts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Ronk

Legislator Ronk

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Walter

Legislator Walter

Yes

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro

Legislator Wawro

Yes

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Authorizing 468, Authorizing hydraulic design and planning cost in connection with the Bridge Street Bridge in the town of Shandaken in for the county of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$150,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$150,000 bonds of said county to pay the cost there of.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

Legislator Criswell

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Greene

Legislator Greene

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Haynes

Legislator Haynes

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Heppner

Legislator Heppner

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Litts

Legislator Litts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Lopez

Legislator Lopez

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Maio

Legislator Maio

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Parete

Legislator Parete

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Petit

Legislator Petit

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Roberts

Legislator Roberts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Ronk

Legislator Ronk

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Walter

Legislator Walter

Yes

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro

Legislator Wawro

Yes

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 471 authorizing the replacement of the Plank Road culvert in the town of Shandaken and in for the county votes no New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$95,350. And authorizing the issuance of \$95,350 bonds have said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

Legislator Criswell

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Greene

Legislator Greene

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Haynes

Legislator Haynes

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Heppner

Legislator Heppner

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Litts

Legislator Litts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Lopez

Legislator Lopez

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Maio

Legislator Maio

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Parete

Legislator Parete

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Petit

Legislator Petit

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Roberts

Legislator Roberts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Ronk

Legislator Ronk

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Walter

Legislator Walter

Yes

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro

Legislator Wawro

Yes

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

And 475 authorizing roof reconstruction of various Ulster County Community College facilities at the Ulster County Community College campus at SUNY in and for the county bolster New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$500,000. And authorizing the issuance of \$500,000 bonds have said county pay the cost there of.

Clerk Fabella

Archer

Legislator Archer

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bartels

Legislator Bartels

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Cahill

Legislator Cahill

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran

Legislator Corcoran

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Criswell

Legislator Criswell

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Greene

Legislator Greene

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Haynes

Legislator Haynes

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Heppner

Legislator Heppner

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Litts

Legislator Litts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Lopez

Legislator Lopez

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Maio

Legislator Maio

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Parete

Legislator Parete

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Petit

Legislator Petit

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Roberts

Legislator Roberts

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Ronk

Legislator Ronk

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Walter

Legislator Walter

Yes

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro

Legislator Wawro

Yes

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 505 was postponed in committee.

Clerk Fabella

That brings us to the late resolutions 506, Approving the execution of a contract for \$750,000 entered into by the county the Institute for Family Health, Department of Health.

Chairman Donaldson

On the resolution

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution were short yes and this time the abstention by Legislator Walter for the purpose of employment.

Legislator Ronk

We have a short yes with three noes Legislators Fabiano, Bruno and Wawro.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 19 to three with one abstention, Legislator Walter.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 507, Approving execution of a contract for \$1,800,000 entered into by the county progression, LLC doing business as village apothecary Department of Health on the resolution.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution we're a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution were a short yes with three noes, Legislators Fabiano, Bruno and Maio.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 20 to Three.

Clerk Fabella

And the final resolution is 508, Authorizing the chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women District Attorney's Office

Chairman Donaldson

On the resolution.

Chairman Donaldson

We are a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Chairman Donaldson

We now go into public comment. If anyone that wants to speak on issues are anything within the world.

Clerk Fabella

There's no one signed up for the second public comment.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty very good. And we'll close the public comment. And we'll have the meeting which will be adjournment of the memory and will be read by Minority Leader Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Steven M. Nikoli, Middletown, Silas Countryman, Mt. Tremper, Aline Steyer, Saugerties, Mark Braunsein, Woodstock, Glenda Frizzell, Saugerties, James Mead, Manson, North Carolina, Teresa Swech, Saugerties, Robert Grant, Saugerties, Dutchess County Sheriff Butch Anderson, Marie Renard, Marlboro, Kenneth Rumsey, Wallkill, George Washington, Woodstock, Raymond Marrero, Lake Katrine, Ronald Every, West Hurley, Deacon John Jack Peters, Saugerties, William Mayer, Saugerties, Devin Griffiths, Kingston, Robert Wenzel, Connolly, Robert Quirke, Saugerties, August Fellows, Saugerties, James Binney, Kingston, Lorraine Shaw, Saugerties, Nancy Kafka, Bearsville, Barbara O'Riley, Saugerties, Carl Wilson, Saugerties, Joanne Coutant, Port Ewen and Christopher Howie Howe, Kingston. And I'm just going to add, I'd like to add one and on the end, which is Rona Sullen of Highland. And, Mr. Chairman, before we move on, if I could just say a couple of words about several of the people on there on the list, many of you don't know Steve Nikoli, but he was a really a really big proponent of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, which sent veterans down to Washington DC to visit the World War Two Memorial. He pretty much started it down in Orange County, and he passed away due to complications of COVID last month. And I'd like to say a couple words about Howie, you know, I know many inside this room and outside this room, had the chance to meet him. Those of you who don't know, he was one of our very long time sheriff's deputies on the correction side, you know, really great guy. And a lot of people around here are going to miss him. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes, I'd like to mention, Michael G. Fabiano. from Glasco, a cousin of mine. He lived, was raised, born and lived up on Fabiano's farm in Glasco. He loved farming. He loved the farm animals, gardening, and he was an avid hunter, who died unexpectedly. And that's it.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you. I also want to take a moment to speak about Steve Nikoli. He, his impact really will be felt across this region because of his work. As Legislator Ronk said, in the creation of the Hudson Valley Honor Flight, but I have known his family for 20 years. He was a father, a son, an uncle, a brother, and his loss is just devastating and will be forever felt.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Thank you. I'd like to add Jessica Jefferson of Plattekill.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

You know, I missed one I just want to say something about Mrs. Steyer. You know, most if not all of us know, Joe Steyer. Who, you know, say your prayers for him he's dealing with some health crises right now. But, you know, couldn't find a nicer guy than him and I know that, you know, everybody had just really wonderful things to say about his mom who is on our list today as well.

Chairman Donaldson

And like I said, a very quick about Howie. Christopher Howe. He was always such a pleasure to run into. Correction officer, but the words, the inmates loved him, because of the way he treated people. He always treated people with unbelievable respect. And he would, he also worked up at Levon Helm's. So I would see him when I went up to see shows up there. And he was being able to be one of the people that help people find seats and do things like that. But what a wonderful human being with great karma. With that in mind I'd like to let everybody know that the next meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7pm. Further meeting details shall be forthcoming. The resolution deadline is Friday, October 22, 2021 at noon. I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion for adjournment.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Bruno

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bruno. All those in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Any opposed? Alrighty.