

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

## 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: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Fabiano)

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Legislative Employee Nettie Tomshaw, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Minority Leader Kenneth J. Ronk Jr., September 26<sup>th</sup>

**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

Legislator Manna Jo Greene  
Pennrose Bricks & Mortar/Heart & Soul

UC Legislature, Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce  
UC Department of Health  
UC Mental Health Department  
UC Department of Environment

UC Veterans Services  
UC Resource Recovery Agency  
NYC Environmental Protection, Comm. Sapienza

NYS Agriculture & Markets, Comm. Ball  
UC Community Services Board  
UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

Town of Rosendale, Deputy Clerk Harrison

Press Release, UC Criminal Justice Reform Task Force Recommendations To Legislature  
National Drive Electric Week, 9/25/21  
Golden Hill, Site Plan Event 9/1/21, 6PM  
Restorative Justice Center, Kingston  
2021 Final Report  
School Reopening Guidance  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Suicide Prevention Forum 9/24  
Rooftop Solar Feasibility Assessment, Golden Hill Office Bldg., Probation & Restorative Justice Center 6/22/2021  
Flyer, Virtual Mtg. Women Vets Town Hall  
UCRRA Mission FAQ  
Notice of Preliminary Decision Stream Mgmt. Program  
Approval of Ag Land Dist. Nos. 1&4  
Minutes, July 12, 2021  
Ribbon Cutting, Grainne & The Market at Grainne 8/19/21  
Accord Market, 8/30/2021 11AM  
Ribbon Cutting, R.Y.A.N. 9/25 11:30 AM  
Resolution 07-2021-13

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### COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Town of Wawarsing Town Board  
Peter & Sylvia Kramer, Malden-on-Hudson  
Mr. Joseph DiFalco, Kingston  
County News  
HydroQuest, Professional Geologist, Paul Rubin

UC Comptroller, March Gallagher, Esq.  
CN County News  
UC Planning Board  
UC Department of Public Works

Eli Kassirer, New Paltz  
Nicholas J. Pellegrino, Assoc., Newark NJ  
Town of Kingston, Clerk Dennis Weiss  
Clean Energy Communities  
UC Community Action, Exec. Dir. Kithcart  
UC Dept. of Finance, Commissioner Gulnick  
Thomas Delaney  
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson  
Family of Woodstock, Michael Berg

SEQRA Notice of Intent Serve Lead Agency  
Letter, County Route 34 in Malden  
Creation of Three Positions  
August 9, 2021  
Solution To Stop Discharge Of Turbid  
Waters To The Lower Esopus Creek  
Press Release, Sales Tax Revenue Growth  
Vol. 53, No. 15 August 2021  
Agenda 9/1/2021 & Minutes 8/4/2021  
Stone Arch Bridge, Co. Br.#52, Closed  
9/21, Town of Saugerties  
Email, Vaccination  
FOIL Request and Response  
Resolution No. #29 of 2021 – CMRR  
Email, Clean Fleet Incentives NYSERDA  
American Rescue Plan (3) Phase Repair  
IDA PILOT Projects Billing & Schedule  
Email To UC Attorney, PLL No.3of 2021  
County Litigation, August 2021  
Reschedule Gala To May 5, 2022

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, Vaccination Site Kingston  
Plaza  
Press Release, Ramping Up COVID Cases  
Flyer, UC Salutes Our Heroes 9/11/2021  
Executive Order No. 2021-3.02  
UC Salutes Our Heroes – Veterans 9/11  
Budgetary Transfers, August 202

### ANNUAL REPORTS:

UC Comptroller's Office

First Quarter Financial Report 2021  
Mid -Year Sales Tax Report 2021

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**DATE:**

August 3, 2021  
August 2, 2021  
August 5, 2021  
August 17, 2021  
August 3, 2021  
August 2, 2021  
August 5, 2021  
August 10, 2021  
August 17, 2021

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

There was one speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Brahvan Ranga, No One Leaves Mid-Hudson: Mr. Ranga spoke in support of PLL No. 7 of 2021.

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

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**RESOLUTION NOS: 238, 239, 377 – 394, 396 – 423, 429 – 432 ; 325, 374, 376, 395 – POSTPONED;  
424 & 425 – REFERRED BACK; 426 – 428 – NO ACTION TAKEN**

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

**Resolution No. 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, September 14, 2021 At 7:00 PM  
*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*

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**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

*POSPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 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

*REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 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

*REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE*

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

*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

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

*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

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

*NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE*

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 392 and 432 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

**Consent**

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**379 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**380 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**381 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**382 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**383 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's PW/DD Subcommittee**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 384 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) For COVID-19 Related Expenses – Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 385 Adopting and Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Construction Of A Public Safety Radio Tower and Appurtenances To Be Located At 35 Quarry Road Saugerties New York – Department Of Emergency Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 386 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$156,121.20 Entered Into By The County – T-Mobile USA, Inc. – Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 387 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant - Police Traffic Services - Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 388 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,162.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 389 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program – Public Defender**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 390 Authorizing The County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) CARES Act – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 391 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**392 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$600,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**393 Authorizing The Chair To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With New York State Department Of Information Technology Services To Provide Updated Ortho Imagery For The County – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**394 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$165,550.04 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette, Inc. D/B/A Newcastle Communications – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**398 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$514,810.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Roofing & Sheetmetal, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 399 Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The New York City Department Of Environmental Protection To Allow For Continued Winter Maintenance Around The Ashokan Reservoir**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 400 Establishing Capital Project No. 606 – Salem Road Stabilization—  
Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 402 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Geostabilization International, LLC – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 403 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$662,220.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 404 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Early Voting Expansion Grant Program Agreement With The NYS Board Of Elections, Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Board Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 405 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The NYS Board Of Elections For The Technology Innovation And Election Resource (TIER) Grant Program, Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Board Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 406 Accepting The Accounting Of Unpaid School Taxes For The 2021-2022 School Year, Directing Payment To The School Districts And Directing Re-Levying Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 407 Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Redemption Offers Relative To Payment Of Real Property Taxes In The 2019 In Rem Foreclosure Proceeding**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 408 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Participate In The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 409 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Additional Funding From New York State Department Of Health For The Epidemiology And Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Grant – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 410 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$79,986.92 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 411 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$469,040.00 Entered Into By The County – Accucare N & H Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 413      Rescinding Resolution No. 346 Of 2021, And Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$341,541.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 414      Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,339.00, 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:    22                      NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

- 415      Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$1,958.00, 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:    22                      NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

- 416      Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$6,182.00, 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:    22                      NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

- 417 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$756,307.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 418 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$14,781.00, 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: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

- 419 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,307.00, 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: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

- 421 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,700.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**422      Establishing A Policy To Identify County Positions That Work Directly With Crime Victims And Persons Accused Of Crimes**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**423      Requesting Mandatory Restorative Justice Training For County Personnel Working Directly With Crime Victims And Persons Accused Of Crimes**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**431      Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Re-Entry Services For Individuals Serving Time In The Ulster County Jail**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**432      Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department Of Health For The Epidemiology And Laboratory Capacity School Reopening Grant, And Creating Position – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**Non-Consent**

**238 Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy**

Legislator Archer motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to amend the policy as marked up and presented.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**239 Replenishing The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund Of The County Of Ulster**

Defeated in Committee

**377 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Removing The Position Of Communications Specialist**

Defeated in Committee

**392 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$600,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning**

Moved to Consent

**396 Establishing Capital Project No. 605 – Golden Hill Office Building & Restorative Justice Roof Rehabilitation — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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BOND**      **Authorizing Roof Rehabilitation At The Golden Hill Office Building And Restorative Justice Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$564,810.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$564,810.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

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

- 401  
BOND**      **Authorizing Slope Stabilization Of Salem Road, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$80,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$80,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

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

- 412**      **Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.000 Entered Into By The County – Westchester County Health Care Corporation D/B/A Westchester Medical Center – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    14                      NOES:    8  
(Noes: Legislators Bruno, Donaldson, Litts, Maio, Petit, Roberts, Ronk, and Wawro)  
(Absent: Legislator Fabiano)

- 420**      **Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,270.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

**429      Establishing A Hotline To Provide Support And Referral Information For Individuals Who Believe They Have Been Discriminated Against In The Ulster County Criminal Justice System**

Legislator Walter motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to replace the word “hotline” with the word “helpline” throughout the resolution.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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

Legislator Walter motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to refer the Resolution back to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

*REFERRED BACK TO LAW ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE*

**Late Resolution**

**432 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department Of Health For The Epidemiology And Laboratory Capacity School Reopening Grant, And Creating Position – Department Of Health**

Moved to Consent

**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 Legislator James Delaune.

Maryalice E. Cahill, Kingston, NY  
Amelia “Amy” Kirschner, West Palm Beach, FL  
Herbert M. Hekler, Kingston, NY  
Michael G. Fabiano, Glasco, NY  
Kyle Van De Water, Hyde Park, NY  
Virgil D. Ronk, Sr., New Paltz, NY  
Malina Melville, Ulster Park, NY  
Joseph F. VanEtten, Rangeley, ME  
Aldo Valentini, Shandaken, NY  
Connie Regino, Gardiner, NY  
Peggy A. Wilsey, Saugerties, NY  
Lawrence P. Bechtold, Town of Ulster, NY  
Susan E. Williams Wallace, Kingston, NY  
Joshua T. Demorest, Kerhonkson, NY  
Thomas Alecca, Port Ewen, NY  
JoAnne Mulligan, Rosendale, NY  
Joseph Pesavento, Marlboro, NY  
Sheila E. Sudlow, Kingston, NY  
Lt. Joseph G. Leavey, Pelham, NY  
Jason M. Martin, Saugerties, NY

Danielle Kearney Shotz, Kerhonkson, NY  
Salvatore J. Castiglione, Town of Ulster, NY  
Peter Craig, Port Ewen, NY  
Sister Mary Rose Murray, Rhinebeck, NY  
Anna L. Serravallo, Kingston, NY  
Peter H. Rua, Kingston, NY  
James E. Kithcart Sr., Kingston, NY  
Paul Quimby, Marlboro, NY  
Anthony P. Costa, New Paltz, NY  
John J. Lynch, Albany, NY  
Donnie Wells, Lomontville, NY  
Charles H. Logan, Jr., Kerhonkson, NY  
William Mitchell, Napanoch, NY  
Carmen N. Torres, Kingston, NY  
August Fellows, Saugerties, NY  
Margaret Ordansky, Kingston, NY  
Ronald H. Every, West Hurley, NY  
Benjamin A. Bragg, Highland, NY  
Tami C. Reynolds, Gardiner, NY  
Barbara Arteta, Plattekill, NY

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:36 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is this **Friday, September 24, 2021 at 12 Noon.**

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## TRANSCRIPT

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7:00 PM

### Chairman Donaldson

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance To the flag and remain for a moment of silence. Can you please lead us Leader Ronk.

### 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

Announcements. Fire evacuation plan. Please note that in the event of emergency the fire department has requested that legislators and all others to move at least one block away from the county office building in other session. Microphones please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so you are recorded for the official record.

### Clerk Fabella

Roll Call Archer.

**Legislator Archer**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bruno.

**Legislator Bruno**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Cahill.

**Legislator Cahill**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Corcoran.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Here.

**Legislator Criswell**

Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Delaune.

**Clerk Fabella**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Fabiano.

**Clerk Fabella**

Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris**

Present.

**Clerk Fabella**

Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes**

Here.

**Legislator Heppner**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Heppner.

**Clerk Fabella**

Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Lopez.

**Legislator Lopez**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Maio.

**Legislator Maio**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Parete.

**Legislator Parete**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Petite.

**Legislator Petit**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Roberts.

**Legislator Roberts**

Here.

**Legislator Ronk**

Present.

**Clerk Fabella**

Ronk.

**Clerk Fabella**

Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

And Wawro.

**Legislator Wawro**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

22 present, one absent.

**Legislator Ronk**

Sorry, I forget birthday's here. Legislative employee Nettie Tomshaw, 39. Minority Leader, Kenneth Ronk Jr., no comment on his age.

**Legislator Ronk**

That's not how you started out this whole relationship Dave.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Already. So we have communications on file from various people, along with committee reports and then follow, and along with county executive communications if you have not read through them if you get a chance, please. (inaudible) I'm sorry, I need to make a motion to dispense with readings of the minutes of the previous minutes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Any opposed? Now we can start with public comment. How many do we have signed up?

**Legislator Ronk**

Second.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All those in favor.

**Legislator Heppner**

So moved.

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Clerk Fabella**

We do have one speaker signed up this evening. And our speaker tonight is Brahvan Ranga.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay, Brahvan Ranga.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Hi, yeah, everyone hear me? Yes, we can loud and clear.

**Brahvan Ranga**

Okay, great. Thank you so much for your time. My name is Brahvan Ranga. I'm the political coordinator for the many formerly known as Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson and really appreciate the legislature allowing me to speak at this meeting. I'm here today to speak about the proposed good cause eviction

law. Our organization was founded in 2009 to fight housing injustice in the communities in Ulster County. Every single day we speak with people who face the struggle and constant fears of housing insecurity. And we've spoken to hundreds of residents of Ulster County all across the county, and they have expressed the need for stronger tenant protections and good cause eviction in this community. Right now, tenants live in constant fear. They're afraid that at any moment an arbitrary eviction or an unconscionable rent increase will force them and their family from their home. They're afraid to come forward to ask for better conditions because of how their landlords might respond or retaliate. They're also powerless in their interaction with landlords and have to deal with intimidation or neglect from them because they don't have the tools to fight back. By considering this crucial legislation, the Ulster County legislature is taking a step forward in the fight to affirm fundamental tenant rights by protecting against evictions without adjust cause by protecting against unconscionable rent increases which are essentially the same as an eviction and by protecting against intimidation from the landlord. The Ulster County legislature is affirming these fundamental tenant rights. But beyond just protecting tenants, this bill also rewards good responsible landlords. It incentivizes good behavior, and it removes the unfair market advantage currently exploited by predatory landlords. It also saves Ulster County and the taxpayers that live in the county by reducing the costs required to carry out evictions, as well as the immeasurable costs that come with housing insecurity, which includes services to homeless folks. And finally, and perhaps most importantly, by combating housing insecurity, this law will strengthen the mutual trust and unity within the county and affirm that Ulster County is a beacon of progress and decency in these incredibly turbulent, and uncertain times. Again, I thank the county legislature, particularly Legislator Uchitelle for introducing this legislation. And I applaud your courage in considering this desperately needed law. Thank you again for your time. I really appreciate it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Legislator Heppner**

Mr. Chairman. With the willingness of Leader Ronk, I'd like to make a motion to move resolutions 392 and 432 from non-consent to consent.

**Legislator Ronk**

Without objection.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the consent agenda.

**Legislator Heppner**

On the consent agenda, we are a short, yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolutions are adopted 22 to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Our first resolution in non-consent is Resolution 238. Adopting a revised Ulster County fund balance policy.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the resolution. Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer**

Yes, we have a couple of amendments that is before everyone, so I just want to

**Chairman Donaldson**

Has everyone to receive the amendments? No one has objected to them? Okay. Is it easy enough to stay them.

**Legislator Archer**

I'm sorry,

**Chairman Donaldson**

Is it easy enough for you to read the amendments.

**Legislator Archer**

Oh you want me to read the amendment.

**Chairman Donaldson**

If it's not too long or

**Legislator Ronk**

There's a lot of changes. I don't think it's necessary.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay.

**Legislator Ronk**

Um, you know, if I, if I could, I'll second I'll second the amendment, motion.

**Chairman Donaldson**

You second the motion?

**Legislator Ronk**

Yup.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay. Everybody's received them. On the amendments. Sure.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for everyone's, you know, knowledge and, you know, to sort of clear up what's in them. It really is a lot of technical amendments that really clean up our fund balance sheet, fund balance policy to be what it's designed to be. And I just want to thank Legislator Archer for her hard work and dedication on this. I know that we've been working on it for quite some time. And I think that, you know, she was really helpful and, you know, understanding and we - I think came to what's a really good solution at the end. So, I just want to thank her for her hard work and dedication on this. I'll be supportive of these changes. Thanks.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay on the amendment - amendments rather.

**Legislator Heppner**

We are short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the resolution.

**Legislator Heppner**

On the resolution we are short, yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

On the resolution, we're also short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted as amended 22 to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next two resolutions did not pass committee. 392 was moved to consent.

**Clerk Fabella**

So the next one is 396, Establishing Capital Project No. 605 Golden Hill Office Building and Restorative Justice, Roof Rehabilitation Department of Public Works Buildings and Grounds.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the issue. Legislator Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Yeah, I just want to say that a while ago, we asked for a feasibility study for we our workshops couldn't support solar. And it's taken a while, but at the very last minute, in some reports, we didn't get to feasibility studies for each of these roofs. They did not recommend solar, but there's still a possibility. And they're going to think, density writer for being willing to meet with an outside expert. And see, we will be refining the methodology for determining whether our buildings can support solar. So I just wanted to express my appreciation for that. I was considering voting no. I will be voting in favor of this because I see some real substantial progress. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you, anyone else on the resolution? Hearing none I'll call the vote.

**Legislator Heppner**

On the resolution, we are short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

On the resolution, we are also a short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted 22 zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 397, A bond authorizing group rehabilitation at the Golden Hill office building and restorative justice center in for the county of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$564,810 and authorizing the issuance of \$564,800.00 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**

Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Heppner.

**Legislator Heppner**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Lopez.

**Legislator Lopez**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Maio.

**Legislator Maio**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Parete.

**Legislator Parete**

Yup.

**Clerk Fabella**

Petit.

**Legislator Petit**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Roberts.

**Legislator Roberts**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

401 also a bond. Authorizing slope stabilization of Salem road in and for the County of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$80,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$80,000 bonds of said county to pay the cost thereof.

**Clerk Fabella**

Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

And Wawro.

**Legislator Wawro**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

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**

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**

So, resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 412, Approving the execution of a contract amendment for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000 entered into by the County - Westchester County Health Care Corporation doing business as Westchester Medical Center - Department of Health.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Before I call for any comments on this, I'm going to make a comment. I already cleared it with Leader Ronk and Leader Heppner - they are allowing me to speak from here rather than coming down.

**Chairman Donaldson**

This evening, I will be casting a no vote in protest against the contract for forensic pathology services with Westchester Medical Center. While I understand, it would cost substantially more for the county to contract that same services with another vendor, I cannot agree to give a dime to a corporation that has chosen to dismantle our community's health care delivery system. (Inaudible) part of the pandemic Westchester Medical Center held close to 60 inpatient mental health and detox beds in our hospital to make room for an expected surge in local corona patients. They moved all mental health inpatient care to their Dutchess County Hospital. They told us the transfer would be temporary and that they added comprehensive plan to ensure our community continue to receive vital behavioral health services. No plan materializes, this surge ever occurred and the promises of mental health beds were not returned to Ulster County. It is obviously they never intended to move those beds back to Kingston. They profited from the pandemic by eliminating what they consider less profitable inpatient mental health care and Ulster County, despite their continued calls for these vital services to be returned. In addition, earlier this year, they laid off over 40 hospital staff and claim they were reducing support staff. In reality, they cut supervising nurses putting an extraordinary strain on its remaining nursing staff and are risking patient safety. Recently, they began to cut even more nursing positions. Rather than having compassion and support their trained staff, they show callous disregard. Staff reductions has caused existing nurses to do double shifts. The cafeteria that nurses depend on quick refuel and relax during a break is often closed. Rather than ensuring nurses have support these shortsighted executives risk more than morale, risk public health. Born and raised in Kingston I know firsthand, that is not what our community is about. It is not what Dutchess County I mean Ulster County, does. Health Alliance, Hudson Valley Hospital is destroying our community hospital and creating a healthcare desert in the heart of Ulster County. It's especially true for those with less means for those that can't go elsewhere. My heart goes out to the nurses and other staff tried to deliver the best care they can why the administration they work for seem to be doing the opposite. I believe is the continued effort to send patients to other hospitals and reduce our community on to an intake stop. We must exert every imaginable legal moral and monetary pressure that we can to bring back the quality here and the respectability of our community hospital we once had. So, as I said, I will be voting no, something that I usually never do for protest vote. Because I know it's a dangerous thing to do sometimes, but I will. Thank you. On the issue, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, I was just gonna say a lot more than I'm going to say. But I think that you've said it all, too well. You know, since I've been a county legislator, you know, Health Alliance in Westchester County Medical Center has gotten, you know, 100, more than \$100 million from the state and other organizations to build up the health care here in Ulster County. And they've used that money to transfer all care from both hospitals to the Broadway campus and now transferring it back to the Mary's Avenue campus, they seem to not be able to know, they seem to not be able to know where they want the hospital be located. They're spending millions and millions of dollars to move it more than once. And all the while, like you say, Mr. Chairman, they're taking away health care from our residents. As someone who sees people, as a first responder sees people in crisis on a daily basis, you know, we need to have these services closer to home, so people can get the help that they need. You know, and, you know, let's call it what it is - Dutchess County has higher reimbursement rates for Medicaid. That's

why they're moving them across the river. It's not because the need is here. It's because if they didn't take them to Kingston hospital, or Benedictine and transferred them across the river to get higher reimbursement rates. That's all it is, all about money not about the people. Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'll be a no as well.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. Anyone else on the issue. Legislator Bruno.

**Legislator Bruno**

Yes Mr. Chairman. I want to reiterate, hopefully what yourself said and Legislator Ronk. I can't with good conscious either give with this legislature give a thin dime to Westchester Medical Center until they give back those beds we desperately need. During this pandemic, the crisis, the opioid addiction and overdoses have gone up tenfold and ignored in the heat of the pandemic when they abandoned us when we needed it the most. We no longer are a community hospital. And as so I can't with good conscious give them money. I'll be a no.

**Legislator Litts**

Legislator Petit.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wholeheartedly agree with all the previous statements. Public health care is a basic community need. Everybody has right to it. And the fact that Westchester Health Alliance is looking at their bottom line and removed 60 much needed beds for mental health and substance abuse. And then our frontline workers, when the pandemic started to wane, they terminated them. I mean, some of these people had 50 years with the organization. So, I can't either in good conscience, give them any more money. There's other organizations out there that aren't going to be looking at their bottom line, but they're going to be looking at the public service they're providing. So, I'm a no on this resolution.

**Chairman Donaldson**

And I certainly understand that this has to be passed because the care does have to be - the forensic care does have to be done and it would be extremely more expensive. If we went to (inaudible) we would have to be dragging bodies across the river. Not literally but in some ways. But anyway, on the vote please.

**Legislator Bruno**

Mr. Chairman on the resolution we are a short yes, with two noes, Legislators Petit and Donaldson.

**Legislator Ronk**

We are a short yes with the following noes, Legislator's Ronk, Maio, Litts and Bruno. And Roberts and Wawro.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted 13 to nine.

**Legislator Ronk**

But that also makes us a short no with the following yesses. I had to count right when I did the count.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution Number 420, Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$5,270 causing the aggregate contract plus amendment amount to be in excess of \$50,000 entered into by the County - Rehabilitation Support Services Inc. - Department of Mental Health.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the issue.

**Legislator Heppner**

We're a short yes with one no Legislative Petit.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Didn't know if anyone wanted to speak.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted 21 to one.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution Number 429, Establishing a hotline to provide support and referral information for individuals who believe they have been discriminated against in the Ulster County criminal justice system.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I believe we are changing the name. A Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Yes, thank you I propose a name It's going to be establishing a helpline to provide support and referral.

**Legislator Ronk**

Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

May I make a friendly amendment to that amendment. We're going to need to change everywhere it says hotline in the resolution, it needs to be changed to helpline.

**Legislator Walter**

I'll second that.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alright, on the amendment.

**Legislator Heppner**

We're a short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the resolution.

**Legislator Heppner**

We are a short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

We are also a short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted as amended 22 to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Because the late resolution was moved, we only have one resolution left. And that is Resolution 430, Establishing the Ulster County Law Enforcement Community Engagement Committee.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Thank you. So, I got some wonderful feedback from a lot of superintendents and police chiefs on this recognizing that the intent of the resolution could be misinterpreted. And it was really important that the resolution is not misinterpreted, but actually representing what its original intent is. And so, I'm very happy to say I had, first I had feedback from police chiefs from I believe it was the Olive police chief and Town of Ulster. Yes, this morning, I talked to Supervisor Quigley in depth and really worked with him on specific issues with the language that made the supervisors uncomfortable. And I really appreciate him reaching out to me, and we spent time, but I want to give everyone a chance to see the changes I got. Supervisor Quigley is okay this evening, but because I want everyone to have a chance, I'm going to

just make a motion to refer it back to Law Enforcement Public Safety, so that you all have a chance to actually see this new

**Legislator Heppner**

I'll second that.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson**

Ok, seconded by Legislator Ronk. And thank you for that. I think that's the most prudent way to go. That way we have everybody on the same page. On their referral.

**Legislator Heppner**

On their referral, we are a short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is referred back to the Law Enforcement Committee by a vote of 22 to zero.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay, are there any public comment for after.

**Legislator Delaune**

Tonight's meeting is adjourned in memory of the following; Maryalice E. Cahill, mother of our colleague and friend Brian Cahill. Maryalice was a beloved force in Kingston politics. Amelia "Amy" Kirschner, West Palm Beach, FL., Herbert M. Heckler, Kingston, NY former Commissioner of Planning, Michael G. Fabiano, Glasco, NY, Kyle Van De Water, Hyde Park, Virgil D. Ronk, Sr., New Paltz, Malina Melville, Ulster Park, New York, Joseph F. VanEtten, Rangeley, ME, Aldo Valentini, Shandaken, New York, Connie Regino, Gardner, NY, Peggy A. Wilsey, Saugerties, NY, Lawrence P. Bechtold, Town of Ulster, Susan E. Williams Wallace, Kingston, Joshua T. Demorest, Kerhonkson, NY, Thomas Alecca, Port Ewen, JoAnne Mulligan, Rosendale, Joseph Pesavento, Marlboro, Sheila E. Sudlow, Kingston Danielle "Shotz" Kearney, Kerhonkson, Salvatore J. Castiglione Town of Ulster, Peter Craig, Port Ewen, Sister Mary Rose Murry, Rhinebeck, Anna L. Serravallo, Kingston, Peter H. Rua, Kingston, James E. Kithart Sr., Kingston, Paul Quimby, Marlboro, Anthony P. Costa, New Paltz, John J. Lynch, Albany, Donnie Wells, Lomontville, Charles H. Logan Jr., Kerhonkson, William Mitchell, Napanoch, Carmen N. Torres, Kingston, August Fellows, Saugerties, Margaret Ordansky, Kingston, Ronald H. Every, West Hurley.

**Clerk Fabella**

There is no one signed up.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty and we will call on Legislator Delaune to read those in memory of.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to add the names of Benjamin Bragg Jr. of Highland. He was a pillar in the community. He was a volunteer fireman all his life. He was on the Board of Commissioners of the fire department. Well-loved individual in our town. Also like to add the name of Lieutenant Joe Leavey, Pelham, New York, died 20 years ago this year, my best friend.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Yes, I just like to say a few words about John Lynch. John Lynch was a mainstay of the bicycle safety scene both in Kingston and in the capital region. He was an essential worker during covid pandemic, and him and his partner Rose delivered food for Project Resilience. He is remembered for his very happy smile, which he was likely wearing until just moments before he was killed by a driver only a few blocks from here on Washington Avenue. Well, nothing can bring John back, we can use his memory to seek to better understand why our community has been plagued by these types of accidents. It is something that I do want us to look into. John, your spirit will remain with us and we'll make our community stronger as we remember you and open our hearts. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Multiple people on this list tonight, are on this list because they took their own lives. And I just feel like it's important for us in this moment to remind everybody who's watching at home, everybody who watches our live stream and everybody here in the legislature that the county website has resources for you. And you can also call 911, you can call the Ulster County mobile mental health. The New York State emotional health support law emotional support helpline which is open seven days a week 8am to 10pm at 1-844-863-9314.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Greene**

Thank you, I'd like to add Tami Reynolds of Gardiner.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Wawro.

**Legislator Wawro**

I'd like to add the name of Michael Martin close family friend.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Roberts.

**Legislator Roberts**

Barbara Arteta of Plattekill.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I'd like to say a couple things here. Maryalice Cahill was a mentor to me. I mean, I've known her as soon as I got involved in, well I knew her before I got involved in politics. She proof read my first things that I put out, and, you know, kept me you know, pushing me making sure that I did what I had to do. And she did that for so many people. And, of course, you know, I'm very close to many of the Cahill family and she'll be joining her son that she lost last year. I also want to point out that Amy Kirschner, who was Lew Kirchner's wife, and was our longtime county treasurer. And Michael Fabiano who was Dean's cousin and Al's second cousin, right Al? And we also have Bob Sudlow's mom, she passed away. I know he spent a lot of time up here. Bob was a really good guy. Many of you knew him from probation, and then he was a county executive. And there's also somebody on here that, James Kithcart I never knew his name was James. Everybody knew him as Eddie. And if anybody knows Eddie Kithcart, you love that Eddie Kithcart, he was an animated guy. He would walk into a room the room would light up. His smile was like infectious. Every time you left seeing Eddie you left with a smile on your face, it will really amaze your day. And when I would run across him in a hotdog shop or whatever. I just ran across him and he was always animated. So, he's going to be greatly missed in the Kingston community particularly. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Can I get a motion, for the meeting to adjourn.

**Legislator Litts**

So, moved Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Donaldson**

And I seconded by Legislator Ronk all those in favor.

**Chairman Donaldson**

The next meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 7pm. Further meeting details shall be forthcoming. Resolution deadline is Friday, September 24th, 12 noon.