

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

APRIL 20, 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 CHAIR: 7:08 PM

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

Led by Legislator Herbert Litts.

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

BIRTHDAY:

Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci, April 6th

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

Legislator Bruno motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Heppner to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson

Village of New Paltz Planning Board

Fulton County Supervisors Clerk of the Board
NYSERDA

UC Personnel Department
Family of Woodstock Inc., Michael Berg
Drescher & Malecki LLP, CPA

State of New York Public Service Commission
UC Resource Recovery Agency

NYSAC

UC Planning Board
The Hulsair Family
The Tagliafierro Family
Town of Rochester, Supervisor Baden

UC Soil and Water Conservation District
Hodgson Russ LLP Attorneys

UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson

UC Comptroller, March Gallagher
UC Board of Elections
NYC Environmental Protection

Commission on Reapportionment
UC Department of Finance

Press Release, NYC DEP Ashokan Discharges

Letter of Recommendation, Legislator Greene, EPA Gov't. Advisory Committee

Press Release, (FERC) Public Comment Proposed Ashokan Pump Storage Project Notice of Intent, Lead Agency for "New Paltz Apartments"

Resolution, Governor Emergency Powers Climate Smart Communities Event 3/25

Civil Services Examination Announcement Summary of Services 2020, Overview

UTASC Financial Statements Year End 12/31/2020, Auditor Communications,

Public Authorities Law Opinion Stray Voltage Testing Of Various Facilities

HHW Collection 4/24/2021 Eco-News RecycleRightNY Campaign

Launch & Spring Classes PERMA 2021 Virtual Annual Member

Conf. 5/26-28 Agenda 4/7/2021 & Minutes 3/3/2021

Thank You Note

Emergency Order No. 1-2021, 2-2021, 3-2021 & State of Emergency Declaration

Fish Distribution Sale UCIDA Form ST-62 Fiscal Year Ending

12/31/20 County Litigation, March 2021

Order of Succession, Gumaer, Fisher, Clark Order of Succession, Alicia DeMarco

Press Release, Voting Student Art Contest Ashokan Reservoir Water Releases &

Runoff Meeting Minutes, 3/10/2021

County of Ulster Public Auction 2021

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

VETO Message, Resolution No. 95,
March 16, 2021
Executive Order Nos. 2021-1.16,
2021-1.17, 2021-1.18, 2021-1.19, 2021-
1.20, 2021-1.21, 2021-1.22
UC Corporate Compliance Minutes Jan. &
Feb. /2021
Appointments, Community Services
Board, Terrence Conklin Term: 1/1/2021-
12/31/2024 & Amanda O’Neill 1/1/2021-
12/31/2022
Appointment, Community Services Board
Mental Health Subcommittee, Amanda
O’Neill Term: 1/1/2021-12/31/2022
Executive Order No. 2021-3 Solar Energy

MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:

Legislative Members

Mental Health Services In Ulster County
NYC DEP Turbid Water Management
P-15056 Premium Energy Holdings LLC
Preliminary Permit Application Ashokan
Pumped Storage Project

ANNUAL REPORTS:

UC Comptroller’s Office

2020 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit	March 2, 2021
Energy & Environment	March 1, 2021
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	March 3, 2021
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services	March 15, 2021
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services	March 2, 2021
Public Health and Social Services	March 1, 2021
	March 9, 2021
Public Works and Capital Projects	March 3, 2021
Ways and Means	March 4, 2021
	March 9, 2021
	March 16, 2021

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: (see transcript)

Chairman David B. Donaldson granted Privilege of the Floor to Mr. Buch Dener, a liver transplant recipient. For more than a decade Mr. Dener has attended Legislative Session during the month of April, National Donate Life Month, to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation.

Mr. Dener shared the story of Mr. Ron Steinman. After a long search and more than two years on dialysis, the award-winning author and longtime NBC correspondent finally found a living kidney donor. Ron underwent transplant surgery on April 13, 2021 and is currently recovering at home. Mr. Steinman chronicled his journey which can be read at <https://ronsteinman.wordpress.com/>

A Proclamation declaring the month of April as Organ Donor Awareness Month in Ulster County was presented to Mr. Dener by Chairman Donaldson on behalf of the Ulster County Legislature.

You can register as an organ donor at <https://donatelife.ny.gov/>

Note: Chairman Donaldson also noted the month of April is National Autism month.

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

Legislative Clerk Fabella made the following announcement:

Please be advised for the purpose of being entered into the official record, there has been one veto message filed with our office:

Dated April 13, 2021, filed with our office Regarding Resolution No. 95 and appears under County Executive Communications.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 92, 97, 151 – 155, 157 – 189, 191 - 194; 190 – FIRST READING;
156 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 7 – WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS**

Resolution No. 7 – Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers

Resolution No. 97 – Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 156 - Appointing Members To The Recycling Oversight Committee

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 176, 184, 185, 192, 193 & 194 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

- 157 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Activities Associated With Sheltering The Homeless During Inclement Winter Weather (Code Blue Plan) – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 158 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 159 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Support Technology Tools for Child Welfare Virtual Casework – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 160 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Expand Services Under The Supervision And Treatment Services For Juveniles Program (STSJP) Annual Plan – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 161 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Expand Services Under The Raise The Age (RTA) Plan – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 162 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept 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: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

- 163 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 164 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Assertive Community Treatment – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

169 Adopting Updated Reacquisition Policy Of September 11, 2003 - Department Of Finance

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Gavaris)
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Gavaris)
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

171 Supporting The Recommendations Of The Ulster County Housing Action Plan Of 2021 Completed By Pattern For Progress And Creating An Ulster County Housing Task Force - Department Of Planning

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

172 Authorizing The Continuation Of Agricultural District No. 1 – Hudson River – Towns Of Esopus, Lloyd, New Paltz, Plattekill, And Marlborough – Department Of Planning

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

173 Appointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Marbletown

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

174 Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Ulster

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

175 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Uchitelle)
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

176 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$46,720.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Uchitelle)
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

177 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of The Summer Youth Employment Program And The Young Adult Employment Program

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Uchitelle)
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

- 193 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$5,130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 194 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Non-Consent

- 92 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 13 NOES: 9
(Noes: Legislators Bruno, Corcoran, Fabiano, Haynes, Litts, Lopez, Parete, Roberts, and Ronk)
(Absent: Legislator Maio)

- 97 Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster**

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

- 187** **Authorizing The Purchase Of Highway And Bridge Equipment For Construction And Maintenance Purposes, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,585,000.00 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,585,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**
- BOND**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

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

Late Resolutions

- 192** **Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 193** **Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$5,130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

MOVED TO CONSENT

- 194** **Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works**

MOVED TO CONSENT

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Note: Chairman Donaldson called upon each legislator to consider how the county should spend the multimillion-dollar pandemic relief package to be received from the Federal government. He asked that each Legislative Standing Committee in May discuss at their respective meetings how the federal funding can be used effectively.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Haynes.

Daniel P. Lindewurth, Cottekill, NY
Joseph D. Pesavento, Marlboro, NY
John F. Bruening, Rosendale, NY
Thomas T. Jones, Saugerties, NY
Ralph Goneau, Bearsville, NY
Douglas T. Rockwell, Pine Bush, NY
Carol W. Suda, Hurley, NY
Frances Riccio, Glasco, NY
Philip A. Overbaugh, Manchester, CT
Joyce M. Coulouris, Palenville, NY
Vera M. Wager, Catskill, NY
Buddy F. Campbell, Saugerties, NY
Heinrich A. Holzhauser, Saugerties, NY
Dorothy "Dottie" Mains, Ulster Park, NY

John D. Finger, Saugerties, NY
Dr. Martin E. Kantor, New Paltz, NY
George F. Barley, Marlboro, NY
Eugene D. Petruski, Kingston, NY
Anita L. Wetzel, Rosendale, NY
Louise A. Henry, Pine Bush, NY
Christopher (Sam) Pierce, Pompano Beach, FL
Viola Tweeddale, Hurley, NY
John F. Rossitz, Shandaken, NY
Rita M. Hancock, Woodstock, NY
Lillian A. Block, Saugerties, NY
Scott W. Hunter, Jacksonville, FL
Caroline B. Ahrens, Mount Marion, NY

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:49 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is Friday, April 23, 2021 at 12 Noon.

**Ulster County Legislature
Regular Meeting**

Meeting Transcript

April 20, 2021

Chairman Donaldson

Already I like to call the meeting to order. Madam Clerk.

Clerk Fabella

Do you um, do you want to do the pledge or you want me to do roll, up to you.

Chairman Donaldson

We'll do the - begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. I just want to make sure you are ready to roll. Call the meeting to order. We'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Herb Litts and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Legislator Litts

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

Be seated. And roll call.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Here.

Clerk Fabella
Cahill.

Legislator Cahill
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Criswell.

Legislator Criswell
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Delaune.

Legislator Delaune
Here.

Clerk Fabella
There he is. Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris
Present.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Present.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Maio. Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

I'm here.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Here.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Here.

Clerk Fabella

There are 22 present and one absent.

Chairman Donaldson

We have um, one birthday today, for this month and that's Chris Ragucci. So, everybody could say happy birthday. And you know, if you see him out some time you might want to buy him a beer.

Committee Members

Happy birthday, Chris. Happy birthday. Happy birthday Chris.

Chairman Donaldson

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

Legislator Bruno

I'll make that motion.

Chairman Donaldson

Bruno.

Chairman Donaldson

Seconded by.

Legislator Heppner

I'll second.

Chairman Donaldson

Heppner.

Chairman Donaldson

All those in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Any opposed, none, carried. At the same time, there are various communications on file, including detail message of Resolution Number 95. Along with committee reports, and annual reports by the Comptroller, memorializing letters and so on. Make sure you get a chance to read through those if you have not already. Tonight, I am, it's my pleasure to give the privilege of the floor this evening, to a long friend of mine and yours, Butch Dener. As a liver transplant recipient himself, Butch has been joining us for more than a decade to raise awareness and advocate for registering as an organ donor. Because of COVID last year, Butch had to record a video to share with us. But as you can see, he's here with me tonight, in Chambers. I think this is a testament to how far we've come since last year and proof of what Ulster County and the amazing people who live and work here could accomplish when we work together. And I say take it away Butch.

Butch Dener

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chairman Donaldson and I go way back to the 70's in our running days in the Ulster County Community College. It's an honor and privilege to be with you again Chairman. I'd also like to thank Victoria Fabella and Jay for their exceptional help and encouragement to getting this done. And live as it, as it may be. I'm used to looking out and seeing my friends out there. I still see my friends but there's just a lot less of it.

April is organ donation Awareness Month. As some of you know, I'm 15 years post liver transplant. I was working with Levon Helm my old boss on a movie in Hazard Kentucky and I was getting sicker and sicker by the day. But I just put mine aside because we were having so much fun making that movie with Steven Seagal in the coal mine hills of Kentucky. But one night in Seagal's house I got so sick I had to go to the emergency room. And the excellent doctors of Hazard Kentucky miss diagnosis me. They thought I had leukemia and they were going to start chemotherapy which would have killed me the very next day in Hazard Kentucky. Can you picture me in Hazard Kentucky? So thankfully, Levon and Seagal Steven, air

lifted me back in New York. And the doctor came in and saw that I wasn't dying of leukemia that I had advanced liver failure with hepatitis C. And Dr. Book, a local gastroenterologist came in and brought me back to stability. I had about seven liters of fluid that was built up from this disease. I was so sick, they put me on antibiotics and blood transfusions for a week. And they brought me back to stability. And then I languished on the list, they call it. A list of people waiting for a transplant. And you have no idea what that's like, eight years just getting sicker and sicker. And if it wasn't my amazing wife, Barrie who kept me going and never gave up. It's a long eight year believe me.

There's 112,000 people in America on that same list right now. 9000 of them are your neighbors here in New York. Many of us know people waiting for a transplant, could be a kidney could be a liver. It could be a cornea transplant like Mandy Patinkin has. Or it could be lungs, it could be a heart it could be almost anything. There is 112,000 people who are languishing on that list. And if you don't know what it's like to wait every day for a miracle of life, it's really heartbreaking. But thankfully, after eight years, I got a miracle. My donor Frank Matera, Frankie, I say his name every day, and I live like he's watching me. Because I live because of his family's generous donation. And there are other donor families who feel that way that their loved ones live on in the people who've been transplanted with their organs. But here in the COVID era, it's so much more difficult, because the hospitals are pretty much closed or elective surgery even though it's lifesaving surgery to get a transplant and living donors pretty much dried up because nobody wanted to go to the hospitals.

My focus has really shifted from signing up to be an organ donor when you pass away, which you can still do. You can still sign up at [.org](#) or [live onny.org](#) or [registerme.org](#). You can go downstairs to Nina Postupack, our wonderful County Clerk to her DMV, and her proactive staff is signing up organ donors every time they come in whether you get a permit or a change of license plate, they are very proactive. And I thank Nina and your staff for being so helpful. But hopefully when you do sign up it'll be many years before you pass and before we need to get your organ's. So I'm an impatient now I'm getting older of 71 now and I want to see these miracles of life before my eyes. So, living organ donation, the liver and the kidney are two easiest organs to donate while you're alive. Here in Kingston Tara Salerno, her husband Jake you may know as a state trooper. Tara gave a piece of her liver to her sister Tiffany a few years ago. (inaudible) Now they're both wonderful. Her sister Tiffany who received the new liver is now a liver transplantation type nurse who's helping people. So, the circle goes on.

Marianne Kazi of New Paltz gave a kidney to her, her uncle. We have a family in New Paltz, amazing family, the Jamal family. Thank you, Jamal. You may know the mobile stations and their son Camille. 10 years ago, Camille gave his father his kidney and it was part of five families circular transplant when they were five families with donors and five families with recipients and there were 10 transactions of the kidneys and all those families. Ten years later Camille is a convenient deli and Vicki in New Paltz is just thriving and their families they have children. It's just a beautiful thing. And I have a friend really brings it all home.

I've been speaking here before you all for so many years, telling the stories, I've had people here. And then every time you hear the miracle of life, you just get choked up. My friend Ron Steinman, those of you like me, and Dave who lived through the Vietnam era they remember Ron as a reporter embedded in Vietnam. And he's gone on to write books about the women who served in Vietnam. The heroes that

so often their stories don't get told. So I'm telling his stories through his television documentaries and books. He's 86 years old. He's a father and grandfather, great grandfather, he needed a kidney, what are the chances of getting a kidney at 86, slim and none through the program that you (inaudible) being on the list. 86 year-old people don't get those kidneys. We put it out on social media. And if you want to read about COVID and transplantation, go on LinkedIn to Ron Steinman, and read about his dialysis through the COVID era, "Year of Dialysis." It's such a brutal process, but he keeps them alive. It's really a lifesaver when you can get the transplant. And just this past week Ron got an anonymous living donor, he got his kidney. And he's recuperating strongly and healthy in New York City. And we say God bless Ron that we honored you, because you're a living example of how life is so important. It's so fragile. And whoever your donor and donor family is synonymous right now, hopefully, they'll find out but either way. Donor families are truly angels that walk amongst us.

So, my friends you want to do right, you want to give something back, consider helping somebody in your community who's dying, waiting for a transplant. Just call Westchester Medical and speak to the transplant patient unit and they will certainly be talking to you and bringing you in. There's no cost to the donor. You're back and out in public in six to eight weeks, and it's relatively easy procedure to save a life. Wouldn't you like to see the face of the person whose life you saved? Everybody wants to do good. Everybody wants to leave a legacy. Leaving a life is a great legacy.

So, my friends, you can go to donate life New York state.org sign up, you can go to register v.org or you can do it now to be a living donor either way saves lives. Look at me. I felt the September 11 memorial in my town. I did some other things. I certainly the elections for many years. And I'm just overjoyed. A few years ago, my granddaughter was here and she spoke on organ donation because she wouldn't have known me if it wasn't for Frankie Matera.

So, I want to say thank you to the chairman for the privilege of speaking before this (inaudible) body. I have many, many good memories of my friends here through the years and Jay and Vicky thank you very much for all your help. Please when you get back to your districts be a hero. Talk up organ donation - it saves lives. Thank you, and God bless.

Chairman Donaldson

And I make something clear too before you go Butch that everybody, please sign up. It's easy to when you never know you might be in a car accident you may be able to even know your life may end, you may be able to save a number of people - various transplants. Butchie got me quite a while ago. Normally, if this was in, if we were in person here everybody, he would be handing out the forms. And everybody would get a forum. That's how he got me and that's how he got a number of other people. The forum was there and I'm looking at it and I said well, how can I not do this? But anyway, I'd like to present a proclamation to Butch and I'm gonna have before I present the proclamation I'd like to have the Clerk of the Legislature just read the first three paragraphs of it.

Clerk Fabella

Absolutely. Whereas, giving life to another by donating an organ or tissue transplant is one of the most selfless human acts that can provide the donor a quiet inner fulfillment in the knowledge that he or she may one day help save a life bringing joy and hope to another person in their family who depend on the

generosity and sacrifice of others. And Whereas, in Ulster County 51% of all residents 16 and older have joined the New York State donor life registry, statewide 42% and nationally 60% of people are registered organ donors. And Whereas, a person who donates organs can save up to eight lives a tissue donor can improve 12 or more lives by restoring eyesight, fight infection in burn patients and preventing the loss of mobility and disability and it goes on. And in the end, it says Now Therefore, David B. Donaldson, Chairman of the Legislature does hereby proclaim the month of April as "Ulster County Donor Awareness Month."

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you Butch for coming always a privilege buddy, always a pleasure to see you.

Butch Dener

My honor and my privilege. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

As I said, Butch and I go back actually probably I think it'd be about 1969 or so.

Legislator Bruno

I was nine years old.

Chairman Donaldson

We go back quite a way. I met him in New Paltz.

Legislator Bruno

Heidi, you (inaudible)

Chairman Donaldson

Before we back to the business at hand I also want to take a second to let everyone know that April is also National Autism Awareness Month. Since we're not out of the COVID woods yet, the Annual Greater Hudson Valley Walk usually held in April has been postponed to September. This year's Walk on Wheels is being conducted through an in person interactive car parade as well as a virtual walk. So now into public comment.

Clerk Fabella

We actually have no speakers signed up through call in studio this evening.

Chairman Donaldson

Why those tacos are looking good. I'd be able to get them. Alrighty then with no one signed up, then just start with resolutions. So long Butch.

Legislator Heppner

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion with the consent of Leader Ronk to move Resolutions 176, 184, 185, 192, 193, and 194 from non-consent to consent.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

We have no objection.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. On the consent agenda as amended by the leaders.

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes with the following recusals, Legislator Uchitelle on resolutions 175, 176, 177 for reasons of employment, and Legislator Gavaris for the same reasons 169 and 170.

Legislator Ronk

And we are a short yes on the consent agenda.

Clerk Fabella

The resolutions are adopted 22 to zero with the exception of resolutions 175 176 and 177 that are adopted 21 to zero with one abstention Legislator Uchitelle and resolutions 169 and 170 are adopted 21 to zero with one abstention Legislator Gavaris.

Clerk Fabella

The first resolution in non-consent this evening is Resolution 92, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with Ulster Performing Arts Center for the 2021 Appropriation Legislature.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue.

Legislator Heppner

On the issue, we are a short yes.

Legislator Parete

I'd like to speak about it, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes. I find this, I can't quite figure out the motor for a discharge motion for a seemingly innocuous resolution run to benefit a multi-million dollar facility that has nothing to do with the COVID pandemic. The judicial Christian values of clothing the naked, housing the homeless and feeding the hungry. But I am hearing it has something to do with maybe some distorted definition of fiscal responsibilities. I am going to speak out as loudly as allowed against this resolution, which is subsidizing a \$14 million dollar

net worth tax exempt business that has been shuttered for over a year. The UPAC building is assessed at \$3.3 million and pays no school taxes, no city taxes, no county taxes. They don't pay any sales taxes. As a matter of fact, in the federal 990 form, they don't even contribute to the police and fire in Kingston when they're having a performance. The 990 form also illustrates very interestingly, the Board of Directors and its endowment contributors. The very, very, very definition of success. I'm gonna, I'm gonna embellish this a little bit no not embellish it, but just a stone's throw from the door of UPAC and Broadway, there's Little Italy, a business opened and closed over the last year. There assessed at around \$700,000 and paid \$48,000 in taxes. Just across the creek is a DEP building, assessed at \$3.3 million. They pay over \$120,000 in taxes. You can look up town towards the scholar building your downtown toward the Phone Company building. Something's wrong. What about the beauty shops that are closed, the restaurants, tour guides, people unable to pay their mortgage. The worst part is that these folks, UPAC, the CEOs got to be got to be stone deaf, with all the problems out there. For a CEO to be out shilling for a member item is disgraceful in my in my opinion. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house the homeless. This is a building that houses a theater. You know as a side note in December of 2019, because we've been one active, two dinner theaters in this place up here. I contracted to have a show. I had to pay for, the we had to pay for the script and the permission to do it and deal with the director and the actresses and actors and the lights and the props. We haven't been able to do it. I suppose I could come in as a sponsor of the arts and ask you help me pay my electric bill, but you'd throw me out the door. You'd laugh at me. But I'll bet I've done as much for my community as the CEO at UPAC has done. I'm going to say any and obviously, I'm going to vote against this because it's just absurd. But it's going to be interesting to me in the end to see who gets invited and how-who gets invited and why they get invited to the casting party when Chita Rivera and Bruce Springsteen show up. Because many, many are called but free were chosen. I cannot understand the rationale behind this. When so many people suffering that were given money for electric lights? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, when I first went to the legislature about sixteen, and a half years ago, I met a legislator who was there and at that time, I believe he was the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. His name was Alan Lomita. And I was unfamiliar with outside agencies funding. Back in those days, there was quite a bit of it. And a lot of these outside agencies, were getting quite a bit of money. So I asked him about it. And he took the time to explain it to me. He said, Dean, I want to tell you, he said these outside agencies were created to get certain things off the ground. But once they were off the ground and became self-sustainable, they were to be removed. For a long time. I didn't see that happen. Over the years, I came to the conclusion, now, you go to UPAC to see a show, you pay anywhere between \$65 and \$120 per ticket. It's a business. And for them maybe not so much now with the pandemic. But prior to the pandemic, they've been a lucrative business. Personally, I think the only outside agencies that we should be funding especially at this time, is outside agencies like People's Place, Ulster County Community Action, Family of Woodstock where there's a direct sending of money and sending of food and clothing to people who are in need. So, we you know, especially now when the money is tight, and so I'm gonna have to be it no i this and then in the future, I think we should just focus on eight outside agencies that are helping the community in need. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

I just want to say I am going to be a loud vocal supporter for the arts till my dying breath.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Can I ask for a long roll.

Chairman Donaldson

No problem. No one else? Legislator Gavaris asked for a long roll. Madam Clerk.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

No. No.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

No.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson. Yes. I just want to double check. You said pass?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes pass.

Clerk Fabella

Okay. Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

No.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Pass.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

No.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

No.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

No.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

No.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

No.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

No.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

I, yeah, this way, I was able to say something since it's a long roll. The Arts are a fundamental part of our economy. And in UPAC in particular, as I know, some think that they're not doing things for the community, but they put on a ballet for and they have an invitation for inner city children, who will probably never see a ballet if that wasn't done. They do that on their dime. And they typically do that once or twice a year. So, a really important part of the experience of some inner-city children in the City of Kingston, that, as I said, many of them, you know, children of color, that many of them that within that area would never see a ballet. And some of them take up ballet after that, because they see this. So that's, that's one of the things that we're doing with these types of money. And when it comes to the arts, the arts are essential. Many people work in the arts. Many people are starving in the arts because the money's not there because they can't put on the shows. Just like you know, people that were cutting hair were having trouble. We need to look at everybody and make that consideration when we're looking at funding things. When we fund the arts it's unbelievable what that money goes to when you take a look at it. I've been to a couple of the presentations and what they you know, the people that are so grateful of getting small grants as they you know in other words for instance, the percussion group in Kingston got a small grant from the from the Mid-Hudson Arts that we brought in. So, I understand we have to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. But that's part of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked is the Arts also. So I'm a happy, I'll vote yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Thank you. So you know, the reason why we're here tonight doing this is because in Ways and Means I voted no. And then I was reminded afterwards that this was part of a collective agreement with other things that the Legislative Programs funds, and this was a compromise. I struggled again with this. I agree pretty much everything Legislator Parete said. I have a very hard time with voting yes for this. But because we did agree as a package with everything else that got approved with things that I felt that were more important. I guess I have to vote yes. But I'm very, very uneasy about this. It's one of the hardest ones that I'm going to vote for that I really do not stand by. So I will be a yes unfortunately.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 13 to nine. Resolution 97 was postponed in Ways and Means. Resolution 153, Appointing Members to the Periodic Compensation Review Committee.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would like to add as the minority representative, former Legislator Richard Gerentine in Marlboro.

Legislator Heppner

I'll second that. And on the amendment, I think.

Chairman Donaldson

I'm sorry, I got lost in my (inaudible) on the amendment.

Legislator Heppner

On the amendment. We're a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

On the amendment, we're very emphatic short, yes to bring our favorite friend Richard Gerentine back to legislative business.

Clerk Fabella

And the amendment...

Chairman Donaldson

This is a wonderful thing here. I'm really happy about that. He'll make a wonderful choice just as our choice Kathy Mihm is equally. And my understanding is they will work very well together. So on the resolution.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution...

Legislator Ronk

Mr. Chairman may I just say a couple words.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you. I'd be remiss if I didn't talk about both of the individuals. You know, Richard Gerentine, a long serving member of the legislature, until last year, when Jeanette left us, I believe he became the longest serving legislator. Um, you know, I'm very excited that he's agreed to join the commission. But I'm equally excited about Kathy Mihm joining the commission, you know, former Clerk at the Legislature, you know, Commissioner of the Board of Elections, you know, she's got all the tools to, you know, be successful on the compensation committee. And, Mr. Chairman, you and I were talking just earlier today about this being quite possibly the best constituted periodic compensation review committee we've had. So, um, you know, bully to you folks in favor of Kathy Mihm.

Legislator Bruno

Kenny, you froze.

Chairman Donaldson

He froze.

Legislator Ronk

My connection was unstable, I don't know where I left off. They're both great choices. Thanks again.

Chairman Donaldson

All right. On the resolution.

Legislator Heppner

For all the reasons such so well stated by both of you we are short yes.

Legislator Ronk

And we're a short yes as well.

Clerk Fabella

The motion is adopted 22 zero and the resolution is adopted as amended 22 to zero. Resolutions 176 184 and 185. We're move to consent.

Clerk Fabella

That brings us to Resolution 187, Authorizing the Purchase of Highway and Bridge Equipment for Construction and Maintenance Purposes for the County of Ulster, New York at a Maximum Estimated Cost of\$ 2,585,000.00 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,585,000.00 Bonds of said County to Pay the Costs 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

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution. is adopted 22 to zero. That might be it here. Yep, that's it. The late resolutions were moved.

Chairman Donaldson

The late resolutions were moved into consent, right?

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Yes.

Chairman Donaldson

Before I call on Legislator Haynes to read the memorials, I think everybody's gotten an email recently not too long ago from the county executive advising of the American Recovery Funds, that looks like we are going to get upwards of \$34 million. Some of that I'm going to be it's going to be used, obviously, for paying off some of the bills that we got because of COVID. But there's going to be significant amounts of money that is left, and it has to be spent, it cannot be used to lower taxes. So what I'm asking every committee chairman, and the vice chair to do is have these discussions to each one of the committees in your jurisdiction, whatever the jurisdiction of your committees sees on how that money might be able to be used there, in some of those. I also want each of the caucuses to do the same. Have these conversations. We need to be able to get on the same page eventually. We are having a discussion with your county executive on Friday - more of a brain storming session very quick though. We're going to put together a task force. The Task Force on our side will be made up of the way the executive's branch wanted it in. I think, you know, as long as we had representation, it would be the chairman, the minority leader and the majority leader, or designees, if they wish. But the point is, every one of you will have a say and I want that discussion to be taken in the committee's, I really want a very healthy discussion on where the monies might be used very effectively, and do something that will last you know, for a very long time. So we know we have some items that we're thinking about, of course, but there are other items that we may not be thinking about. I mean, we have a problem here that is one of the nicer problems I've ever had. But it is a, no we're actually going to figure the best way of doing this and I wanted to do it as a team. Because it really is going to - it's an opportunity that will never I can never see is coming again. Its first time it's ever happened in my lifetime. And I don't see happening too often. So we really want to get this right and spend this money in the best possible way. As I said, each of the committee's, please bring this up. Have a discussion with it. However you wish to go with that. But I really, and come back, make sure that the task force will make sure that you're tied into them the task force members. So that's about all I really want to say with that. And now I will have Legislator Haynes read the memorials.

Legislator Haynes

Daniel P. Lindewurth, Cottekill, Joseph D. Pesavento, Marlboro, John F. Bruening, Rosendale, Thomas T. Jones, Saugerties, Ralph Goneau, Bearsville, Douglas T. Rockwell, Pine Bush, Carol W. Suda, Hurley, Frances Riccio, Glasco, Philip A. Overbaugh, Manchester CT., Joyce M. Coulouris, Palenville, Vera M. Wagar, Catskill, Buddy F. Campbell, Saugerties, Heinrich A. Holzhauer, Saugerties, Dorothy E. "Dotty" Mains, Ulster Park, John D. Finger, Saugerties, Dr. Martin E. Kanter, New Paltz, George F. Barley, Marlboro, Eugene D. Petruski, Kingston, Anita L. Wetzell, Rosendale, Louise A. Henry, Pine Bush, Christopher (Sam) Pierce, Pompano Beach, FL., Viola Tweeddale, Hurley, John F. Rossitz, Shandaken, Rita M. Hancock, Woodstock, Lillian A. Block, Saugerties, Scott W. Hunter, Jacksonville, FL., Caroline B. Ahrens, Mount Marion.

Chairman Donaldson

Does anyone else have anyone to add? All right, the next regular meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7pm. Further meeting details shall be forthcoming. Resolution deadline is Friday, April 23, 2021. at noon. I entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

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

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Litt's.

Legislator Bruno

Second it.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bruno. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Any opposed? Hearing none of you want to stay? Okay. Adjourned.