

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2021

PUBLIC HEARINGS & 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: 7:18 PM

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

Led by Legislator Herbert Litts.

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

7:00 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:20 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:20 PM

7:05 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:20 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter And Article XXX Of The Ulster County Administrative Code To Amend The Term Limit Imposed On Commissioners

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:21 PM

7:10 PM - CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:22 PM

On The Application For US Department Of Housing CDBG Funds Administered By NYS Office Of Community Renewal – Housing Activities

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was one speaker signed up for public comment.

Please Note: Due to technical difficulties during the public comment period, the Public Hearing remained opened for the call-in studio connection to be reactivated.

1. Kathy Germain: (see transcript) Ms. Germain's written comments were filed with the Clerk.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 8:13 PM

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7:15 PM - CALL OF THE 4th PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:27 PM

As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law, Regarding The 8-Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 1

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:27 PM

7:20 PM - CALL OF THE 5th PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:28 PM

On The Application For US Department Of Housing CDBG Funds Administered By NYS Office Of Community Renewal – Economic Development & Small Business Assistance – Farm To Table Community Inc.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:28 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Thomas Corcoran, March 15th
Legislative Staff Fawn Tantillo, March 17th
Counsel Nick Pascale, March 27th

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson

Reappointments Audit Committee,
Legislators John Gavaris, Laura Petit,
John Parete Term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021
Press Release, UC Equipped For State
Vaccination Distribution Site
Det. Tagliaferro, Thankyou Letter
Press Release, NYS Cert. Ag. District
Press Release, UC Fairgrounds State
Vaccination Site

Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk

Reappointment Audit Committee,
Herbert Litts Term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021
Low Carbon Concrete Forum, 3/29/21
6PM – 8PM

Legislator Manna Jo Greene

Minutes, 1/11/2021
Agenda & Minutes 2/9/2021
Webinar Planning For Agriculture
3/23/21 6:30 PM – 8PM

UC Board of Health, Walter Woodley MD
UC Workforce Development Board
UC Planning Department

Census Redistricting Data Delayed 9/30
Winter 2021 Legislative Guide
Minutes, 12/14/2020, 1/11/2021
Minutes, 12/3/2021 & Agenda 3/3/2021
Official Order H2631 Abandonment Part
3, SH 141, Kingston-Ellenville Rd.

NYSAC
UC Community Services Board
UC Planning Board
NYS DOT, Maintenance Division

African Burial Ground Transfer To
Harambee
Office Space Report
Operating Results 2020 Et. Segment
Kingston

Kingston Land Trust Team

UC Board of Elections
Catskill Mtn. Railroad, Ernest Hunt President

Press Release, Budgeted Revenues

UC Comptroller

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Catskill Forest Association, Inc.
Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress
UC Attorney Office, Clinton Johnson
Catskill Watershed Corporation
Paul Brooks, New Paltz
DPW, Edward Pine Sr. Engineer

Fred Wadnola, UCRRA Board of Directors
UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

Press Release, Appointment Deputy
Comptroller: Alicia DeMarco
CFA News, Spring 2021
2021 Housing Action Plan
County Litigation, February 2021 Amended
Notice of Preliminary Decisions 3/3/2020
FOIL Request and Response
Bridge Closure, Crawford Bridge Co #6
Superstructure Repmt.
Resignation Letter
Ribbon Cutting, Village Bagels, 3/26/21
Saugerties 11AM
Happy Paws Thrift Store, 3/26/20
Saugerties 11:30 AM

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Appointment, Director Emergency
Communications/EM Everett Erichsen
Effective 2/27/2021
Reappointments, Community Services
Board, Karla Peterson & Jon Brown
Term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024 & PWDD
Subcommittee Karla Peterson Term
1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024. Mental Health
Subcommittee Appointments, Denise
Ranaghan Term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023,
Terrence Conklin Term 1/1/2021 –
12/31/2021, Julianne Spearman Term
1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022
Appointment Community Services
Board MH Subcommittee Daniel Bliss
Term 1/1/2021-12/31/2023
Executive Order Nos. 2021-1.10, 2021-
1.11, 2021-1.12, 2021-1.13, 2021-1.14
2021-1.15

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

& State of Emergency Declaration 3/8
Press Release, 400 Seniors Vaccinated
Press Release, Call for Joint State &
County Run Vaccination Site
Press Release, 2020 Sales Tax Revenue
Press Release, 2021 State Of The County
Address
Press Release, Vaccine Pre-registration
& Prioritization List
Press Release, Call For State Liquor
Authority Extend Restaurant Hours
Press Release, \$1.4 Million Opioid
Prevention Funding
Press Release, Statement From UC
Executive Ryan
Press Release, Final Report Reform
Commission
Press Release, Sales Tax Revenue
Press Release, Anniversary of COVID-19

MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:

Legislative Members

Joint State-County COVID -19
Vaccination Distribution Site

ANNUAL REPORTS:

County Clerk
County Executive Departments
UC Green Fleet Report

2020 Annual Report
2020 Annual Report
2020 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit	February 2, 2021
Energy & Environment	February 1, 2021
	February 24, 2021
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	February 3, 2021
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services	February 10, 2021
	February 22, 2021
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services	February 2, 2021
Public Health and Social Services	February 1, 2021
Public Works and Capital Projects	February 3, 2021
Ways and Means	February 9, 2021
	February 16, 2021

Note: Chairman Donaldson thanked his legislative family in his absence last month due to the loss of his mother, noting it's been a tough year for all of us. (see transcript)

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

1. Jim Hyland, New Paltz
2. Laura Hartmann, Town of Ulster

RESOLUTION NOS: 7, 8, 29, 30, 81, 82-150

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
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

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

Resolution No.139 - 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
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 137, 140 through 147 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

- 29 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$173,689.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 81 Amending The Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 83 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 84 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2021 Appropriation - Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 85 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People’s Place For The 2021 Appropriation - Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 86 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation - Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 87 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 88 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2021 Appropriations- Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 89 2021 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 90 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 91 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 93 Appointing Member To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 94 Appointing Member To The Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

96 Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

98 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The City Of Kingston – Department Of Finance

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

99 Approving An Increase In Funding For Design, Testing And Construction Services Of Phase 3, Campus Roof Project For Hasbrouck Hall And Exterior Emergency Façade Renovations Related To The Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs And Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund – Ulster County Community College

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

101 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 102 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$65,000.00 Entered Into By The County – GTL, Incorporated D/B/A Link To Life – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 103 Rescinding Resolution No. 455 Of 2020, And Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$66,641.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 104 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health For LHD Support For Flu And COVID19 Response – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 105 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$284,859.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 106 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 107 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Community Services – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 108 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Enhance The County's Family First Readiness Initiative – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 109 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Intermunicipal Agreements With The Town Of Saugerties And The Village Of Ellenville To Provide The Services Of Domestic Violence Investigators To The Ulster County Family And Child Advocacy Center – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 110 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Child Abuse Or Neglect Prevention And Treatment Act (CAPTA) Comprehensive Addiction And Recovery Act Of 2016 (CARA) Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 111 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Continue Safe Harbour Programming – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 113 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement With The City Of Kingston For Economic Development Services – Department Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 114 Authorizing The Ulster 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 Grants (CDBG) And Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 115 Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village Of Ellenville – Ulster County Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 116 Reappointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of New Paltz**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 117 Amending Capital Project No. 479 - Ulster County Midtown Linear Park (PIN 8761.21) - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications And Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation For Funding Construction And Construction Inspection Phase And – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 119 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$249,273.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. D/B/A HVEA Engineers – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 120 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,411,940.75 Entered Into By The County – A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 121 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 122 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$14,362.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tracker Software Corporation Inc D/B/A PubWorks – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 123 Adopting An Implementation Plan Per Executive Order No. 203 Of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Police Reform And Reinvention Collaborative**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 124 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate Revenue For Opioid Response As County Law Enforcement (ORACLE) – Ulster County Sheriff’s Office**

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

- 125 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,926.30, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Visual Computer Solutions Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

127 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board And The Community Services Board's PW/DD Subcommittee

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

128 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

129 Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

130 Appointing Chairman David B. Donaldson As The Ulster County Legislature's Member To Serve On The County Jury Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

131 Establishing Capital Project No. 589 – 2021 Guide Rail Replacement Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 133 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Chemung Supply Corporation – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 134 Establishing Capital Project No. 590 - 2021 DPW Asphalt Overlay Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

- 137 Establishing Capital Project No. 591 - 2021 Reconstruction Of Various Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 140 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 141 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 142 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 143 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 144 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 146 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Sealcoat USA, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 147 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 148 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alleymor, Inc., D/B/A Pestmaster Services – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 149 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gentech Ltd. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Non-Consent

- 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**

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

- 8 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 16 NOES: 7
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Haynes, Litts,
Lopez, Maio, Roberts, and Ronk)

- 82 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 5
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Haynes, Litts,
Maio, and Ronk)

- 95 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020 As Amended, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Departmental, Agency, Office Or Unit Estimates**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Haynes, and
Ronk)

- 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

- 100 Authorizing Roof And Exterior Emergency Façade Renovation
BOND Improvements At Hasbrouck Hall And Multiple Other Buildings At Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,448,000.00 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,448,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 112 Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located At Enterprise West, Town Of Ulster To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Economic Development**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 118 Authorizing The Construction Of The Midtown Linear Park In Kingston,
BOND New York, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,744,275.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,341,644.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay A Portion Of The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 132 Authorizing The Guide Rail Replacement Program Throughout And In
BOND And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$130,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$130,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 135 BOND Authorizing The Asphalt Overlay Program Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$5,130,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$5,130,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 137 Establishing Capital Project No. 591 - 2021 Reconstruction Of Various Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

Moved to Consent

- 138 BOND Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$650,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$650,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 139 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**

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

- 140 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

- 141 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

- 142 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

- 143 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

- 144 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

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

Moved to Consent

- 146 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Sealcoat USA, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

- 147 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

150 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$59,800.00 Entered Into By The County – North Eastern HVAC/R Corp. – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 9
(Noes: Archer, Bartels, Cahill, Criswell,
Delaune, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner, and Walter)

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Wawro.

Anna DePola Tagliafierro, Glasco, NY
Walter Frey Sr., Saugerties, NY
Joan Rine, Napanoch, NY
George W. Ruger Jr., Modena, NY
Thomas A. DiStefano, Milton, NY
Richard H. Countryman, Accord, NY
Vincent Barringer, Kingston, NY Dr.
Cy Gruberg, Kingston, NY
Gary L. Ortloff, Sawkill, NY
Anna M. Ortloff, Sawkill, NY
Harry Personeus, Saugerties, NY
Dawn Personeus, Saugerties, NY Rita
Mulstay, Saugerties, NY Frances
Gunderud, Saugerties, NY

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Jean M. Schneider Kreyche, Tillson, NY
Miguel Lugo, Wallkill, NY
Jason Sasso, Saugerties, NY
Fleurette Myers, Saugerties, NY
Gladys M. Myers, Saugerties, NY
Sally Grossman, Bearsville, NY
Elizabeth Melville, Saugerties, NY
Francoise Hasenbalg, Saugerties, NY
Thomas Pippi, Wallkill, NY

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

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021 at 12 Noon.

RUPCO Inc.

2020 Community Block Grant Testimony

March 16, 2021

Good Evening My name is Kathy Germain Vice President of Housing Services at RUPCO. The County and RUPCO have built a strong partnership to create homeowners and preserve housing stock, leveraging over \$1 million of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) annually.

Normally, I would be providing statistics on housing affordability and the need to assist low to moderate income households in Ulster County through homeownership or housing rehabilitation.

This year, the County and the Legislature just released a Housing Action Plan that details the housing challenges of supply and affordability. I appreciated the opportunity to be part of the Housing Advisory Committee. Looking forward to supporting and implementing the recommendations of the Action Plan.

Knowing that one third of all homeowners are cost burdened, single family housing prices continue to skyrocket to over \$300,000, and that over 60% of our existing housing stock is over 50 years old, securing CDBG funds are critical.

There will be two separate applications that will be submitted.

First Time homebuyer assistance- RUPCO is proposing a \$600,000 first time homebuyer assistance program. We have increased the average assistance from an average of \$25,000 to \$45,000 per unit so families that work in Ulster County can compete in the current market. Fund will be used for down payment, closing costs and home repairs.

Housing Rehabilitation -To preserve the existing housing stock RUPCO, is proposing a second application for owner occupied housing rehabilitation for \$400,000. This program will provide assistance to repair owner occupied units for low income households combined with a focus on upgrading systems to be more energy efficient.

The total application combined will be \$1 million and the due date for submission is April 9, 2021.

Thanks for your time this evening.

Kathy Germain

**Ulster County Legislature
Regular Meeting**

Meeting Transcript

March 16, 2021

Chairman Donaldson

Already I'd like to call the meeting to order and the pledge to flag Legislator Litts, can you please lead us with that in a moment of silence?

Legislator Litts

I pledge allegiance to 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

All right Be seated.

Clerk Fabella

Roll call Archer.

Legislator Archer

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno

Legislator Bruno

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano. Gavaris.

Legislator Fabiano

Here.

Legislator Gavaris

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Petite.

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

Everyone is present tonight 23 present and zero absent.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight's first public hearing is on proposed local law number 12 of 2020. A local law amending local law number four of 2018 a local law establishing an Ulster County Human Rights Law.

Clerk Fabella

And at this time, we have no speakers signed up Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty is there anyone out there that wants to pipe in and speak? Having none I'd entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Legislator Litts

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

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Litts. Legislator Bruno as a second. All those in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Adjourn.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight's second public hearing is on proposed local law number 15 of 2020, a local law amending article 30 of the Ulster County charter and article 30 of the Ulster County Administrative Code to amend the term limit imposed on commissioners.

Clerk Fabella

I also have no speakers signed up for that hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

Again, is there anyone out there that would like to speak on this? issue? Okay, I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion to close public hearings.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Litts, and Legislator Petite. Al Bruno you lost your ranking now.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight's third public hearing is

Legislator Litts

We all have to vote.

Chairman Donaldson

Yeah, I'm sorry yeah

Clerk Fabella

Yeah oh I'm sorry that's my fault.

Chairman Donaldson

That's no problem. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye

Clerk Fabella

Tonight, third public hearing is on the application for US Department of Housing CDBG funds administered by New York State Office of Community Renewal housing activities.

Clerk Fabella

And we do not have any speakers for this one either.

Chairman Donaldson

Dennis isn't here to speak?

Clerk Fabella

No, we had some written comment. Oh, we had some written comment from Kathy Germain, who literally just popped up to speak. So give us a second. Go ahead. Okay, Kathy, can you hear us?

Kathy Germain

Hi, this is Kathy Germain.

Chairman Donaldson

Hi Kathy go ahead.

Kathy Germain

Thank you. This is my first time calling in so hello, everyone. And most of you know me I'm Kathy Germain, I'm Vice President of Housing Services.

Committee Members

Hello.

Chairman Donaldson

Hello Kathy. Go ahead Kathy. Speak on the issue.

Legislator Litts

I think we lost her.

Chairman Donaldson

We're not

Clerk Fabella

Fawn's talking to her. She's having some difficulty with the live streaming. We're going to fix it though, and we are going to have her speak. So just give us a second here.

Kathy Germain

Hello, it's Kathy Germain I'm sorry for that first-grade error there.

Chairman Donaldson

No problem Kathy. Go ahead. You can say what you wish.

Kathy Germain

He told me to connect it to

Chairman Donaldson

Go ahead Kathy. This is David Donaldson Kathy, go ahead you may speak.

Clerk Fabella

Se actually hung up.

Chairman Donaldson

Well, you if you would say

Clerk Fabella

She hung up. She did give us her comments in writing today, as well.

Chairman Donaldson

How long is it?

Clerk Fabella

She really wants to try to do this, though. So I'd really like if

Chairman Donaldson

She normally does. You know that every year when we do this, she usually comes one of those grants.

Clerk Fabella

She's on the phone with Fawn again, I think she might have figured it out. So we have her back Fawn's talking to her, we can see that. And by the way, there's nobody else signed up for any of the public hearings that we still have to do. But there are people signed up for public comment for session.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Can we keep this public hearing open and move on to the next public hearing? And then come back to this one. She's when she's on unsettled.

Clerk Fabella

She's actually ready right now.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright, very good.

Clerk Fabella

Can you hear us Kathy?

Kathy Germain

This is Kathy Germain.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes, Kathy, I can hear you. This is David Donaldson, you may speak. Go ahead. Let me suggest that we leave this open and move on to the next public hearing than. That's what I was going to do when Tracey did that. That's what I was going to suggest. And I think that's a good idea. So Fawn can work on that. Let's open the other public hearing, next one.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, the next public hearing on the agenda is the fourth public hearing. And it is being conducted as required under Article 25. AA of agricultural markets law regarding the eight-year review of agricultural district number one.

Clerk Fabella

And we do not have any speakers signed up for that hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

Is there anyone out there that is on the call and wishes to speak? Is anyone out there?

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, motion to close the fourth public hearing

Chairman Donaldson

And seconded by

Legislator Bruno

I'll second it.

Chairman Donaldson

Already very good. He's back in the fold. And all those in favor.

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Oppose none adjourned. With public hearing. The third public hearing is still open.

Clerk Fabella

And we have our fifth public hearing tonight. That is on the application for US Department of Housing CDBG funds administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal economic development and small business assistance for Farm to Table Community, Inc.

Clerk Fabella

We have no speakers signed up for that hearing either.

Chairman Donaldson

Is there anyone out there that would wish to speak on this public hearing? No one

Legislator Litts

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

Committee Members

Seconded by, Legislator Bruno.

Chairman Donaldson

All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Opposed? None. Fifth public hearing is closed. Third public hearing is still open. And do we have the speaker ready to roll?

Clerk Fabella

We still have her there. Let's give it another shot. Kathy, can you hear us?

Kathy Germain

Hello.

Chairman Donaldson

Oh, hello, Kathy Germain this is David Donaldson. You may speak on the issue. How long is the written thing? I mean, when do you want to read it? Or is it?

Legislator Ronk

We all have a copy of it Dave.

Chairman Donaldson

Yeah, I know. But I mean for the public hearing. Sometimes you read them. I mean, it's kind of nice to hear somebody speak. Alrighty. It looks like she's there but muted. How are we doing on this Madam Clerk?

Clerk Fabella

She's still from our end, our technical end we see her and she's there. What we could do, though, because we do have speakers signed up for regular public comment. So we could have her speak during that time. We can try to do that as well. That's up to you.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright if she can she can pull that off that'd be nice. So we could actually adjourn the public hearing and she could still speak on the issue because it was a public hearing and she could speak during the recession.

Legislator Ronk

In theory, Mr. Chairman, we could keep the public hearing open for the duration of session and closed at the end. We can do that too.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright, I'll do the latter. Then we'll leave it open and then we'll move on to Session. I guess we didn't start the meeting with we've already started the meeting and then we went into public hearings and we can start with the birthdays. Legislator Tom Corcoran, birthday, March 15th. Boy oh boy, we should have had the meeting yesterday in honor your birthday. Alrighty. Legislator staff Fawn Tantillo and then that is tomorrow. She is a St. Patrick himself, and Counsel Nick Pascal March 27th. I entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Ronk, second by

Legislator Heppner

I'll second.

Chairman Donaldson

By Heppner. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay, they're postponed for various communications on file. Take a chance to read through those when you do have a chance. When we take a look at you also want to say a couple of little things. Before we start. I want to thank Vice Chair Tracy Bartels for doing a great job running the meeting last month. I was at my mother's wake and I want to thank everybody who reached out to me during these times. It's been a pretty tough year for all of us. And hopefully there's a light at the end of the tunnel and it's not the train coming, but it's actually a real light that we're going into. So it's going to be, I think things are going to be looking much better as we go into the summer. And as our president said, maybe we could have a Fourth of July party of some sort, which would be very nice. I think we could all use something like that. And as I said, I thank those for reaching out. It's been one of the toughest years in my life. And I want to thank the - my legislative family reaching out, and I know many of you had losses this year also. And it's

probably been the toughest time to lose somebody. I'll thank you again. Now, I guess we can move into public comment. See if it works, if that works a little better than the last one.

Jim Hyland

Let's see how this goes. We do have two speakers currently signed up. The first speaker signed up to speak tonight is Jim Hyland. Can you hear us Jim? Hello, it's Jim Hyland.

Chairman Donaldson

Go ahead, Jim. You may speak.

Clerk Fabella

Mr. Hyland, you just muted yourself.

Legislator Litts

This never happens when we all meet in the same chambers.

Legislator Petit

Is it a star six or a star seven to unmute?

Clerk Fabella

Star six, Fawn is telling the callers. We're gonna try Laura Hartman.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, where are you there Laura? Alright, I guess we're not doing too well on these.

Clerk Fabella

Nope, this is this is definitely not working on the callers. And though it's technically all set up. We have no - we shouldn't really have any issues here.

Chairman Donaldson

Well, the problem is none of them have been able to speak.

Legislator Uchitelle

It looks like the call-in studio feed is muted itself. Shouldn't that always be live and then the individual callers get muted?

Clerk Fabella

No, that's not how it works.

Chairman Donaldson

Now when you're looking at these are you looking at you - looking at that through the participants.

Clerk Fabella

We're logged into calling studios to we can see which callers in the queue right now we actually went back to Jim Hyland and we put him in the queue. To see if he could unmute himself by pressing star six. But we have a backup method we can use here if we really need to, but it's going to take a second to get them on the line.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, then do what you got to do.

Clerk Fabella

We have an alternate number we're just giving them to call in right now. Mr. Hyland, can you hear us?

Jim Hyland

Yes, I can hear you. Hopefully you can hear me.

Clerk Fabella

We can hear you well. So Chairman Donaldson is running this meeting. So, Chairman Donaldson. Go ahead.

Chairman Donaldson

Go ahead, Jim. You may speak.

Jim Hyland

Thank you. My name is Jim Hyland. I'm the owner of the Farm Bridge. We submitted ROI, both individually and jointly with Blueprint, the Farm Hub and Novo. The Farm Bridge we occupy 30,000 square feet at 750 Enterprise Drive, which is right across the street from Enterprise West location we're talking about. We are a food manufacturer that works with food entrepreneurs and local farms. And we've been doing that for 10 years. The Farm Bridge employs approximately 50 people. And since 2010, we have paid out over \$18 million in wages to employees living in Ulster County I actually looked that up, I was impressed myself. The farmer's employee basis 56% women and 89% minority, and we plan to be employee owned within five years. And I'm fully in favor of passing Resolution 112. The first reason is because it will help the Farm Bridge tremendously. It will help us to stay in Kingston, home to most of my employees, and will give us the opportunity to grow and expand the business. To be able to partner with the Blueprint, Farm Hub and Novo is just an amazing opportunity. Second, I've had a front row seat to what happens to a property when it slips into disarray. It has been tough in my business to be at this current location. And it has been heartbreaking to see the inaction and abandonment pile up at this site. It is time for a change and by passing Resolution 112 that change will start. Hopes will not be pinned on some outside savior or finger crossed plan. It will be led by businesses and organizations that both cherish the community and are part of the community. I'm ready to help us change immediately. The farm bridge needs a new home and we need one now. Legally, we only have until October to stay in our current location. Structurally, I have my fingers crossed. I have raised the capital. I've done extensive planning, we have site plan approval, we have already spent significant money with architects and I need to act now in order to keep my business in Ulster. I think it's time to give homegrown businesses and community

members the chance to finally turn this location around. I believe the Resolution 112 will do this. And I ask you please to vote in favor of Resolution 112. And I thank you very much for your time.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Next speaker.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, so give us another minute and we'll get the other one on. The problem with this is we can we can we have to get them on manually. So it takes a second. I have Laura Hartman; can you hear us?

Laura Hartman

I can hear you.

Clerk Fabella

Chairman Donaldson is running the meeting and you should be able to talk to him now.

Chairman Donaldson

Go ahead Laura, you may speak.

Laura Hartman

Thank you. Good evening. My name is Laura Hartman and I live in the Town of Ulster and I'm the Chair of Town of Ulster Citizens.org. I'm here tonight to speak in support of the transfer of ownership of the Enterprise West property From Ulster County to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance known as UCETA. Town of Ulster citizens held its first meeting on Tech City on July 1, 2019. We have had we have since held three others averaging about 60 people in each session. At these meetings more than 100 people have voiced their concerns and desires for revitalizing is particularly important site that once provided thousands of jobs. The unanimous opinion of the citizens who have attended our meetings is that it is in our best interest not to sell the property to one developer and rely on them to build something in their own vision. Firstly, we could get another Alan Ginsburg who does nothing and owes us millions of dollars. That scenario is absolutely not acceptable to our community. Putting all of our eggs in one basket as it were puts us at risk of being in the same position again, at some point. Having one developer to build what they think our community wants is also not appealing. After Tech City being a financial drain on our community for 20 plus years, the community feels strongly that we should have a voice in what happens here. Our last meeting on Tech City Enterprise West included Tim Wiedemann and Evelyn Wright and citizens put forth a lot of great ideas, ideas that will provide opportunities and good paying jobs for people that currently live here in Ulster County. If the redevelopment included some of the ideas we discussed, which included education, manufacturing, agriculture, sports and recreation, and even a museum. This former IBM site would become a shining jewel in the crown of Ulster County, the shining jewel we all deserve to have. The most effective way to make this happen is to transfer the ownership of Enterprise West to UCEDA. As Chair of TownofUlstercitizens.org, I asked the legislature for their support and vote yes on this transfer. As for redeveloping the site, we stayed at every meeting, we will continue to say that it is important for the community to be involved in the process, that we think of our community first, rather than for those that can be drawn in by redevelopment. And that's the process be transparent, and all the businesses who are invited to be a part of our re-growth to be transparent with your funding

sources. I am also in support of restructuring UCEDA to include different levels of government and residents that will help with the goals I just listed. Thank you very much for giving me the time to speak on this very important topic. I'm available if anybody has questions or wants to attend our next meeting on Tech City Enterprise. West. Thank you very much.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you, Laura. You have any other speakers?

Clerk Fabella

We do not have any other speakers sign up for public comment. Since we still have that public hearing open well, we continue on here. We'll try to get that speaker back. But there's no other. There's no other speakers for public comment.

Chairman Donaldson

All right, we go back to that public hearing number three that is still open. Are you able to get that speaker?

Clerk Fabella

I'm hoping that we can, but it's gonna take us a little while. I think we should just move on since that hearing is open and see if we can get her towards the end.

Chairman Donaldson

That will work. We have no presentations this month. We'll wait until next month, and I have a bunch of them. We do have the consent agenda. So on the consent agenda for resolution 136 and 139 have been withdrawn. I think only 136 was in the consent agenda thought but, that has been withdrawn. So on the consent agenda.

Legislator Heppner

Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move with the consent of Leader Ronk resolutions 137 and 140 thru 147 from consent to non-consent. A sorry

Legislator Litts

The other way around.

Legislator Heppner

The other way around.

Chairman Donaldson

What were they again?

Legislator Heppner

Resolutions 137 and resolution 140 thru 147.

Chairman Donaldson

140?

Legislator Ronk

Yeah, that's correct. 140 through 147.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay.

Legislator Ronk

They're all of the road reconstruction contracts that we're held in Ways and Means last week.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes. All right. Um, so she okayed that. You're both in agreement?

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Chairman Donaldson

On the consent agenda as been amended.

Legislator Heppner

As amended. We are a short yes with one recusal on resolution 124 Legislator Garvaris for the purpose of employment.

Legislator Ronk

And I rarely get to say this the Republican caucus is a short yes with no with no abstentions.

Clerk Fabella

Resolutions are adopted 23 to zero with the exception of resolution 124 which is adopted 22 to zero with one abstention Legislator Gavaris.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty on the non-consent agenda.

Clerk Fabella

I will get there to read the first resolution. The first resolution in non-consent was postponed in ways and means that was Resolution 7. Resolution 8 confirming appointment of a member to the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you. I'll be brief. I don't think there's anybody in this body that believes that new blood at the RRA board would not be a good thing. Um, you know, my concern about this resolution is that it, I believe, puts us in violation of New York State Public Authorities Law in that, I don't believe that there is currently a member who has been suggested to the chairman by the by the Minority Leader, or at the request of the minority leader. Um, you know, I'm disappointed with how this turned out. Mr. Chairman, you had appointed somebody, you know, who was, you know, at the recommendation of the minority leader. You know, the Committee decided that they knew better and did their own, you know, due diligence, which on a lot of boards would make sense, but you know, this you know, particular board the makeup of this board is written in state law, that they're all appointments of the chair, one of which shall be upon the recommendation of the minority leader. So for those reasons, I'll be a no not because of this gentleman's qualifications and not because I was wholly and totally tied to the person who was appointed previously. But you know, that's that you know, it's going to be what it's gonna be this legislature is gonna vote and we'll go from there. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else wish to speak? I would like to say a couple things.

Legislator Litts

Al Bruno has his hand up.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, first of all, I'd like to thank the original appointment Fred Wadnola. I gotta be honest. I have a lot of respect for Mr. Wadnola. I think he's done an incredible job throughout the years. I also want to say that I was elected by the constituents in my district for the county of Ulster. That being said, the guy we're looking at now, really has an incredible experience. And I think we need to move on. And I think it's time that you know, if you do the same thing over and over again, if you if you do the same thing over and over again, you get the same results. And in this case, I believe we're making. I want to, I'm going to be yes, on this. Chairman Donaldson, I think in this case, it was a difficult decision. But I think it was the best decision given the circumstances for Ulster County and for the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, I think it's time to move on. I think it's time to get some fresh ideas. And I think it's time that we, we ultimately, we need to do the best what's best for Ulster County, and we have a lot of serious decisions that need to be made. And I think new blood is going to be able to bring some fresh ideas to this. So I'm going to be voting yes on this. It was a difficult decision for me. But based on the qualifications, I had to be a yes on this.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And with all due respect to Legislative Bruno's comments that he just made, you know, we're all of course, elected to represent our residents. But we're also elected to follow state law, which in this case, I don't believe is being followed. And I understand where he's coming from, about desiring new blood. And I actually also understand where he's coming from with the desire to have the committee do interviews and to pick the best person. Unfortunately, the method laid out in state law is not that it does it doesn't go to the committee, it goes to the chairman and the chairman could choose to go to the committee or not. And, you know, I, I respect everyone's position on this and I respect every vote that's going to be made tonight, whether it's the same way as I'm voting or not. But if our goal is to have the environmental committee, you know, do interviews and pick who they think is the best person for the job, then it's time to change state law. You know, we don't we don't change state law by approving these, you know, approving these people who the committee has erroneously chosen. You know, we choose we change state law by requesting that the state change the law. You know, we could have a home rule law that would go to, you know, the state legislature asking them to change the New York State Public Authorities Law to change the manner of appointment of these individuals. But until then, you know, if we approve these, you know, if we approve this appointment tonight, we're willfully violating state law

Chairman Donaldson

A Legislator Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

With all due respect Legislator, Ronk, Minority Leader Ronk while I really appreciate and I understand what you're saying, and maybe this time for us to change the state law. Because the reality of it comes down to, we need to put the best people in the best position at the best time. We're tasked right now we have a major crisis in front of us, we have the landfill being closed up in Seneca was a Seneca Meadows. That being said, we have a lot of very serious decisions that need to be made. And we need to have the people with the best qualifications to make these decisions. And if it requires us to change the state law, then so be it. But the truth of the matter is, while I respect and I appreciate the fact that as Chairman Donaldson's appointment, I think it behooves us to get as much input as we can, on this appointment, because this appointment is so important to the constituents within Ulster County. I mean, this is a huge decision to be made. And I feel that reading the resumes and having the interviews through from our committee from Energy and Environment, which is what we did, I believe that it's probably it's probably ultimately the right thing to do with this case, regardless of whether it's a technicality of a state law. And I think that's what it comes down to is a legal technicality. And I think if that's the case, then it needs to be changed. And I wholly and completely support this. I support everything that Fred Wadnola did throughout the years. And I appreciate everything he did. And I can't say enough good things about him. However, I think it's time to move on.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

I believe it's that important. We should have followed the law. I'll be voting no on this.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else besides Legislator Ronk, he already spoke twice and I think that somebody else. Legislator Greene. Unmute yourself Legislator Greene.

Legislator Greene

I just request that counsel weigh in, because counsel was aware and had never indicated that this was other than compliance with state law.

Chairman Donaldson

Counsel?

Counsel Ragucci

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I'm just reviewing the law now. This is the chairman's appointment. At this point it looks like the prior person that was on the board has now resigned from the board at this point. Right. So there's really only one person that is available to take the appointment, which by the way, Mr. Chairman, it's my understanding that you've consented to at this point. Is that accurate?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Counsel Ragucci

So it's your appointment, I don't think is in violation of state law.

Chairman Donaldson

All right. Now, I'd like to say something. All right. I'll let you speak then Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yep. You might want to speak first Dave.

Chairman Donaldson

A yeah, I'll go if no one has any complaints. I try not to speak on issues. Particularly with zoom because, you know, technically you're supposed to come down from the chair and speak. So if, unless I have the opposition, I will say something.

Legislator Ronk

Without objection, Mr. Chairman, please.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. I do have some concerns. In I don't want to think anybody to say that this is setting a precedent because it is it. It is the chairman's appointment. And technically they you cannot amend that appointment. You cannot amend the resolution because it is the chairman's appointment. What happened was the committee decided to do interviews, which was fine. When they did the interviews, as I advised the chairman of the committee, at one point is that Fred was my appointment. And if, you know, the

committee comes up with something unanimously, I cannot ignore a unanimous decision from the committee. And I'm just not going to do that. Although I still have some concerns that at this point, there is no minority representation on the committee on the RRA, and then that is a concern of mine. And consent, because it was a unanimous decision on that. But I do have some concerns in that, that setting a precedent. But I said, I did consent to allow them to amend that so it basically is my appointment. I also want to make a comment and reference what I know, my understanding was that the committee did the interviews, and actually the person that ranked second was Fred Wadnola. So when they did the ranking, my understanding was, and I can say something, you know, Fred has done a great service to this county. He's served as a legislator, he was principal of a school, he was a teacher. He's done a great deal for his community. The other issue is that he did hand in his resignation for that. I had a conversation with him. He certainly wasn't upset or bitter. And I did ask him if he was called on to serve again would he do it and he indicated that he would. So there will be other appointments coming up. And I'm certainly open, hope that he, he did a great service for the RRA. So anyway, that's about all I had to say on that. And Legislator Ronk if you wish to speak go ahead.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I and I don't necessarily disagree with all the things that Legislator Bruno had said. You know, but in the end, I think that we need to follow the current state law and change it before we deviate from it. And to counsels point after Legislator Greene's question, I will read to you directly from New York State Public Authorities Law, which was not terribly hard to find, because I found that I was I was sitting here by googling New York State Public Authorities Law, Ulster County RRA. You know, it's a Public Authorities Law Section 2050 C if anybody's looking for it, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, Section One in these third sentence, it says it shall consist of five members to be appointed by the chairman of the county legislature, including one member recommended to the chairman by the Minority Leader of the county legislature. You know, as of right now, there are zero members on the RRA board that had been recommended to the chairman of the Ulster County legislature by the Minority Leader of the legislature. So that's where we're at. That's why I'll be voting no. We're violating the New York State Public Authorities Law by doing this, we may be willfully violating it. And it may be the decision of the committee to violate it. But I personally can't operate under my oath as a county legislator and violate the New York State laws so flagrantly.

Legislator Bruno

Chairman Donaldson you're muted.

Chairman Donaldson

Yeah, no, I was I was trying to unmute and unmuting. Give me the little hand instead of the arrow. Um, anyone else wish to speak on the issue?

Legislator Parete

Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete

This is an interesting situation. I will vote yes on this because it's the resolution as before us. I was a member of the Resource Recovery Agency Board. And I know they very strictly adhered to the fact that one member of the board should be or must be a recommendation of the minority leader. If we're changing that, unilaterally, we change the law unilaterally. But it will be very interesting. And somebody shouldn't challenge this. And very possibly any of the actions that take place where the board in effect is not in compliance with state law would be ruled inappropriate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Does anyone else? Legislator Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Not too long ago, the Republican Party was the majority party and we've always respected the diversity in the Resource Recovery Board. I asked you now, the next appointment that comes up, will it be a minority appointment?

Chairman Donaldson

If you are you asking me that question Legislator Roberts?

Legislator Roberts

Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

As far as I'm concerned, it will be. And I will. If I if I'm in a position to do that, I will definitely without doubt, put up the person that is recommended by the minority leader.

Legislator Roberts

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Minority caucus. But I don't know if I'll have anything to do with that at this point. Does anyone have a question?

Committee Members

Laura Petit has a question.

Chairman Donaldson

Laura I'm sorry. I knew I saw Laura but then her hand blended in a little bit with her sweater there.

Legislator Petit

Thank you, Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

You have to raise your hand a little bit more.

Legislator Petit

The appointments to the board, of course are not affiliated with a political party. As when we interview for the IDA or any other board, political affiliation has nothing to do with it. The agency board does indeed have four majority appointments and one minority appointment. Those appointments do not change when the legislative body majority minority changes. So I believe that Charlie Landi seat is a minority seat. And when his term is up, whoever's in the minority at that time will be making the recommendation to replace him.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty anyone else? I don't see anyone. So I think I'll call the question. Somebody which is to speak, Legislator Litts?

Legislator Litts

Yes Mr. Chairman, I would request a long roll, please.

Chairman Donaldson

Long roll. No problem. Madam Clerk long roll, roll call.

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

No.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune. Yes. 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

No.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Per comments made by Legislative Counsel and the clear comments made by Laura Petit which I strongly agree with. I am a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

I'm a no.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

No.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

No.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

I'm sorry. Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

No.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thanks to explain my vote. I'll be interested. You know, should the majority party in the county legislature change over the next several years about whether or not the Democratic caucus members who are voting in favor of this are going to sing the same tune when it comes to the minority appointment? You know, and to legislative council's comments, he left out the important part about one of the five members being appointed by the chairman being recommended by the Minority Leader the county legislature, for those reasons and many others I'll be no.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I would just like to point out that this you know, if to Leader Ronk's point, you know if this was to be an appointment that he you know, or I don't want to address anyone directly. I don't want to violate that that norm. But I think, you know, if we all agree that this is the right thing, then it could be this could potentially be a minority appointment as well, if it was merely recommended, you know, by the minority caucus. So, you know, I don't I don't think that this is this is a fight of our own making here, in my opinion, but I'm going to be a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yeah.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 16 to seven. Mr. Chairman, before we move on, we've had Kathy Germain waiting since we said we didn't have her anymore. So would you like to hear from Kathy Germain?

Chairman Donaldson

Yes. I would love to hear from Kathy Germain.

Clerk Fabella

All right, Kathy, let's give it a shot.

Kathy Germain

Okay, I so appreciate your patience. And thank you so much for the kind words I heard you keeping the public hearing open for me.

Clerk Fabella

That was all the legislature. It's all Chairman Donaldson.

Kathy Germain

I so appreciate that. So I don't think I have to introduce myself. But I do, I come to you guys every year. And normally, I'm providing you with data on housing affordability, and why we need to assist people to get into and housing rehab. And this year, you guys kind of did it for me, because you just released the housing action plan that really details the challenges that we have, and housing and affordability. So I was actually part of the housing Advisory Committee. And I am very looking forward to supporting and implementing the recommendations of the action plan. So, that being said, knowing that 1/3 of all homeowners are cost burdened, knowing that the single-family home prices are now over \$300,000. And that over 60% of our existing housing stock is over 50 years old. Securing the community development block grants are critical. So our plan is to provide two separate applications. For the first-time homebuyer assistance, we would like to propose a \$600,000 grant. And we've increased the average assistance per homeowner from \$25,000 to \$45,000 per unit. So we can level the playing field with the buyers that are competing in the market. So the people that live in work in Ulster County, have an opportunity to get that home. And the funds will be used for down payment, closing costs and home repairs. And as far as how they can read the rehabilitation, we do want to preserve the existing housing stock. So we are proposing a second application for owner occupied housing rehab for \$400,000. And this program is going to target owner occupied low income households. And we're also going to have a special focus with energy audit on upgrading systems, so they can be more energy efficient. So the total combined applications will be \$1 million. And that's the maximum for Ulster County. And the due date submission is April 9. And we are ready to move forward and (inaudible). And I thank you for your time.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes, Kathy, could you make sure that you know any of that information? And now people apply for those grants are given to the clerk?

Kathy Germain

Absolutely. I could supply you with that information as well. For the two open contracts we have.

Chairman Donaldson

Very good yeah, I would I would enjoy that. I think we all would like to have that. And I want to thank you for bounding this drum for so many years.

Kathy Germain

Thank you so much. I really appreciate it.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. And we'll all know I make a motion to adjourn with the third public hearing.

Legislator Litts

I'll make a motion that we adjourn the third public hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

And that'll be seconded by Legislator Bruno. First by Litts. All those in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay, any opposed, seeing none the third public hearing on the CDBG grant, back to the non consent agenda?

Clerk Fabella

Resolution in non-consent is Resolution 82 authorizing the chair of the Ulster County legislature to enter into an agreement with awareness Inc for the 2021 appropriation legislature.

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution, we are short yes.

Chairman Donaldson

No one wishes to speak. Okay.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution we're short yes with I believe three noes, Ronk, Corcoran and Haynes. Litts I apologize.

Legislator Litts

And Maio.

Legislator Ronk

And Maio.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 18 to five.

Chairman Donaldson

You're mute um.

Clerk Fabella

Yep, that's I read almost the whole title. Adopting Resolution 95. Adopting proposed local law number 13 of 2020 as amended a local law amending the Ulster County charter and amending the Ulster County Administrative Code to further clarify departmental agency office for unit estimates.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty anyone wish to speak. I'm not seeing anyone.

Legislator Bruno

Make a motion for discussion.

Chairman Donaldson

Oh, it's on the floor so I'm asking anyone wishing to speak? I don't see any so

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes with a couple of noes, call out if I don't get you. Ronk, Haynes, Corcoran.

Chairman Donaldson

And John Parete was a yes. Is that correct?

Clerk Fabella

That is correct.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay.

Clerk Fabella

So if that it's that all stands then the resolution is adopted 22 three. Resolution 97 was postponed in committee. Resolution 100 is a bond. Authorizing roof and exterior emergency facade renovation improvements to Hasbrouck Hall and multiple other buildings at Ulster County Community College SUNY Ulster in in for the county of Ulster you work at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,448,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$2,448,000 of bonds have said county to pay the cost thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Chairman Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene. Legislator Greene you're on mute.

Chairman Donaldson

Unmute.

Clerk Fabella

Whoops she disappeared. Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Legislator Greene I see you again.

Legislator Greene

I'm back, sorry, I'm a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Thank you. Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litt's.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero. Resolution 112 authorizing the required steps for the transfer of real property owned by the county Ulster County and located at Enterprise West town of Ulster to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Department of Economic Development.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer

Thank you, Chairman. This has been a difficult decision due to the fact that this move is being rushed without some of the details being solidified. I think it's absolutely critical that a full-blown appraisal of the property by a national firm, be completed to support decisioning of the property's highest and best use. This is an Ulster County property being handed over to a local development corp. and we should at some point be repaying the county taxpayers. While I'm pleased with the commitment to remove paid county employees as voting board members of UCEDA, there continues to be an imbalance with five board members selected by the county exec and two legislative members, the Chair and Deputy Chair of Economic Development as ex officio members. I hope that as a new board members are identified, there's consideration for one more legislative appointment. And that care is taken with identifying critical expertise that will assist with the disposition of this property. And whatever the final decision is, whether it's a sale or a lease of the property, the focus must be, and I think this is absolutely critical to create new living wage jobs and not just relocate some jobs while they're important. But I do believe we need to be bringing new jobs to the area. So even with these reservations, I'm going to support the resolution with the hopes that the county executive as sole member of UCEDA and UCEDA Board will consider some of these points as we move forward in the best interest of the taxpayers of Ulster County. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you, Chairman. I too have struggled with this decision. I want to say that I completely support the Executives actions in initiating the foreclosure of the property. For too long, we've allowed this property to be in default, creating a drain on the county taxpayers without the ability of a transformation. And I recognize that that time is upon us. That said we have many unresolved issues outstanding. I'm also grateful to know that it's the Executive's intention to remove paid employees from UCEDA Board. But I do agree that we should seek a better balance on the board in terms of the appropriating authority. An additional legislative appointment would be a step in the right direction. I strongly support Legislator Delaune's request for an appraisal in order to determine the value of the property, both in terms of the transfer itself and the reimbursement to the county later. The transaction ultimately must be for a fair and adequate consideration. And we have no idea what those terms will look like. I believe it's critical that we allow for outside audits of UCEDA, including by the county comptroller transparency is essential. And I'm concerned that there appears to be a sense that the outcome is predetermined. I do hope that no determination has been made and that the commitment to listen to the advisory board is an earnest one. This is a multi-million-dollar development endeavor. And many of us have been on record not wanting

the county to be a landlord. The transfer to UCEDA achieves that, and yet, you see to has a sole member, the County of Ulster acting by and through its Executive. We are inextricably connected. I trust that we all have the same goals to expand employment opportunities to strengthen the tax base and to promote economic opportunities. And for that reason, despite my reservations, I will vote to transfer the property with the hope that these concerns will be addressed by the Executive and the UCEDA Board. And my vote, despite my hesitation is a reflection of my optimism for the success of this project and for the ultimate benefit for the taxpayers of Ulster County.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else wish to speak? I do have to commend the County Executive but for doing this with transparency and with collaboration with his body. He's laid the groundwork that has brought many proposals. And I'm excited to see how that's going to play out. No matter how you look at this. When you do something like this it is always a leap of faith. And I know I'm willing to take that leap of faith. I believe the right thing is being done. I'd like to call the issue I guess. I don't have anyone else speaking looking can you speak so um.

Legislator Heppner

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution is adopted 23 to 0. Resolution 118 is a bond authorizing the construction of the Midtown linear park in Kingston, New York in and for the County of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,744,275. and authorizing the issuance of \$1,341,644 bonds of said county to pay a portion of the cost there of.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes. And I'm looking forward to the completion of this park.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavarus.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete. Yep. Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk. Here he is. Ronk

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Thank you. Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll just say to my fellow colleagues from the Kingston delegation, we can never say that they don't pave anything in our districts anymore. I am an enthusiastic yes.

Legislator Ken Ronk

We just have to make sure that you shovel the snow. That's all we care about.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll be out there myself.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yeah.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 132 is also a bond authorizing the guard the guide rail replacement program throughout and in and for the County of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$130,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$130,000 of bonds of said county to pay the cost there of.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yep.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 135. Another bond authorizing the asphalt overlay program of various roads throughout and in and for the County of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,130,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$5,130,000 bonds of said County to pay the cost there of.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

I hope they do my road but 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

Oh, by the way, they still are back to Legislator Uchitelle, as before we - they're still not paving any roads though in our town or city. So I'll be a yes on this anyway.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Uchitelle

With all due respect to Chairman Donaldson, 11.5 percent in the sales tax paves a lot of roads. I'll be a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll be yes on this.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 137 was moved to consent, resolution 138. Also a bond authorizing the reconstruction of various roads throughout and in and for the County of Ulster, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$650,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$650,000 bonds of sec 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

I love paving these roads all throughout the county even though none of them come in Kingston. 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

Dave, you can travel around the county on those paved roads. We will give you permission and I will vote yes.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

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

To insure the residents of Ulster County can continue traveling to the great city of Kingston from all parts of the county I am a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Wawro.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 139 was withdrawn, resolutions 140 through 147. were moved to consent.

Clerk Fabella

And that brings us to our final resolution 150 approving the execution of a contract for \$59,800. entered into by the county with Northeastern HVAC. R Corp. Department of Public Works.

Chairman Donaldson

I'm looking for anyone. I don't see anyone's hand to speak. No one call the question.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution we are a short no with three yeses, Chairman Donaldson, Legislator's Petit and Uchitelle.

Legislator Ronk

The Republican caucus is a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 14 to nine. That was our last resolution.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty the meeting will be read in memory of. Yes Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to change my vote on Resolution 130 in the consent package to a no. It's the jury board appointment Mr. Chairman. From now on until such time as the legislature decides to follow state law I'll be a no on all resolutions confirming appointments of the chairman or appointing legislators by the legislature. I think that we should practice what we preach.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 130 is - the correct vote on that is it is adopted 22 to one.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty I do think we did follow the law though. It's okay. Now, the meeting will be adjourned in memory of and they're going to be read by Legislator Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Anna DePola Tagliafierro from Glasco, Walter Frey Sr. Saugerties New York, Joan Rine Napanoch New York, George W. Ruger, Jr, Modina New York, Thomas De Stefano Milton, New York, Richard H. Countryman Accord, New York, Vincent Barringer Kingston, New York, Dr. Cy Gruberg Kingston, New York, Gary L. Ortloff Sawkill New York, Anna M. Ortloff Sawkill, Mary E. Cortez Hertica Town of Ulster,

Rodney W. Reeve Port Ewen, Donna M. Makie Pine Bush, Kenneth B. Henry Sr. Pine Bush, Eugene C. Groelle, New Paltz, Jean M. Snyder Kreyche Tillson, Miguel Lugo Walkkill, Jason Sasso Saugerties, Fleurette Myers Saugerties, Gladys M Myers Saugerties, Sally Grossman Bearsville, Elizabeth Melville Saugerties, Francoise Hasenbalg Saugerties, Harry Personeus Saugerties, Dawn Personeus, Rita Mulstay Saugerties, and Frances Gunderud.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk. You're muted Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

I would like to add the name of Thomas Pippi of Walkkill. And I just want to say a couple words about Miguel Lugo. Um, you know, the young man was 17 years old, and passed away while he was practicing for varsity football game at Walker High School. And I know he touched a lot of lives in the hamlet. And even the day he passed, he touched a lot of lives, the first responders that tried to help him, many of which I served with and close friends with. So I just want to point out that he was very well loved in the community and he'll be missed.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? No, having said that, okay. The next meeting will be held... The regular meeting of the legislature will be on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7pm. For the details shall be forthcoming. Resolution deadline is Friday, March 26, 2021, at noon time. And I - a, Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, I would move for adjournment.

Legislator Bruno

I'd like to second that, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty he seconds that emotion. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

None opposed. All right. I want everybody to have an ordinary day.

Legislator Litts

Be safe, stay healthy.

Committee Members

Good night everyone.