

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MAY 18, 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: 7:08 PM

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

Led by Legislator Herbert Litts.

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

Please Note: Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM

7:00 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:10 PM

On Ulster County Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) Administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal, Ulster County Housing Rehabilitation Program (CDBG 1160HR310-18) and Ulster County Homeownership Program (CDBG 1160HO316-19)

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM

7:05 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:11 PM

On Application for U.S. Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) CARES Act Funding Administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were 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: 7:12 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Abe Uchitelle, May 6th
Legislator Heidi Haynes, May 23rd
Legislator Manna Jo Greene, May 26th

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson

Legislature's Republican Caucus
Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Legislator Manna Jo Greene

UC Comptroller March Gallagher
UC Personnel Department

Statement declaring Correctional Officers Week, Police Week and Peace Officer Memorial Day in Ulster County
Letter, Sheriff's Employee Assoc. Contract Letter, American Rescue Plan Infrastructure Projects
Webinar, 5/18/21 Climate Smart Communities Cert. & NYSERTA Clean Energy Communities Program
American Rescue Plan Survey Results
Civil Service Examination Announcements

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Planning Board Nina Singer	Agenda 5/5/2021, Minutes 4/7/2021 Resignation Letter, Community Services Board & Substance Abuse Subcommittee State of the Trails Brochure 2020 MP 3.63 to 8.33 Track Rehabilitation Culvert Replacement Project, Town of Shawangunk
UC Trails Advisory Committee UC DPW Commissioner Thomas Jackson	2021 PFRAP Grant – Maintenance Obligation Letter Emergency Orders No. 4-2021, 5-2021, 6- 2021, 7-2021, 8-2021& 9-2021 State of Emergency Declaration
Catskill Mountain Railroad, President Ernest Hunt	Ulster Green New Deal Solarize Campaign U&D Corridor Rail Trail Feasibility Study Mtg. 4/29 Big Indian to Highmount Celebration Life of Dan Guenther 6/12/21 Notice Preliminary Decision Stream Mgmt. Program
Town of Rochester, Supervisor Michael Baden	Meeting Minutes 2/8, 2/12 & 3/8/2021 Vol. 53, No. 6
UC Information Services UC Transportation Council, Brian Slack	Ribbon Cutting, The Bear Cantina, Woodstock 4/29/2021 1PM Ribbon Cutting, Joe Beez Famous Sandwiches, May 1, 2021 11AM Ribbon Cutting, Sawyer Savings Bank 5/19 Ribbon Cutting, Dante's Pizza 5/11/21 Ribbon Cutting, Brickyards Salt Hotels 5/8 Ribbon Cutting, Half Moon Rondout 5/20 Ribbon Cutting, Premier Short Term Rehab Unit Northeast Center 5/18/21 4PM
New Paltz Climate Action Coalition NYC Dept. Environmental Protection	Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed RTH Realty Holdings LLC Project at 323 Upper North Road, Town of Lloyd
UC Community Services Board County News UC Regional Chamber of Commerce	2020 Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund Report Public Notice, Central Hudson H & SB Lines Rebuild Project, Notice Environmental Mgmt. & Constr. Plan
Ulster County Industrial Development Agency	
Burton Gulnick, Jr., Commissioner of Finance	
VHB Engineers, CH Mr. Rottkamp	

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Orange County Legislature

Concerned Citizens

League of Humane Voters of New York

Ulster County SPCA

UC Resource Recovery Agency

UC Tourism Dept., Dir. Lisa Berger

Resolution No. 102 of 2021 – Resolution Appointing Benjamin Ostrer to the Board of Directors of the Catskill Region Off-Track Betting Corporation.

Letter, Opposing Youth Pilot Hunting Program

Email, Opposing Police In Ulster Schools

Letter, Opposing Youth Pilot Hunting Program

Paw Prints Newsletter, Summer 2021

Recycling Outreach Team Media Composting Guidebook

UC Tourism Kick-Off Event 5/25/21
Gardiner Brewing 4PM

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Budgetary Transfers, April 2021

Executive Order No. 2021-1.23, 2021-

1.24, 2021-1.25, 2021-1.26, 2021-1.27

State of Emergency Declaration & 2021-1.28

Community Services Board Apptmts.

Daniel Bliss Term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024,

Denise Ranaghan Term 1/1/2021 –

12/31/2024

Community Services Board Sub-

Committee Apptmt. Julianne Spearman

Term 1/1/2021-12/31/2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit	April 6, 2021
Energy & Environment	April 5, 2021
	April 15, 2021
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	April 7, 2021
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services	April 19, 2021
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services	April 6, 2021
Public Health and Social Services	April 5, 2021
Public Works and Capital Projects	April 7, 2021
Ways and Means	April 13, 2021
	April 20, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION NOS: 190, 195 – 241 & 243; 242 – POSTPONED; 156 – NO ACTION TAKEN;
97 – WITHDRAWN**

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
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS

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

Resolution No. 238 - Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 239 - Replenishing The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund Of The County Of Ulster
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 242 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 of 2014, A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 15, 2021 At 7:15 PM
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Chairman Donaldson called upon Legislator Archer who made a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 95, Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 as Amended and seconded by Legislator Walter. (Veto override)

Resolution No. 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

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 8
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Donaldson, Haynes, Litts,
Lopez, Maio, Parete, Roberts)

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Whip Lopez, to move Resolution No. 243 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Second Reading & Vote

**190 Rescinding The Rules Of Order Of The Ulster County Legislature
Adopted On January 8, 2020, And Establishing New Rules Of Order Of
The Ulster County Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

Consent

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0

(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

196 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

201 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Application For A Department Of Homeland Security – FEMA – Port Security Grant – Ulster County Sheriff

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

203 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Adjust The Annual Salary Of The Opioid Use Disorder Systems Specialist (COSSAP Grant) - Ulster County Sheriff

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

205 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,640.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Touch Legal, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

206 Establishing Capital Project No. 592 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Fire Alarm & Heating/Cooling Controls Upgrade — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

208 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$357,624.14 Entered Into By The County – ADT Commercial, LLC D/B/A Red Hawk Fire & Security (NY) – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

209 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$208,300.00 Entered Into By The County – Eastern Heating & Cooling, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

210 Establishing Capital Project No. 569 - Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles — Department Of Public Works (Central Garage)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 212 Amending Capital Project No. 539 – Shawangunk Kill Bridge Rehabilitation In The Town Of Shawangunk (PIN 8762.16) To Increase Funding For Construction – Bridge NY Program – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications Or Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 214 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$445,470.94 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 215 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,312,440.00 Entered Into By The County – ING Civil, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 218 Approving An Increase In Funding For Design And Construction Services Of Campus-Wide HVAC Installation Related To Capital Project No. 542 – HVAC Upgrades Campus-Wide, And Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund – Ulster County Community College**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 220 Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held June 15, 2021, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 221 Rescinding Resolution No. 175 Of 2021, And Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 222 Rescinding Resolution No. 176 Of 2021, And Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$288,210.00 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)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

223 Establishing Capital Project No. 587 – Technology Upgrade Infrastructure - Department Of Information Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

225 Establishing Capital Project No. 588 – Personal Computer Replacements - Department of Information Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

227 Amending Capital Project 568 - Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project—Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Amended Customer Project Commitment With New York Power Authority And Amending Capital Project 568- Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

229 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending Various Provisions Of Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 15, 2021 At 7:10 PM

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 230 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz For Administration Of A Naloxone Training Website And Delivery Of Narcan To Ulster County Residents – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 231 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$210,254.00 Entered Into By The County – Liberty Resources, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 232 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$185,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center For Veteran Reintegration Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 233 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$25,161.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 234 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,080.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 236 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)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 237 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$55,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Capital Market Advisors, LLC – Legislature**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 241 Urging New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) To Protect Water Quality In Ulster County And Require The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) To Offer Detailed Alternatives To The Release Of Turbid Water Into The Lower Esopus Creek**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 243 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Certificate Of Need Application With Required Assurances For The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) With The United States Department Of Treasury**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

Non-Consent

- 198 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 4
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Criswell, Uchitelle,
and Walter)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 199 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 4
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Criswell, Uchitelle,
and Walter)
(Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:47 PM)

- 200 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 4
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Criswell, Uchitelle,
and Walter)

- 202 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture - Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

- 204 Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Adjust The Annual Salary Of The Assistant Warden - Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Cahill and Fabiano)

- 207 Authorizing The Replacement Of The Fire Alarm System And Heating And Cooling Controls At The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$600,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$600,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

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

211 **Authorizing The Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles, For The County Of**
BOND **Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,217,000.00, And**
 Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,217,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To
 Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

213 **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$2,757,911.00 Bonds Of The**
BOND **County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The**
 Rehabilitation Of The Shawangunk Kill Bridge, In And For Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

217 **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$14,500.00 Bonds Of The**
BOND **County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Preliminary**
 Planning And Design Costs For Improvements At The Ulster County
 Fairgrounds, In And For Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

219 **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$801,050.00 Bonds Of The**
BOND **County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost OF HVAC**
 Improvements At Various UCCC Buildings, In And For Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

224 **Authorizing The County-Wide Replacement And Upgrade Of**
BOND **Technology, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum**
 Estimated Cost Of \$785,668.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of
 \$785,668.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 226**
BOND **Authorizing The Replacement And Upgrade Of Technology At The Sheriff's Office, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$185,056.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$185,056.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 228**
BOND **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$501,623.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The County's Share Of The Cost Of The Purchase And Installation Of Electric Bus Charging Equipment, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Bruno and Petit)

- 235** **Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,120.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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

Postponed In Committee

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

Postponed In Committee

240 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2021, A Local Law Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Subcontractors That Provide Services To Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 15, 2021 At 7:05 PM

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15 NOES: 8
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Haynes, Litts,
Lopez, Maio, Roberts, Ronk, and Wawro)

Late Resolution

243 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Certificate Of Need Application With Required Assurances For The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) With The United States Department Of Treasury

Moved to Consent

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Cahill.

Edwin M. Ford, Kingston, NY
Thomas J. Keegan III, Kingston, NY
Joseph Kennoch, Town of Ulster, NY
Philip P. McConnell, Kerhonkson, NY
June Lamarca, Big Indian, NY
Vincent J. Zeidler, Glasco, NY
Ida Merigliano, Kingston, NY
Patricia L. Patenaude, Saugerties, NY
Catherine Ducker, Saugerties, NY
Winifred Honecker, Saugerties, NY
John Wynne, Saugerties, NY
Gail L. Pfleghaar, Blue Mt., NY
Sidney Ford, Shandaken, NY
Rochelle Runowich, Wallkill, NY
Kelly D. Cossano, Cornwall, NY

Linda D. Combs, Kingston, NY
John G. Hansen, Olivebridge, NY
Paul P. Pettinato, Phoenicia, NY
Charles H. Wiley, Jr., Connelly, NY
Sister A. Kelly, Kingston, NY
Bruna Fernanda Rondinelli, New Paltz, NY
Kathleen Campbell, Kingston, NY
Becky Jo Cranston, Saugerties, NY
Joseph Hines, Saugerties, NY
Fredrick Bergenson, Jr., Saugerties, NY
Doris Wenger, Malden on Hudson, NY
Dr. Milton Chasin, Kingston, NY
Gable Erenzo, Gardiner, NY
Isabel M. DeCelle, Saugerties, NY

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12 Noon.

**Ulster County Legislature
Public Hearings & Regular Meeting**

Meeting Transcript

May 18, 2021

Chairman Donaldson

I will call the public hearing and the regular meeting to order. And we will rise for the flag and Legislator Litts could you please lead us in the Pledge and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Committee Members

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

You're probably aware this will be our last zoom meeting. We'll be going back in person next month. I was considering this month but I thought it would be easier just to do the zoom and start a new next month and hopefully all will continue to get better and better and better and we can start hugging each other like we used to, oh no we didn't do that did we okay. Any way the meeting is called to order and pledge was done, so Madam Clerk 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 sorry.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Present.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Here.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Here.

Clerk Fabella

22 present and one absent.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight we start with our first public hearing and that is on Ulster County Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) Administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal Ulster County Housing Rehabilitation Program and Ulster County Homeownership Program.

Chairman Donaldson

Public comment.

Clerk Fabella

There are no speakers signed up.

Chairman Donaldson

Dennis Doyle's not here, normally he comes and says something, doesn't he?

Clerk Fabella

Sometimes, he didn't come tonight.

Chairman Donaldson

Well, then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Legislator Brian Cahill

I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

So moved and moved.

Legislator Heppner

Seconded.

Chairman Donaldson

Cahill and Litts seconded. Sorry Herb, Brian beat you to it. Let's call the second public meeting to order.

Chairman Donaldson Okay, The Application for the US Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant. The (CDBG) CARES Act Funding Administered by the New York State Office Committee Renewal.

Clerk Fabella

And there are no speakers signed up.

Legislator Litts

Mr. Chairman, having no speakers I will make a motion for adjournment.

Legislator Bruno

I'll make a second.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. Motion for adjournment by Litts seconded by Bruno. All those in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright, tonight's birthdays we have Legislator Abe Uchitelle May 6th, happy birthday Abe. Legislator Heidi Haynes, May 23rd, happy birthday Heidi and Legislator Manna Jo Greene, May 26th. And happy birthday to the three's. I'd entertain a motion to dispense with the readings of the minutes of the previous meetings.

Legislator Heppner

So moved.

Chairman Donaldson

So moved who was that Heppner?

Legislator Heppner

Yes sir.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay and seconded by Litts was it? All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Any oppose. Okay, carried. There are various communications on file as well as committee reports. Alrighty. Now we go in to public comment on the meeting.

Clerk Fabella

Again, the phone lines are wide open, but we have no callers calling in to speak.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty any callers out there? No one listening, either? Madam Clerk?

Clerk Fabella

There are several people watching our live stream, but nobody signed up to speak.

Chairman Donaldson

Does anybody that is watching live on the live stream wish to speak? I'll entertain a motion to close the public comment. Litts.

Legislator Fabiano

I'll move it - second it.

Chairman Donaldson

And Fabiano. All those in favor. Really don't have to be in favor - it's called by me actually.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty we'll start resolutions with the second reading and the vote on the rescinding of the rules in order of the Ulster County Legislature adopted.

Legislator Heppner

Chairman Donaldson I believe Legislator Archer has her hand raised.

Chairman Donaldson

Oh yeah so I'm sorry, Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer

Thank you, Chairman. I'd like to make a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 95, Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13, as amended.

Chairman Donaldson

Is that for the veto override?

Legislator Archer

Yes, sir.

Legislator Heppner

I believe Legislator Walter also has her hand raised.

Legislator Walter

I'd like to second it and request the long roll.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. Do you want any - no debate at the beginning? Okay, then roll will start it. Unless somebody objects.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Chairman Donaldson

Long roll.

Legislator Archer

Okay, um, I, the Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020 was adopted by this body on March 16, with a 20 to three vote. This law, if it's enacted is intended to clarify existing language of the charter, which already compels departments, agencies in units to produce departmental estimates to the legislature by and we're specifically with this we're specifying when they should be submitted, which is on August 31. And as you all may recall, that was a compromise Originally, the legislation read July 31. But you know, in the spirit of working together, we changed it to August 31. This law does not transfer curtail the Executives authority over the budget, but really seeks to improve the legislature's ability to undertake meaningful fiscal oversight. And, you know, we're here to appropriate and set policy, and that's exactly what this law is intended to help us do. So I'm a yes and thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you. I agree with all that Legislator Archer said and want to add that passage of this law would greatly facilitate the legislature and our legislative financial team in fulfilling its fiscal duties. So I will be a strong supporter of this.

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.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

A yes, I think that this law is going to get us no added information. And if anybody thinks it is going to give you added information, you're fooling yourself. I've lived in taught government for more than half of

my life. My master's is dealing with government. And I understand the dynamics and the legislative branch versus the executive branch probably better than anyone on this call. And I find this a fruitless exercise. If we override, we will still not get the information because it will become a matter of semantics. What is a department estimate? What is a - when does an estimate or when does a wish list become an estimate. Prior to the executive, prior to us having an executive we had the legislative, basically was legislative branches also the Did somebody anyway, prior to having an executive, it was a committee system dealing with the-each department and the departments came and they gave us their estimates, and we whittled them down and went back and forth. That was part of the negotiations and part of our we did the budgeting. Once we hired an executive, it became a different way of doing it. And I understand. I would like that that information, but you're not going to get it. So it's really an exercise that is not going to give us any fruit. And I just, I find it as, I don't know how to put it, but I just see it as maybe poking somebody in the eye. Because you're not going to get anything. In the end. It's very simple. They'll just point out, whatever you add last year, that will be your estimate this year. And you're not going to get added information. Now I would like it, we're not going to get it. It's in the charter, but you're not going to get it you go to court. You're not going to get it because it's semantics. And it's just not going to happen. So I'm not going to be part of that. So I'm going to be a no.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

I'm not into semantics. So I'll be voting in the negative as well.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

I, Dave, you had such a compelling argument I'm gonna have to vote no.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

No.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

No.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

I'm gonna pass because it seems - it sounds to me like an exercise in futility. I mean, being realistic, I haven't heard any consequences if you don't get the results for what you're looking for. So I'm gonna pass for the time being.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Um, I believe in transparency in government. And certainly this, this resolution is not for extreme oversight over the county executive, it is to offer us all an opportunity to ask questions and be able to review the budgets before they get formalized and voted on. So I am a yes. On this.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

No.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I don't think that the spirit of the charter is up for debate. I don't think that the spirit of the first, you know that there are - first passage of this law is up for debate. I haven't heard anyone questioning what we're trying to achieve here. The anticipation of resistance by you know, our partners in another branch of government, I don't think is a reason to, you know, stop at the threshold of this, you know, of moving forward with this and to turn back because we anticipate that resistance so, I'm going to be voting yes for this. I find it surprising. I just have a hard time understanding why we would include it in the charter, not to bring it forward, why we would include it. We would vote on it the first time. And then, you know, to not support it now. It just doesn't make sense to me, you know, if you have to pursue your remedy in the legislative process, that's exactly what we're doing here. So I'm going to be a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

So last time, was my first time going through the budget as a new legislator. And I think it's fortunate that a lot of the department heads and law enforcement, public safety, our elected officials, so they felt comfortable telling me that there were several items that they put forward to the executive that never, we never got to see. And then I had some private conversations with other non-elected heads of programs who also said that there were things they put forward that we never got to see that they were even told not to let us know. And before I feel to do the best we can for our department heads for our programs for our county, is to really understand what the people who are leading these departments are saying they need. We may not support it, we may support it, but it's these are the people that we're trusting to know what is needed to run their show. And any opportunity to hear that as early as possible. Whether we still don't get it, that's another story. But it's still worth it to me to really enforce the importance of knowing this information. So I'm Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Legislator Wawro I just want to confirm that was yes that I heard.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Parete.

Legislator Parete

You know, it seems to me we have enough time to do this during the budget. I said it seems like an exercise in futility. And I'm gonna vote no.

Clerk Fabella

The motion is defeated by a vote of 14 to eight.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty Madam Clerk, we'll move on to the agenda.

Clerk Fabella

On to Consent.

Legislator Heppner

Chairman Donaldson, I believe that we can move Resolution 243 from non-consent to consent.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, and that's okay with you Legislator Hayes.

Legislator Haynes

Yep.

Legislator Lopez

Oh, yeah, no. We second that.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty. And don't we start with the second reading and the vote?

Clerk Fabella

It's a consent vote.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. Well you do have to do the second reading so you have to read it.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 190. Rescinding The Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature Adopted on January 8, 2020 And Establishing New Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature.

Chairman Donaldson

Don't you have to read all the rules?

Clerk Fabella

No.

Chairman Donaldson

Only kidding. All right, the consent. On the consent agenda?

Legislator Heppner

On the consent agenda? We are a short yes with the following abstentions. Resolution 221 and 222
Legislator Uchitelle and Resolution 236 Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Lopez

The Republican caucus is a short

Legislator Heppner

For purposes of employment.

Chairman Donaldson

Can you - what is the reasoning for those?

Legislator Heppner

Employment.

Legislator Lopez

The Republican caucus is a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

Legislator Haynes I think you had abstentions to read.

Legislator Haynes

Yes, yep. Craig do you have them?

Legislator Lopez

I don't Ken yeah Ken didn't get them – I know you have the list right there.

Legislator Haynes

No problem. So we're a short yes with the following abstentions; 206, 208, 209 Legislator Litts abstaining
due to employment.

Clerk Fabella

The resolutions are adopted 22 to zero with the exception of Resolutions 206, 208 and 209 which are
adopted 21 to zero with one abstention Legislator Litts. Resolutions 221 and 222 are adopted 21 to zero
with one abstention Legislator Uchitelle, and resolution 236 is adopted by a vote of 21 to zero with one
abstention Legislator Gavaris.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you. Now for the non-consent.

Clerk Fabella

The first resolution in non-consent tonight is Resolution 198. Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services to Provide a Deputy Sheriff as School Resource Officer, Ulster County Sheriff.

Chairman Donaldson

Are we considering a block of the three?

Legislator Heppner

No, but I believe there'll be folks that would like to speak on this first resolution.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright, on the resolution Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you. I'm going to be a no on this resolution and the next two, all the school resource officer resolutions. I've been in a no in years past and my reason for my no remain consistent in terms of my discomfort with the idea of armed officers in school. I want to read briefly from the state attorney general issued a report in March of this year, which I think is really relevant, and it was to the Kingston, The Kingston - was regarding Kingston New York Police reforms that had been proposed pursuant to the Executive Order No. 203. And among this lengthy report, she speaks to SRO's. And I quote, "We strongly urge you to consider removing all SRO's from schools. The presence of SRO's often perpetuates the same policing inequities that are reflected outside schools, and does not yield the benefit and increase student safety that justifies their continued presence. Accordingly, jurisdictions across the country have mounted efforts to reduce or eliminate police presence in schools." And it is for that reason so distinctly stated by our Attorney General and so recently stated that I am a no on this and the next two resolutions.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes. I am going to be a yes. And I've had very good experience with young people and SRO's, especially in our own school district. The first time you do not want the first time there's an interaction with a young person, either being stopped along the highway for a ticket or a domestic issue. I would much rather have them get acquainted with our police department, via the school where there's interaction that is positive, a positive interaction, but between the police and the students. And I've seen and I've heard from young people, that and maybe it's just our SRO's that are excellent, which I don't believe that to be true, that they are able to have a pleasant experience with the police department. So going in the future when they are stopped speeding or for whatever reason, or an officer shows up for some reason they are calm. And they relate to them as human beings not some force with a gun. I'm a yes.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

I just wanted to say that I interviewed some students from Kingston High School. And I'm afraid I heard just the opposite, that they just didn't feel comfortable with an armed officer in their school. And I think that the money would be better spent on mental health resources and on social services resources. So I'm going to be a no on this.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter

Thanks. So I'm going to be a no on this and the other two. I've heard it several different. I hear the argument coming from the Sheriff and coming from even parents at the schools that we need these to keep our kids safer. There's no evidence that having an SRO will reduce the already very small likelihood that they'll be a shooter. And there's definitely no evidence and having an SRO will reduce the likelihood of being harmed if there was one. And when the SRO came into place, this was the same time we started doing many things in our schools in terms of adding in some schools, metal detectors. I know in my own kid's school, which is one of the ones that is on this list. And I've had kids there for almost two decades. They were not allowed to wear backpacks because of the risk that they're they may be carrying something. That kids were starting to, were treated like they were all potential criminals. And so this feeds into that entire model that I think we need to really change so that our kids do feel positive about themselves and positive about law enforcement, rather than feeling like they're perceived some of them again depending on the color of their skin, typically and their gender, if they're a potential criminal. I will say that no parent's demand's this and all the board meetings I've gone to, because they want their kids to have a more positive experience with law enforcement. That's not what they're asking for. That said, I would 100% support any program that involve law enforcement with our youth. We have teen centers, we have after schools, we have Boys and Girls Club with YMCA, having law enforcement engaged with youth in proactive behavior so that they can get to know them, it would be fabulous. And I would back that in a second. But I think we need to accept that one, they are not keeping our kids safe from shooters. And two, this is not building bonds with all of these kids. And this is not what the parents are asking for in the first place. So I'll be a no for all of them.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? A Legislator Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Hi, I would like to speak up for our SRO officer. He develops a very good relationship with the kids. He's taking kids under his wings. We had a situation where there was actually going to be a threatened our school and it was prevented because of him being in the school. And if you talk to any of the students or parents, he's well-loved and he's really done. What we would want an SRO to do is to build relationships, positive relationships. He's even funded things for kids that couldn't afford different things like prom and other things. So in Saugerties, we have an awesome SRO officer. Thank you.

Legislator Litts

Craig has his hand up.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yep. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm gonna echo the sentiments of Legislator Litts. This isn't just about security for me, it's about building relationships and providing an opportunity for a young person to have a positive experience with a police officer. With all the discussions of police reform and the importance of community policing. SRO's plays a huge role in making this happen. And for me, personally, as a father, I can't think of a better opportunity for my sons to interact with law enforcement on a personal level. Yeah, I just I just don't see it happening any better than with an SRO in a positive setting and that positive setting being at school. Look, I get the politics behind the no votes. I just think it's unfortunate, because if folks are serious about real reform, this policy, in my opinion, should be unanimous. So you know, with that said, I'm gonna be a yes.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Like Legislator Litts and Legislator Wawro I personally know, my SRO and I've known three of them over the 25 years that I've worked at the school district in Marlborough. And they have been essential and benefited our children with a positive influence in every way. So again, is it just our three SRO's or is it something different that I'm not seeing but every single one I've interacted in 25 years at my school district have been nothing but positive and beneficial to our children. I will be a yes 100%.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I'm gonna be a no tonight on these three resolutions. And I just want to share that I really struggle with the justification for it being that these particular officers which I don't doubt that these are great officers, but that this should be the just that's why we should have these SRO, that if it was it implies that if there were different officers, we wouldn't be comfortable with them in the schools. And you know, to that I say, if you if you have concerns about the other officers, obviously we need to be working on that. The notion that we would cherry pick the best officers and take them out of the community and put them into our elementary schools just doesn't sit right with me. You know, I believe that there are great officers and I want them to be in the community working with folks. I don't think that their best role is going to be in an elementary school or middle or high school. So I'm going to be a no tonight on these three resolutions.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yeah, I have to echo Legislator Lopez and Legislator Litts. My experience throughout the school district is in Saugerties. We have probably the best SRO that I could imagine besides doing the DARE programs. This is, these are the first interactions that young children have with the police officers. And there's no better place to do it than in the schools where they can learn. I think the whole idea of the fact that, oh, they carry guns in school and are not safe. I think that's a misnomer. And I think it's a political argument that means nothing. The reality of it is, is this is where elementary schools and junior high's where kids are learning and they're learning that cops aren't the bad guys. Cops are the good guys. And I think that this is the place to do it. I haven't heard of any negative interactions between any SRO between Kingston and Saugerties and Rondout and Onteora, they've all been good, all been positive. And the argument of it disproportionately targets people of color, I believe is kind of miss giving. And I'm gonna be a solid yes on all of these. Because I think these cops instill a sense of pride, a sense of accountability and a sense of responsibility to our kids at an early age that some of these children may not get at home. That the only learning experience they get on right and wrong and, and laws and rules and what they should be expected to do in public are from these officers. And I'm going to be a solid yes on this. Because I think it's a necessary addition to our teaching staff, not necessarily a negative thing. I think it's an addition to the teaching staff not only at home, but also in our school systems. I'm a solid yes on this.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yeah if I might, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, as it as it turns out, my life sort of transcends to districts Onteora and Rondout. And the folks, I talked to the folks in both of them. And the opportunity to have a, an SRO, and in the district sort of amplifies the importance of the diversity within the educational process. All is not bad. All is not good. I have a problem substituting. Since I'm not a member of the school board, and the members of the school boards are not forced to have SRO's. The county doesn't make them do it. They feel it's in the best interests of their students. And I, certainly would have a hard time even listening to some of the most eloquent arguments to go against their wishes, which I do believe is, they feel is in the best interest of their district. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? Legislator Petit.

Legislator Petit

Thank you, I'd like to say that we're fortunate enough here in a Esopus we have the BOCES building to also have a wonderful SRO. And, you know, although I agree, don't want to bring someone in the form of intimidate, certainly want to have someone there for security, who can reach out and, you know, talk to these kids directly, and they feel comfortable reaching out to somebody in authority. And I totally agree with what Legislator Parete just that said the school districts themselves are reaching out. So if they can utilize and are asking for this service, I think it's a good idea for us to be able to provide it.

Chairman Donaldson

Anyone else? If you don't mind I'd like to say my piece. I mean I do have some questions with SRO's. I mean I questioned the idea that they have to have a gun on their hip. That can be troublesome. I just don't think it's necessary in a school district and be a concealed one. But I and then you know, I know there are reservations particularly in Kingston. The City of Kingston School District, or you know, some there are some parents that have some reservations about it. But I'm not voting on the City of Kingston's and I'm not on the school board. Nor do I want to be on it. These school district school boards superintendents vetted this issue and they have overwhelming support by the parents and the communities. They have the school boards are charged to do what is best for the students and their education. They've also had overwhelming support by the town board in the school districts in question. I have had faith in the school boards that they did their research. And this is their request, this isn't mine. And it's not my, my school board that I'm looking at. In fact a school that my daughter teaches is at Kingston High School. And so, I have to default to these school boards, because this is what they want and I mean, I cannot understand some of the arguments against them. But I also have seen firsthand the positive aspects of how they work. I taught in Hyde Park quite some time. And you know, and to answer some questions are now they are chosen. I mean, they need to be chosen, of course with their temperaments and things of that nature. You want somebody that's also wants to be working with kids, and that's, you know, hopefully that's how they vet them. They want somebody that's some- what of a problem solver that can you know, get kids to sit down and work together without force. They should not be part of the discipline part. So I will support this because this is what these school districts want and I don't think I should be overriding the school district. Oh, I guess we'll call for the vote.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution we are a short yes with the following knows Legislator

Clerk Fabella

Wait, Legislator Corcoran has had his hand raised before you go.

Chairman Donaldson

Oh, I'm sorry Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

I like to call for a long roll please.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

No.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno. Legislator Bruno, you're muted.

Legislator Bruno

Story of my life.

Legislator Bruno

Yes. Sorry about that.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

I'll be a no on this.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

No.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

No.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 18 to four.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 199, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with the Onteora School District to Provide a Deputy Sheriff a School Resource Officer Ulster County Sheriff.

Chairman Donaldson

Do we need to go through that again? Are we going to call the vote? Alright I'll call for the vote nobody's hands up.

Legislator Litts

Legislator Corcoran has his hand up.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Call for a long roll please.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

No.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Proudly yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

No.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

No.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

No.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 18 to four.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 200, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with the Rondout Valley Central School District to Provide a Deputy Sheriff a School Resource Officer Ulster County Sheriff

Chairman Donaldson

Alright long roll.

Legislator Corcoran

Long Roll.

Chairman Donaldson

I just called it beat ya.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

No.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Legislator Bruno

Welcome back Ken.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

No.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

No.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

As a two-decade mother at the Rondout Valley Central School, I'm a proud no.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 19 to four.

Clerk Fabella

The next resolution is 202, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Enter Into an Agreement with the Department of Justice for Asset Forfeiture. Ulster County Sheriff

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue.

Legislator Heppner

On the issue we are a short yes with one no Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Ronk

On the resolution were a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to one.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 204, Amending the 2021 Ulster County Budget to Adjust the Annual Salary of the Assistant Warden Ulster County Sheriff

Chairman Donaldson

On the issue Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Thank you very much. I just want to explain my no vote on this one. It's very, very simply, we're eliminating two-part time corrections officer positions to fund this \$20,000 increase for the deputy warden. And at the same time, our corrections officers are being asked to work double shifts and overtime without the ability to say no by contract. And the idea that we're going to be funding this promotion, promotional salary increase for a position by eliminating part time positions where we have shortages that are requiring the sheriff to have corrections officers work double time and overtime. I'm sorry overtime and not be able to go home is something that I can't deal with. I have to vote no on this. Sorry.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know I

Chairman Donaldson

A welcome back Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you very much. You know, my brush fire in between two houses., were all safe so

Chairman Donaldson

So (inaudible) Ronk we'll call you.

Legislator Ronk

So I totally respect Legislator Cahill's position on this. I don't agree with the no vote. And the reason that I don't agree with I don't agree with the no vote for the reasons that he stated is that, you know, we're not having staffing issues at the Law Enforcement Center at the jail portion corrections division, because of a lack of positions. If these positions were positions that were needed to be filled in order to eliminate the staffing problems at the jail I'd be right there with Legislator Cahill voting no on where the money's coming from. But there are a number of corrections officer's positions that the sheriff I spoke to him, myself, he just cannot fill that are open that aren't attached to this resolution. So I respect where you're coming from Legislator Cahill, I just, you know, you have to solve compression issues before they become a real problem. And when you've got lieutenants who are making more than the warden, it's a problem, you know, because you're never going to find somebody who's going to want to take the promotional exam or become the warden because they're not there. They're just legitimately not going to make as much as they are as a lieutenant. You know, I don't I don't disagree. And if we find the trove of people that we need to hire at the jail in order to solve the staffing issues there, then, you know, I'm totally on board. I will put a resolution in co-sponsor with you to put these positions right back. And I can tell you that, you know, our caucus shares your concern so much so that we just sent a letter to the county executive this week to ask him very politely to enter legitimate conversations and negotiations with the sheriff's department, corrections division union in order to settle their contract and pay those folks you know what they deserve. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator before, no one else, Legislator Cahill. Oh, thank you. So yeah, I agree with you Minority Leader Ronk. The problem that I have is that these are issues that should be dealt with at budget time, not in the middle of a budget. And if there are compressions, issue compression issues, they should be dealt with, when the sheriff is presenting his budget to the legislature overall. These end up being despite people disagreeing with what I'm about to say, these end up being based on individuals and not on positions. And if this position is worth the \$20,000, or roughly whatever the increase is, then put it in the budget, let the entire legislature vote on that position at that budget range, and then we'll have at it. And like you said, there are compression issues all throughout the county, and I'm ready to deal with those. I think it's time that we do deal with them, because they weren't around the last time I was around in 2000 and whatever it was six, right. Those same issues are still here. It's time for us to take a stand on those things and make some decisions, and they're not going to be easy decisions, and it's going to cost the county money. But if we're losing, the reason we can't get corrections officers is because they're getting paid better in different counties neighboring us, that is probably even a closer drive from where they live, right

to the Ulster County Jail. That's a problem. And we have to fix it. And for me, this is the first step in that direction. And it will solve the problem of short staffing in the corrections department. And I too, have requested that on many, many occasions, that the executive and the executive branch, enter a negotiation, not just with the corrections office, but with all five of our collective bargaining units that are all working under expired contracts right now. Thank you. Legislator Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yep, I'd like to echo actually, this is kind of ironic but I'd like to echo but not only Legislator Ronk, but Legislator Cahill. We're all on the same team. We all agree with what we're getting at here. However, listen, there's nobody who supports the police department in the sheriff's department more than I do. I can assure you of that. However, these are two different issues. The contract negotiations are between the executive and their union. This promotion, this increase is not part of that. And I am supportive of this. I'm supportive of everything that will make the Sheriff's Department and the corrections officers in a better place. Yes, we have a lot of work to do there. But I think most of the work that needs to be done there is between the union bosses and the Executives office. Our job oversight is to either approve or disapprove of whatever contract negotiation they come up with. And that is, this is not part of it. So I'm going to be yes on this. Because I think we have to start somewhere. And we have to give the funds that are needed to that department as a whole. And I'm all for it, honestly. And I also think that we definitely need to enter into negotiations between the executive office and union leadership. They're two different issues. I don't want to muddy them. And I'm a yes on this. And I will be a yes on anything that we move forward to getting a contract the CBA with the Union as well.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have to say I'm in total agreement with Legislator Cahill. Once again, I find that we're in a situation where we're picking and choosing. I feel that our correctional officers are totally underpaid. I didn't realize until here only a week or so ago, that the corrections officers in Dutchess County, from what I understand are making \$6 an hour more per hour than our correctional officers here in Ulster County. So with that said, I mean you know, we got to just level the playing field here, play fair with everybody and I am going to be a no on this resolution.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, we have had that conversations just so everybody knows. We've had conversations with the county executive and you know and his team that these things are important, these settlements for these contracts have to be done and it needs to be done quickly. So anyway on the - we'll call for the vote.

Legislator Heppner

On the resolution we are in short yes with one no Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Ronk

Unless anybody has changed we were short yes with one no Legislator Fabiano.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 21 to two. The next eight resolutions are bond resolutions.

Clerk Fabella

Number 207, Authorizing the Replacement of the Fire Alarm System and Heating and Cooling Controls at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center in and for the County of Ulster, New York at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$600,000. And Authorizing the Issuance of \$600,000 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

As much as I want to say no to this from my experience in the heating and air conditioning business, and I know that dollar sign sounds like a lot I'm going to be a yes, because we have to maintain the systems that we have. I don't want this to take any money away from the law enforcement officers at the same time. I'm a 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

Abstain.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero with one abstention, Legislator Litts.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 211, Authorizing the Purchase of County Fleet Vehicles for the County of Ulster, New York at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$1,217,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,217,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay the Cost Thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes. Sorry had it muted.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 213, Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$2,757,911 Bonds of the County of Ulster, New York, to Pay Part of the Cost of Rehabilitation of the Shawangunk Kill Bridge, in and for Said County.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes. I love this bridge.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Madam Clerk, Legislative Bartels and I share this bridge in our two districts. But I'm a little disappointed that you did pronounce Shawangunk wrong. It's the Shawangunk Kill Bridge. There's no k sound. But having been said, I'll be a yes.

Clerk Fabella

Did I really because I'm usually really good at that. Don't take that personal.

Legislator Ronk

I'll try.

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 217, Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$14,500 Bonds of the County of Ulster, New York, to Pay Part of the Cost of the Preliminary Planning and Design Costs for Improvements at the Ulster County Fairgrounds, In and for Said County.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yup.

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 219, Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$801,050 Bonds of the County of Ulster, New York to Pay Part of the Cost of HVAC Improvements at Various Ulster County Community College Buildings in and for Said County.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Again, almost a million dollars for heating and air conditioning system in one year is absurd. I think it needs to be looked at closer. However, I also know that maintenance needs to be done and given the fact that the history we have to say 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

Yup.

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 224, Authorizing the County Wide Replacement and Upgrade of Technology in and for the County of Ulster, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$785,668 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$785,668 Bonds of Said County to Pay the Cost Thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Petit.

Legislator Petit

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Walter.

Legislator Walter

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

And Wawro.

Legislator Wawro

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 23 to zero.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 226, Authorizing the Replacement and Upgrade of Technology at the Sheriff's Office, in and for the County of Ulster, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$185,056.00, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$185,056.00 Bonds of Said County to Pay the Cost Thereof.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Criswell.

Legislator Criswell

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Delaune.

Legislator Delaune

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Haynes.

Legislator Haynes

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Heppner.

Legislator Heppner

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Lopez.

Legislator Lopez

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Maio.

Legislator Maio

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Parete.

Legislator Parete

Yup.

Clerk Fabella

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.

The last bond 228, Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$501,623 Bonds of the County of Ulster, New York, to Pay Part of the Cost of the County Share of the Cost of the Purchase and Installation of Electric Bus Charging Equipment in and for Said County.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Yes.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

Legislator Bruno

Again, I have to speak on this a little bit. I'm sorry, but a half a million dollars to upgrade the electric infrastructure so that these electric buses, the green electric buses can run effectively in the county. In within that, that resolution, there's addition of two, I believe it was two generators that are going to run diesel to charge these electric buses. The irony of it is just too much for me to vote yes on. Were going to spend money on, a half a million dollars on money that's going to include diesel generators, to power electric buses to offset our energy dependency on fossil fuels. And I find that almost hypocritical in a lot of ways. So even though I know this is going to pass on principle, I have to vote no, because those are included in this.

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

I want to agree with Legislator Bruno. I'm gonna vote yes, but I agree with his points. I think they're well taken.

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

I agree with Legislator Bruno to and I think for that reason that and I you know, bonds just make me crazy. I'm going to be a no on this one.

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 21 to two.

Clerk Fabella

Resolution 235, Approving the Execution of a Contract Amendment for \$12,120.00 Causing the Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount to be in Excess of \$50,000 Entered into by the County, Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc., Department of Mental Health.

Legislator Heppner

We are a short yes with one no Legislator Petit.

Legislator Ronk

We're a short yes.

Clerk Fabella

The resolution is adopted 22 to one.

Clerk Fabella

Resolutions 238 and 239 were postponed in Ways and Means.

Clerk Fabella

And that brings us to our last Resolution 240. Setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2021, a Local Law Requiring the Payment of a Living Wage to Employees of Contractors and Subcontractors that Provide Services to Ulster County, to be Held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:05pm.

Legislator Heppner

We are seeing no speakers we are a short yes.

Legislator Ronk

We are a short no, with two yeses, Legislators Fabiano and Bruno.

Clerk Fabella

Legislator Parete is a yes on this resolution. And it is adopted 15 to eight.

Clerk Fabella

Oh, Legislator Bruno, are you trying to wave me down?

Legislator Bruno

Oh no, I thought somebody wanted me to speak on it that's all. It's no big deal. I'd like to be honest with you, I um Chairman Donaldson. This is one of those issues where it's a public hearing, and I'm all for public hearings, even though I may or may not agree with the premise of the resolution. I think the public has a right to weigh in on any resolution that we have before us. I mean, we work for our constituents, regardless of whether I agree with a particular resolution or not. I think you know for that reason, I'm a yes.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay. Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Heppner

Chairman Donaldson, Legislator Greene and I believe Uchitelle have their hands raised.

Chairman Donaldson

Yeah, called Uchitelle just now.

Legislator Uchitelle

I'll let Legislator Greene go first.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Greene.

Legislator Greene

Yeah um, is a question that I, I should have been answered to but I just want to be sure that we did set a public hearing on the amendment to the composting law that was in consent.

Legislator Heppner

Yes, it was in consent.

Legislator Greene

Alright, thank you sorry, that I didn't have that, at the top of my head. And I have too many things pulled up to be able to look it up. Thank you.

Legislator Uchitelle

So if I may, Chairman Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Thank you, Chairman. So on 240, Local Law No. 2 of 2021. You know, this does have a very real impact on some of the contract providers that the county works with. And one of the largest impacts would be on Family of Woodstock, which is the largest provider of social services for the county. And so I just wanted to share with all of our colleagues who aren't on the Public Health committee that the we've asked the executive director of Family of Woodstock to attend our next public health committee meeting, which is going to be on the Thursday, the first Thursday, in June. And so I just wanted to extend the invitation to everyone to join, if you want to hear about how this law will impact some of our one of our basically, how it will impact the provider that will impact the most probably,

Chairman Donaldson

And no one else. So I'd like to say something quick. And this will have an impact on those that are paid the least. And they are the ones that do the frontline work. They're the ones that often deal with the children. They're the ones that often deal with the seniors correctly. And they are the ones that are being paid the \$12.50 an hour. So I will enthusiastically support the idea of having this public hearing. On the public hearing on the vote.

Legislator Ronk

We already voted, Mr. Chairman. All the discussions taking place post vote.

Legislator Heppner

But again, we're short yes.

Chairman Donaldson

All right.

Legislator Ronk

We're also still a short yes.

Chairman Donaldson

I was writing something I got lost. Sorry about that. All right. And that late resolution was put in the consent. So we will Brian Cahill, could you please do meetings adjourned in memory of. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Every month we do this in the last year has been particularly hard on our body here. We've all lost not all of us but some of us have lost family members, very close friends and neighbors through the COVID. On this month, there's particularly a few folks on here who are very impactful in our community over the last some, some for decades, previously, some for just a few decades. But it's always tough when we lose community members who have contributed so much to Ulster County over the years. And I'll just start off with talking about Edward M. Ford, who was the city historian who passed away from Kingston, New York.

Legislator Cahill

And the second one would be Tommy Keegan, who was the owner of Keegan Ale. And Tommy never found a charity that he didn't support. And he was in the frontlines during COVID. He was out there helping people. And he did that throughout his whole career at Keegan Ales. He was a wonderful man

and we lost him way too soon. The third one is very personal to me. He was one of my brother's best friends. He served with him in Vietnam. And he died. He also worked, I believe, with Chairman Donaldson on the railroad. And that's Joseph Kennock from the Town of Ulster. Philip P. McConnell of Kerhonkson New York, June Lamarca of Big Indian New York, Vincent J. Zeidler of Glasco, New York, Ida Merigliano of Kingston New York, Patricia L. Patenaude of Saugerties New York, Catherine Ducker of Saugerties New York, Winifred Honecker of Saugerties, New York, John Wynne of Saugerties New York, Gail Pflighaar of Blue Mountain New York, Sidney Ford of Shandaken New York, Linda Combs of Kingston New York, John G. Hansen, Olivebridge New York, Paul Pettinsato Phoenicia New York, Charles H. Wiley Jr. of Connelly New York, Sister A. Kelly of Kingston New York, Bruna Fernanda Rondinelli of New Paltz New York, Kathleen Campbell of Kingston New York, Becky Jo Cranston of Saugerties New York, Joseph Hines of Saugerties New York, Frederick Bergenson Jr. of Saugerties New York, Doris Wenger of Malden on Hudson New York and Dr. Milton Chasin of Kingston New York. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Thank you. I'd like to add the name of Gable Erenzo of Gardiner, New York. Gable passed away suddenly and way too soon. He was a beloved member of our community, a business leader, a pioneer in the international distilling community. And he was someone who always had a smile on his face. He will be so, so sorely missed. And I would also like to add the name of Kelly Cossano of Cornwall. Thank you.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you. I would like to add the name of Rochelle "Shelley" Runowich, from Walkkill, and echo Legislator Bartels comments on Gable.

Legislator Bruno

Yes, I'd like to add the name of Isabel DeCelle. She was a pillar in our community. She raised eight kids, eight children. All of them became a pillar of our community as well. She will be sorely missed. And I'd like to comment on Dr. Milton Chasin. His sudden loss was huge to a lot of people, anybody who have glasses. A lot of them got him from Milt Chasin. And not only was he my eye doctor, but he was my friend. And, and, he's going to be sorely missed by a lot of people.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle

Yeah, I just I have to say a few words about Ed Ford. You know, his impact just can't even be uttered. I mean, it's so huge. But one thing that I want to mention is we're not for it for Mr. Ford, we would probably never have really learned the full truth of the burial ground that is just a block away from me right now in Kingston, where the remains of generations of enslaved African Americans are buried

and Ed went through the archives and discovered it and we've confirmed it with the New Paltz the ground penetrating radar in New Paltz, and we now know about this, this really important part of our history to recognize and to face and, you know, was not just a historian, but he was, had an incredible sense of justice, and he'll be sorely missed. And, and just Tommy Keegan, I mean, what an incredible, incredible person. So it's a it's a tough, tough loss for the City of Kingston.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes. Before we leave, I just want to comment on Dr. Milton Chasin. He and his wife years ago, they did a lot of horseback riding. And I just want to mention that at that time, they would board their horses up on my uncle's farm here in Glasco, at the Fabiano farm and that's how I got to meet him and his wife and they would come up like maybe every other Sunday, and ride and they were they were very, very nice people. A lot of people thought the world of them.

Committee Members

Yeah, yeah.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes. And I'd like to say something about Ed Ford myself. He was an amazing human being. I went to his 100th birthday party. And he was sharp as a tack. And 100 years old. I met Ed about 40 years ago. And I came to depend on him for information from time to time. And he would call me every once in a while they would tell me something. But the remarkable thing about him was his karma. I mean, I'd be going to get information from him, and he always made you feel important even though you're the one seeking the information. And I knew him quite a while when he stopped over to my house one day and he had a picture, of a picture in the 1920s with a woman out front. And it was black and white obviously, and it was you know, the horse hitch was in the front by the road and had a wrap-around porch. And sure it looks kind of familiar to me. Well, it was familiar, it was my house. The house that I live in. And he told me, "Dave, I got married in your house you know." I didn't know that. He said my brother built it also. I didn't recognize it. Of course that horse hitch is not out there any longer. And the wraparound porch is not there. So he told me all kinds of stuff about the house being his aunt that owned it. And he's just a remarkable human being that is just so nice to be around him. I have to say something about Tommy Keegan also. Tommy Keegan put Ulster County on the map when it comes to brewing. His beer is sold all over the world. He made such a change in brewing in Ulster County and other places for that matter. And he was a person that gave so very much of himself. And his donations basically gave to any cause that stopped by. His motto was; have fun, play nice. And that's how he lived his life, having fun and playing nice. When I stopped over into his wake the other day on well, his ashes were on his motorcycle. And the band was playing. People were having drinking his beer, laughing and having fun. And in fact, it was the day that CDC advised that we do not need to wear masks if you're inoculated and you're amongst others wearing masks. So I know very well that they smile images that he always had on his face was probably wider than it ever was. All we're having fun and playing nice. And the one that I also said Joe Kennoch was the one on there as Legislator Cahill pointed out. I've worked with Joe for quite a while when I worked on the railroad. And if anybody knows him, you remember that one of the most fantastic

handlebar mustaches anywhere. He was loved to be - he was a practical joker. He loved to play jokes on people, little things when we're working on the railroad, he would unscrew something and then somebody would go to do something and it didn't work and they'd be wondering why and he'd be over in the corner snickering. And he was just a lot of fun to be around. But you said he served in Vietnam, and he'll be greatly missed by myself, I can tell you that. So the next regular meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00pm. Further meeting details will be forthcoming. Resolution deadline is Friday, May 21, 2021.

Legislator Litts

John Parete has his hand up.

Chairman Donaldson

Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete

Well I just wanted to say thank you for your comments Dave and listening to Legislator Cahill is um, it's refreshing and saddening. One of the benefits of burdens of maybe having living maybe living too long, is that an awful lot of the regular folks also leave us. And listening to Legislator Cahill there have to be a half a dozen or more people that he - that names he read. And it starts to give me the willies to be quite frank with you. We're lucky to be here. We're lucky to be alive. We never know what tomorrow is going to bring as a matter of fact, folks, the minute you would join a meeting, I'm going out here because a young lady just passed away yesterday way too young. And her family is here and we're going to chat a little bit about it. But we have to keep everybody in mind who contribute and I do think Legislator Cahill and all of you folks for your, for your concerns for that. And it's getting tougher as we get older believe me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty, so I'd entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Legislator Bruno

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

Bruno. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Donaldson

Hasta la vista.