ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY and 3105 Rt. 52 Pine Bush, NY

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION: Led by Chairman Donaldson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Session.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL: Present: 19 Absent: 4 (Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman Donaldson granted Privilege of the Floor to County Executive Patrick Ryan to update Legislators regarding the COVID-19 virus in Ulster County.

BIRTHDAYS:

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Chairman David B. Donaldson UC Climate Smart Committee Appt.,

Legislator Peter Criswell, Term Effective

Immediately, Expires 12/31/2021

Press Release, NYS Ag Dist. Inclusions Jeffrey Kehoe, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets; Res. No. 29-2020 Appointments, Self, Legislator's Al Bruno & Herbert Litts III, U&D TRAC

Committee

Flyer, Composting Seminars Flyer, Indian Point Pending Sale

(2) FOIL Request

Election Commissioner Certification, Appointment Ashley Dittus, Term

1/1/2021

Trending, March 2020

Sign in Sheet, February 24, 2020

Email, POS DEC

Danskammer, Orange County Email, 850 Rt. 28 LLC's Plans

February 17, 2020 School Bus Safety

Press Advisory, Protest Bridge Merger

Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk Jr.

Legislator Manna Jo Greene

Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella

UC Board of Elections

UC Tourism Department Trails Advisory Committee

Joanne Savio

Scenic Hudson, Inc. Jim Savio, Kingston

County News

NYSAC, Exec. Dir. Stephen Acquario Assemblyperson Jonathan G. Jacobson

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COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

National Association of Counties UC Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) Catskill Forest Association, Inc. UC Eating Disorder Coalition UC Planning Board

Maureen Cunningham, Envir. Advocates of NY UC Environmental Mgmt. Council, Dave Haldeman

UC Attorney's Office UC Department of Public Works

Richard and Mary Ann Erickson

UC Attorney's Office Legislator Laura Petit

Ulster County Board of Realtors

UC Cornell Cooperative Extension UC Chamber of Commerce Westchester Medical Center National Association of Counties Town of Rochester, NY Ribbon Cutting, Monkey Joe Roasting Co.

County News, March 2, 2020

Review Uniform Tax Exemption Policy 2020 Events

Agenda, March 3, 2020

Agenda March 4, 2020 & Minutes 2/5/2020

More Clean Water Infrastructure Funding 850 Rt.28 Project/Environmental Assessment

County Litigation, February 2020

Dewitt Lake Road (County Road 65)

Retaining Wall Project

Email, Letter to Town of Kingston re:

NYS Route 28 traffic concerns County Litigation, February 2020

Letter to Executive Ryan requesting update for Recycling Oversight Committee

Recommending Tim Sweeney for housing committee

Ulster Current & event calendar Chamber News, March 2020 Invitation to 41st Annual Gala County News, March 2, 2020

Memorializing Res. No. 99 opposing merger of NYS Thruway Authority and Bridge Authority

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Appt's., UC Community Services Board: Robert Gelbach Term 1/1/20-12/31/21 & Kathleen Gray Term: 1/1/20 – 12/31/22 Appt., UC Community Services Board's Substance Abuse Subcommittee: Kathleen Gray, Term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Appt: UC Community Services Board's Mental Health Subcommittee: Robert Gelbach, Term 1/1/20 – 12/31/2021 Appt. Board of Ethics, Gerald Benjamin effective immediately. Press Release, Tech City Abatement Work UC Corporate Compliance Mtg., 12/18/19 Minutes and Agenda Appt. UC Interim Dir. Public Defender Cliff Owens, Effective 2/19/2020 Press Release, Opioid Fatalities Decline Press Release, Mobile County Government Initiative Budgetary Transfers, February 2020 Shared Services Taxpayer Savings Plan **Emergency Operations Center Exercise**

ANNUAL REPORTS:

UC Executive, Patrick K. Ryan Office of the Comptroller, March Gallagher UC Dept. of Finance, Real Property Tax Service UC Dept. of the Environment

DATE:

2019 Annual Report of the Exec. Dept's.
2019 Third Quarter Financial Report
2019 Real Property Data Report
2018 Carbon Neutral Government
Operations Report
2019 Green Fleet Annual Report

MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:

Ulster County Legislators

Reconsider NYS Bridge & Thruway Authority Merger Budget Proposal MINUTES PAGE 5 MARCH 17, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,

February 4, 2020 Planning & Transit Energy & Environment February 3, 2020 Law Enforcement and Public Safety February 5, 2020 Laws and Rules, Governmental Services February 13, 2020 Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services February 4, 2020 Public Health and Social Services February 3, 2020 Public Works and Capital Projects February 5, 2020 Ways and Means February 11, 2020 February 18, 2020

RESOLUTION NOS: 84 – 93, 95 – 98, 100 – 130, 132 – 139, 141, 144, 145; 7, 8, 9, 94, 99, 131, 140, 142, 143 – POSTPONED; 59, 60, 65 – WITHDRAWN

<u>Resolution No. 7</u>- Adopting The Ulster County Code Of Conduct <u>POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE</u>

<u>Resolution No. 8</u> - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of Multi-Family Dwellings Located In Ulster County With Six Or More Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 10, 2020 At 6:00 PM *POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

<u>Resolution No. 9</u> - Establishing A Special Committee To Define Ulster County Housing Needs <u>POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE</u>

<u>Resolution No. 94</u>- Opposing A New Power Plant Facility At The Former Danskammer Energy Site In Newburgh (Orange County) New York POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

<u>Resolution No. 99</u>- Reestablishing The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

<u>Resolution No. 101</u>- Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature For A Special Law In Relation To The Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Rate In Ulster County

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

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<u>Resolution No. 131</u>-Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

<u>Resolution No. 140</u>- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Imagine Better, Inc. D/B/A Don't Be A Monster For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 142- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

<u>Resolution No. 143</u>- Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature *POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

<u>Resolution No. 144</u>- Reappointing – Commissioner Of Elections WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

<u>Resolution No. 59</u> - Establishing Capital Project No. 564 – Purchase And Implementation Of A Real Property Tax Collection & Delinquency Enforcement System – Department Of Finance *WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR*

Resolution No. 60 - Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of A Real Property Tax Collection And Delinquency Enforcement Software System, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$575,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$575,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

<u>Resolution No. 65</u> - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health *WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR*

Consent

84 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

85 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

86 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

87 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

88 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

89 Confirming Reappointment Of Alternate Member To The Fish And Wildlife Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

90 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

91 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

92 Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

93 Confirming Appointments To The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

95 Supporting New York State Senate Bill S6906 And New York State Assembly Bill A9678, Imposing A Permanent Fracking Ban In New York State

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

Opposing New York State SFY 2020 – 2021 Budget Proposal To Merge The New York State Bridge Authority With The New York State Thruway Authority

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

102 Approving Construction Project, By Licensee Ulster County Agricultural Society, Of Capital Repairs, A New Maintenance Shop And Agricultural Museum Improvements – Department of Public Works On Behalf Of The Ulster County Agricultural Society

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

103 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Age-Friendly Planning Program With The New York State Office For The Aging

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Disbursement Agreement With The New York State Urban Development Corporation, D/B/A Empire State Development

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Urban Development Corporation, D/B/A Empire State Development – Ulster County Planning Department

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

107 Reappointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – City Of Kingston

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

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

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

109 Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Wawarsing

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

110 Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding - Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

111 Authorizing The Chair of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Customer Project Commitment With The New York Power Authority (NYPA) For The Implementation Of Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Phase I And Amending The 2020-2025 Capital Program And Establishing Capital Project 568 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

113 Establishing Capital Project Nos. 565 & 566 – 2020 DPW Bridge Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

115 Amending Capital Project No. 550 - Fairground Improvements – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

117 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P. C. – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter) 118 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Town & County Bridge And Rail, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

119 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – GTL Incorporated D/B/A Link To Life – Office For The Aging

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

120 Establishing Capital Project No. 567 – Navigation Response Vessel - Ulster County Sheriff

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

122 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #4 – Public Defender's Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter) Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #6 – Public Defender's Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

124 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #7 – Public Defender's Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

125 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #8 – Public Defender's Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With Blue Stone Solar Energy, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

127 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Require Submission Of Departmental Budget Estimates From Elected Officials And Department Heads To The Legislature, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:10 PM

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

128 Amending The Ulster County Capital Asset Policies

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

129 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

130 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter) Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The D&H Canal Historical Society For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Litts) (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

134 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hudson River Maritime Museum For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

135 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People's Place For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

137 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2020 Appropriations- Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

139 2020 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

141 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

145 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With O&W Station LLC. - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Non-Consent

96 Supporting New York State Senate Bill S7280 And New York State Assembly Bill A09107, Supporting The "Emergency First Responders Privacy And Protection Act"

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to Postpone the Resolution until the Next Regular Session of the Ulster County Legislature.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

97 Urging The Governor And Members Of The New York State Legislature to Reevaluate Bail And Discovery Reform Measures Included in the SFY 2020 Budget

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to Postpone the Resolution until the Next Regular Session of the Ulster County Legislature.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

POSTPONED TO NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Construction Apprenticeship Training Requirements For Certain Construction Contracts In Excess Of \$350,000, And Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2015, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:05 PM

Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to Refer the Resolution Back to the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and

Walter)

REFERRED BACK TO THE LAWS AND RULES, GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

101 Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature For A Special Law In Relation To The Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Rate In Ulster County

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Authorizing The County's Share Of The Cost Of The Purchase And Installation Of Electric Bus Charging Equipment, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$256,606.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$256,606.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Replacement Superstructure For Various Bridges, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$390,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$390,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Preliminary Planning And Design Costs For Improvements At The Ulster County Fairgrounds, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$28,400.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$28,400.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter) Authorizing The Purchase Of A Navigation Response Vessel, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$467,588.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$467,588.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Parete, and Walter)

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #4 – Public Defender's Office

MOVED TO CONSENT

123 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #6 – Public Defender's Office

MOVED TO CONSENT

124 Authorizing The Chair To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #6 – Public Defender's Office

MOVED TO CONSENT

125 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #8 – Public Defender's Office

MOVED TO CONSENT

129 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The D&H Canal Historical Society For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hudson River Maritime Museum For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

135 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People's Place For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

137 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2020 Appropriations- Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

139 2020 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

MOVED TO CONSENT

141 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature

MOVED TO CONSENT

Late Resolutions

144 Reappointing – Commissioner Of Elections

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

145 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With O&W Station LLC. - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

MOVED TO CONSENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:30 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Friday, March 27, 2020 at 12 Noon.

^{*}Please note a complete transcript of the March 17, 2020 Legislative Session is attached.

March 17, 2020 Legislative Session Transcript.

Donaldson: I call the meeting to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Group: 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.

Donaldson: Be seated.

Fabella: Announcements.

Fire evacuation plan: Please note that in the event of an emergency, the fire department has requested that legislators and all others move at least one block away from the county office building in order not to impede the firefighters in their duties.

Cell phones: Please silence cell phones for the duration of the session.

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

Roll call: Archer.

Archer: Here.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Here.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: Here.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Here.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Here.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Here.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Here.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: Here.

Fabella: Fabiano. Gavaris.

Gavaris: Present.

Fabella: Greene. Haynes.

Haynes: Here.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Here.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Here.

Fabella: Lopez.

Donaldson: At this point I've granted the County Executive...

Fabella: (unrecorded)

Donaldson: What? Oh, sorry.

Fabella: He was good?

Ronk: You here, Craig?

Litts: I saw his lips move.

Lopez: Here.

Fabella: There we go. Maio.

Maio: Here.

Fabella: Parete. Petit.

Petit: Here.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Here.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: Here.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Here.

Fabella: Walter. And Wawro

Wawro: Here.

Fabella: Nineteen present, four absent.

Donaldson: Your pause threw me off there. I thought I was ready to roll. Anyway, at this time I have granted County Executive Ryan an opportunity to address us tonight.

(Applause)

Ryan: Okay. There we go.

Thank you. Thanks Chairman and all. I will only take a few minutes because I know everybody wants to probably head out. I do want to say Happy St. Patrick's Day just to lighten the mood a little bit, and I forgot my green but thanks to everybody who, who did not forget the green. My Irish relatives are cursing me all around, Brian forgot his.

So, I mean, I think it's clear this is an extraordinary moment in our county, in our state, in our country, in the world, and I just wanted to address you all directly and I really appreciate the opportunity to do that at the high level. I think, what I want you all to take away is that you should be incredibly proud of how our collective team ,meaning our county government, our town leaders, our not for profit agencies, our individual residents have responded in a moment of uncertainty and anxiety.

I think what we're doing here in Ulster County is, without question, above and beyond what others are doing, not to belittle other's responses, but just to elevate what we're doing and how we're all responding as a community. So, I'll talk a little bit about some of the things we're doing but making this work requires really everybody at every level providing input and getting involved address you all directly and I really appreciate the opportunity to do that.

A lot of people have said it in some form or fashion, but as we stand there doing the Pledge of Allegiance often I think we do things like that in a very kind of routinized way but these are the moments where those kind of ideas of community and of being in this together really matter. And every single person in our community is looking to up everyone in this room as leaders who can have a plan, maybe not every detail figured out but a vision of how we can get out of this together and the only way we can do that is everyone working together. So, I've been just blown away by all of your support and the spirit of cooperation in this moment. I hope we can extend that to many other things and I know that we'll all kind of do our part in whatever ways we can to call to the

better angels cause we've all seen how things can go in these kinds of situations even our own country so we can't take that for granted. So I don't want to take any more of your time I'll be happy to answer a few questions.

Donaldson: If you can, we can entertain a few questions. I mean he's a little frazzled. He's been on this thing for the last ten days so...

Ryan: I love this stuff Dave, I'm good.

Donaldson: Alright, well if anybody has any questions again.

Ronk: I just have a quick statement. I've said it to you and your team privately but since we're on the record here I just want to say publicly how much the Republican Caucus, myself especially, appreciates your calm demeanor and the reasoned and fact based approach that you and your team have taken trying to calm public panic. In a situation like this, panic is the absolute worst thing and it's the only thing that can't be fixed in a public health crisis. So, I think that the way you and your team have handled it, with the daily calls and the daily updates and the tele-town halls and Facebook town halls, I really think it's helped people of Ulster County stay calm. So, I just, on behalf of myself and my caucus, I just want to say we appreciate it.

Ryan: Thank you.

Heppner: The feelings are mutual over here too.

Ryan: Thanks Jon. And I will say this. I mean, I hope I'm wrong about this, but if we look at how the public health aspect of this is played out, we are really are just at the beginning of what could become a very steep curve up and we are starting to begin to see that surface in the data through the COVID hotline, which is why I'm so focused on wrapping up the testing capacity as well as talking with our hospital leaders about hospital bed surge capacity which we are working on but will really need State and/or Federal help. But I do think more challenge is coming and so we'll continue to do what we can to communicate and ask your help and everybody's help on that.

Ronk: And if there's any way we can be helpful as members of the Legislature, representatives of our districts, I want to extend that, you know, in any way you and your team see fit.

Ryan: Thanks. Yeah, we will absolutely. We've already been tapping that and will continue to do that.

Donaldson: Anybody else? Well, thank you Pat.

Ryan: Thanks, everybody. Alright, take care.

(Applause)

Donaldson: Alright, now to some mundane things. We have March birthdays tonight.

We have Tom Corcoran. Happy Birthday back there, March 15th, two days ago.

And Fawn Tantillo on St. Patrick's Day. So, she took off and she's partying by herself in her house by the way.

And Nick Pascale, who also is not present tonight, and he's the 27th.

I'd like to entertain a motion to dispense of the readings of the minutes.

Heppner: So moved.

Ronk: Second

Donaldson: All those in favor, Aye.

Group: Aye

Donaldson: There are numerous communications and reports that are on file. Take your time to read through them at times.

Can we start with the agenda? The Consent agenda. Are we making any movements here?

Heppner: Yes, Mr. Chair, I'd like to move to move Resolution Nos. 122 through 125, 129, 132 through 139, 141 and Resolution 145 from Non-Consent to Consent.

Ronk: No objection.

Donaldson: Alright, on the Consent Agenda.

Heppner: We are a short yes.

Ronk: We are a short yes, with one abstention on Resolution 133, Legislator Litts for purposes of employment.

Donaldson: Thank you.

Litts: And also 98.

Ronk: 98 was...no... alright, and Resolution 98. Sorry, I was under the impression that 98 was withdrawn? Is, wait, isn't that the memorializing resolution? That one stayed in, OK, fair enough.

Donaldson: We now can move on to the Non-Consent Agenda.

Fabella: For the Consent Agenda the resolutions are adopted 19 to 0 with the exception of Resolutions 98 and 133 which are adopted 18 to 0 with one abstention, Legislator Litts.

Mahler: Resolution 96, Supporting New York State Senate Bill S7280 And New York State Assembly Bill A09107, Supporting The "Emergency First Responders Privacy And Protection Act".

Donaldson: Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: I make a motion, at this time, that we postpone that until our next meeting.

Heppner: Second.

Donaldson: On the postponement.

Heppner: We are a short yes.

Ronk: We are a short yes.

Fabella: The resolution is postponed 19 to 0.

Mahler: Resolution No. 97, Urging The Governor And Members Of The New York State Legislature to Reevaluate Bail And Discovery Reform Measures Included in the State Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Donaldson: Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: I make a motion that we postpone that until our next meeting.

Heppner: Second.

Donaldson: On the postponement.

Heppner: We are a short yes.

Ronk: We are a short yes.

Fabella: The resolution is postponed 19 to 0.

Mahler: Resolution 100, Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Construction Apprenticeship Training Requirements For Certain Construction Contracts In Excess Of \$350,000, And Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2015, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 12, 2020 At 6:05 PM.

Donaldson: On the resolution, Heppner.

Heppner: I make a motion to refer it back to the Laws and Rules Committee.

Ronk: I'll second that.

Donaldson: On the postponement.

Ronk: Ah, referral.

Donaldson: Referal, I'm sorry.

Heppner: On the referral, we're a short yes.

Ronk: We're a short yes.

Fabella: The resolution is referred back to the Laws and Rules Committee by a vote of 19 to 0.

Mahler: Resolution No. 112, Authorizing The County's Share Of The Cost Of The Purchase And Installation Of Electric Bus Charging Equipment, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$256,606.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$256,606.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof.

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: Yes.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Yes.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: Yes.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Yes.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Yes.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Yes.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Yes.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: Yes.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: Yes.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Yes.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Yes.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Yes.

Fabella: Lopez.

Lopez: Yes.

Fabella: Maio.

Maio: Yes.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: Yes.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Yes.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: Yes.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yes.

Fabella: And Wawro.

Wawro: Yes.

Fabella: The resolution is adopted 19 to 0.

Mahler: Resolution 114, Authorizing The Replacement Superstructure For Various Bridges, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$390,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$390,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: Yes.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Yes.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: Yes.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Yes.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Yes.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Yes.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Yes.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: Yes.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: Yes.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Yes.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Yes.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Yes.

Fabella: Lopez.

Lopez: Yes.

Fabella: Maio.

Maio: Yes.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: Yes.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Yes.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: Yes.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yes.

Fabella: And Wawro.

Wawro: Yes.

Fabella: The resolution is adopted 19 to 0.

Mahler: Resolution No. 116, Authorizing The Preliminary Planning And Design Costs For Improvements At The Ulster County Fairgrounds, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$28,400.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$28,400.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof.

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: Yes.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Yes.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: Yes.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Yes.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Yes.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Yes.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Yes.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: Yes.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: Yes.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Yes.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Yes.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Yes.

Fabella: Lopez.

Lopez: Yes.

Fabella: Maio.

Maio: Yes.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: Yes.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Yes.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: Yes.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yes.

Fabella: And Wawro.

Wawro: Yes.

Fabella: The resolution is adopted 19 to 0.

Mahler: Resolution No. 121 - Authorizing The Purchase Of A Navigation Response Vessel, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$467,588.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$467,588.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof.

Fabella: Archer.

Archer: Yes.

Fabella: Bartels.

Bartels: Yes.

Fabella: Bruno.

Bruno: Yes.

Fabella: Cahill.

Cahill: Yes.

Fabella: Corcoran.

Corcoran: Yes.

Fabella: Criswell.

Criswell: Yes.

Fabella: Delaune.

Delaune: Yes.

Fabella: Donaldson.

Donaldson: Yes.

Fabella: Gavaris.

Gavaris: Yes.

Fabella: Haynes.

Haynes: Yes.

Fabella: Heppner.

Heppner: Yes.

Fabella: Litts.

Litts: Yes.

Fabella: Lopez.

Lopez: Yes. (baby crying)

Fabella: Maio.

Maio: Yes.

Fabella: Petit.

Petit: Yes.

Fabella: Roberts.

Roberts: Yes.

Fabella: Ronk.

Ronk: Yes.

Fabella: Uchitelle.

Uchitelle: Yes.

Fabella: Wawro.

Wawro: Yes.

Fabella: The resolution is adopted 19 to 0.

Donaldson: At this point, the next regular meeting of the Ulster County Legislature is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st but we will need to stay tuned on that, at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers on the 6th Floor. That, of course, may change, and you'll get that information as soon as I know that information. The resolution deadline is Friday, March 27, 2020 at noon. Yes, Legislator Ronk.

Ronk: Yes, before we adjourn Mr. Chairman, I just want to thank you for the changes that you made that gave us the ability to do our job in safety. I think they were, you and I had spoken about a lot of them, but I also wanted to thank you, for, you know, it's tough to make these decisions in an emergency but I think they were all the right decisions.

Donaldson: Well I thank you and you've been great with it.

Litts: Mr. Chairman I'd like to make a motion for adjournment.

Donaldson: Before we do that, I do want to say a couple quick things and because we may be called by our constituents from time to time on the COVID-19 virus and I think we will be asked many times how they're going to dealing with it. Because we know, as the County Executive said, it will start spiking soon and it's going to frighten a lot of people although they should not panic.

The hotline number is (845) 443-8888 and its staffed by trained personnel to answer all your questions on the issue. And in fact, they can dispatch someone to your house if they need to.

As I pointed out the cases will begin to spike more, and we have to understand that, that's the way it plays out. But we should not panic. It will take its course and we all know, I mean we know just ourselves how a common cold gets spread but we don't always follow those numbers on a common cold but we will be following this because of the severity of how it deals with somebody with a compromised immune system.

The main thing is people have to keep good hygiene as if anyone you come in contract is maybe contaminated, shall we say, and or compromised or you may be compromised. So, the idea here is we have to protect those with the compromised immune systems because that's the ones that's going to be affected. Those that, the average person is going to be a mild case, as I said, hygiene. If your sick I'd advise your people, whoever they are, to call. Advise them, the first thing they should do is call their health provider just as if any other type of thing that came upon you and you didn't feel well, you'd call your health advisor. If you have any other questions, again, at (845) 443-8888.

As you were pointing out they have 20 people in most of the time, its 24-7 and I thank Abe Uchitelle, I want to thank you for your volunteer service there. He has been one of the people manning the phones there.

Uchitelle: Thank you.

Donaldson: Tell people they are not to go to the hospital, no different than if you were ill before. You just don't show up at the hospital. There're just not equipped for that type of thing.

As we pointed out. there is no cure for COVID-19, no virus, no more there is a cure for the common cold, or the vast majority of your, of our bodies will reject it over time. Your system will work its way through it.

You just have to hydrate. Do your chicken soup. Watch Seinfeld episodes, if that's what you like to do. Whatever it is, you keep yourself comfy and if you have any questions again (845) 443-8888 if you have any type of questions whatsoever.

And you also have the ability if you're going to be home for a while and some people are going to be spending more time at home, and again, most of us are going to be safe, we need to protect those with compromised immune systems so that's why we are staying home more. While you're there, tell people to start cleaning their garage or sheds, their attics, cellar, keep yourself busy, get that painting job done. I know Jim Delaune is going to be doing that, he's going to be doing some painting. And hey, you have a good reason to disinfect the house. Make sure that lawn is the envy of your block. Take a walk with the dog or without the dog. If you see someone, tip your hat maybe even do a little curtsy if you want. No handshakes. Just smile. And stay safe.

We'll get through this and I'm quite comfortable with the way the County Executive is handling this, I'm very impressed and I think we all are, and we are grateful for that West Point training.

Donaldson: I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Litts: I have already had a motion on the floor, sir.

Donaldson: A second?

Cahill: Second.

Donaldson: For the motion to adjourn. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Donaldson: Meeting adjourned.