

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## Minutes

**MARCH 19, 2024**

### **PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

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**7:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 7:04 PM**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FIRE EVACUATION PLAN**

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

#### **CELL PHONES**

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Session.

#### **MICROPHONES**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Litts)

## **SESSION OPENING – MID HUDSON WOMEN’S CHORUS**

In honor and recognition of Women’s History Month, Chair Criswell welcomes the Mid-Hudson Women's Chorus. Formed in 1976, the Mid-Hudson Women's Chorus has been performing for nearly half a century. The non-profit chorus consisting of primarily Ulster County residents, performs two concerts and several community events a year, and awards a generous scholarship to a gifted high school senior pursuing musical education. Bound by the joy, love and goodwill found in singing the members range in age from 20-something to 90, with new members warmly welcomed by the 35-year veterans.

### **7:00 PM – CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:16 PM**

On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Determination Of Taxable Rent

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were 10 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Jaime Capuano, New Paltz – Gave a reminder to the 2024 budget, having \$6.3 million budgeted for Occupancy Tax, this will impact the budget to about a \$1MM which will be a 15% reduction in the overall budgeted revenue for this area.
2. Lin Sakai, Esopus – Member of the activist Affordable Housing Committee, spoke regarding the UC housing action fund and against Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024.
3. Steve Busch, Accord – Spoke about affordable housing.
4. Tom Denton, New Paltz – Spoke against Proposed Local Law No. 1.
5. Shelley Turk, Highland – Owner of Rocking Horse Ranch.
6. Tom Smiley, Marbletown – CEO of the Mohonk Mountain House, in favor of Proposed Local Law No. 1, asked to be taxed at a fair level.
7. Rachel Gans, Bloomington – Homeowner for 25 years in Bloomington, against Proposed Local Law No. 1, stated the use of the funding should support the housing crisis and for public transportation.
8. Tom Rocco, New Paltz – Against Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024
9. Ellen Rocco, New Paltz – Against Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2024
10. Steve Turk, Highland – Owner of Rocking Horse Ranch, in favor of amended Occupancy Tax.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:36 PM**

Motion by Legislator Kitchen, second by Legislator Donaldson

**BIRTHDAYS:**

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| Legislator Jeff Collins       | March 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Legislator Thomas Corcoran    | March 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Minority Council Nick Pascale | March 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Legislator Richard Walls      | March 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Legislator Greg McCollough    | March 31 <sup>st</sup> |

**MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM:**

UC Legislative Chair, Peter Criswell

Chair Criswell nominates Brigid Walsh to serve on the UC Board of Ethics

Legislative News

Ulster County Legislature Establishes Subcommittee on Housing

NYS Public Service Commission

Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188 - Indian Point – Notice Rescheduling Meeting

NYSAC News

Winter 2024 Legislative Guide

Adrienne Meicht, Couch White, LLP

Foil Request 2-29-24 and Response 3-7-24

Allison Costanzo, Chamber Of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting 2024 – Crown Barbershop, Friday March 1, 2024 @ 11:00 AM

Ribbon Cutting 2024 - Leap of Kindness Day In Ulster County, February 29, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

Ribbon Cutting 2024 - Ester Wine and Spirits, Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (Continued):**

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| Angel Gonzalez, UC Dept of Mental Health              | Community Service Board Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2023, January 8, 2024 & February 11, 2024  |
| Brian C. Slack, UC Transportation Council             | 2024 Charles Schaller Award Nomination Form   |
| Brianna Tooley, Environmental Specialist              | Foil Request and Response 2-15-24 & 2-16-24   |
| Cam Atzl, Snyder & Snyder, LLP                        | Foil Request and Response – Robert Gaudio   |
| Colleen M. Leonard, Public Health & Planning Council  | Seeking candidate to serve on the Health Public & Health Planning Council-Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Seat  |
| Dafne DeJesus, UC Comptroller’s Office                | Press Release, Comptroller Gallagher Appoints Charles Dinstuhl to the position of the Deputy Comptroller  |
| Dafne DeJesus, UC Comptroller’s Office                | Press Release, Audit of Cares 1 Grant Program   |
| Danielle N. Rispoli, NYS Department of Transportation | Press release – Destinations Expand at New York Stewart International Airport as Breeze Airways begins services to Orlando, FL and Charleston, S.C.   |
| Edward Jordan, Purchasing Department                  | Non-commodity Solicitations<br>RFB-UC24-140C – Golden Hill Traffic Control Gate Installation<br>RFQ-UC23-015 - Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinator<br>RFP-UC24-003 – Senior Nutrition Program for Ulster County Office for The Aging<br>RFB-UC24-006 – Janitorial Services<br>RFP-UC24-007 – Incarcerated Individuals’ Communication Services |

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (Continued):**

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| Hudson 7   | UC Purchasing Department Monthly Activity For February 2024  |
| Kenneth Ronk, Supervisor, Town of Shawangunk     | Agenda for March 13, 2024 & Minutes for February 15, 2024  |
| Legislator, Kevin Roberts                        | Election Commissioner Certification – John Quigley   |
| Lindsay Ballard, Catskill Watershed Corporation  | Legislator Roberts will be serving as the Minority Representative to the Investment Advisory Board   |
| NYSAC  | Notice of Preliminary Decisions of the Of the Catskill Watershed Corporation Letter – UC Resolution No. 7                                    |
| Town of Catskill Town Board                      | Public Hearing for Local Law 1 of 2024 - March 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM  |
| UC Compliance Program                            | Quarterly Reports  |
| UC Corporate Compliance Committee                | Agenda for December 20, 2023 and Minutes for November 29, 2023   |
| UC Corporate Compliance Committee                | Agenda for January 31,2024 and Minutes for December 20, 2023   |
| UC Democratic Committee, Chair Kelliegh Mckenzie | Ashley Torres, Election Commissioner Certification   |
| UC Department of Finance, Nate Litwin            | ARPA Q4 of 2023 Report & GL Transaction Report   |
| UC Department of Mental Health                   | CSB Monthly Meeting – Status of System January 2024 and Year In Review 2023  |
| UC Office of the Comptroller                     | Order of Succession – Comptroller Gallagher designates Charles Dinstuhl for the office of the Comptroller to act in the event of her absence |
| UC Personnel Department                          | Civil Service Announcements  |
| UC Planning Board                                | Agenda for March 6, 2024 & Minutes for February 7, 2024  |
| UC Purchasing Department                         | Monthly Activity for February 2024   |

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM (Continued):**

UC Substance Abuse Prevention Board

Agenda, Minutes & Directors Report for  
February 9, 2024

Veterans Services Director Mark Cozzupoli

Veterans Related Communications

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:**

NYS Public Service Commission to  
consider action against Hudson Valley  
Water Company, as urged by County  
Executive Metzger

NYS Public Service Commission takes  
action on Hudson Valley Water Company  
Failures, as urged by County Executive  
Metzger and Local and State Officials

UC Executive Metzger Appoints Deborah  
DeWan as County's First Agricultural  
Services Administrator

UC Executive Metzger Appoints Paul A.  
Tully and Stephanie Ellis to the Ulster  
County Board Of Ethics

New Ulster County Housing Action Fund  
Opens Applications on March 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 1  
application window for funding housing  
and housing-related projects

Appoints Amberly Jane Campbell as  
Assistant Deputy to the County Executive

NYS Public Service Commission denies  
Hudson Valley Water Company Extension

Appoints Kevin Lynch to the Investment  
Advisory Board

County Executive Metzger and Legislators  
seek traffic impact and safety analysis for  
route 44/55 and traffic impacts of proposed  
warehouse at 2021 NYS route 44/55 in  
Plattekill

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (Continued):**

UC Executive Jen Metzger releases Green Fleet Annual Report

County Executive Jen Metzger proposes updates to sexual harassment policy to Legislature

Public meeting to learn about the Ulster County Shandaken Rail Trail Project

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Ulster County Clerk 2023 Annual Report

Ulster County Compliance Program 2023 Annual Report

Ulster County District Attorney 2023 Annual Report

Ulster County Department of Finance 2023 Real Property Data Report

Ulster County Traffic Safety Board 2023 Annual Report

Ulster County Executive 2023 Annual Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture

Energy, Environment & Sustainability

Health, Human Services & Housing

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Laws and Rules, Government Services

Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation

Ways and Means

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

**DATE:**

January 30, 2024

January 30, 2024

February 1, 2024

January 31, 2024

February 8, 2024

February 5, 2024

February 8, 2024

February 1, 2024

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Chair Criswell has granted Privilege of the Floor to Kati Haynes, Board President, Hudson Valley Women in Business. HVWiB is a non-profit dedicated to championing women-owned businesses across the Hudson Valley region through educational programming, networking opportunities, and peer-to-peer advisory support. Their mission is to empower, educate, and uplift women entrepreneurs and executives, nurturing growth and long-lasting success through a warm and inclusive approach.

Chair Criswell will call upon Vice Chair Sperry, Chair of the Economic Development, Planning Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee to present a Pride of Ulster County Award.

## **PRIDE PRESENTATION**

Chair Criswell will call upon Legislators Hansut and Hewitt, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee to present a Pride of Ulster County Award to Ulster County 9-1-1 Dispatcher Anthony McKenzie for his swift and decisive actions in a critical situation, reaffirming the invaluable role of emergency responders in safeguarding our community. Joining Mr. McKenzie are his family, Ulster County Emergency Services Director Erichsen, Deputy Director Andrew Cafaldo, Lisa Bruno and former County Legislator Al Bruno.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (ON items currently before the Legislature):** There was one speaker signed up to speak for public comment.

1. Jay Nelson, New Paltz – Spoke in regard the Remedial Action Work Program

Motion by Legislator Kitchen, second by Legislator Harmon

**RESOLUTION NOS: 78, 82 – 154, 156**

**31 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 77, 155 – POSTPONED**

**Resolution No. 31:** Creating And Funding Position In Department Of Health - Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget

*No Action Taken in Committee.*

**Resolution No. 77:** Adopting Revised Ulster County Investment Policy

*Postponed in Committee.*



**Resolution No. 155:** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article XXX Commission Of Human Rights Of The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code, And Chapter 216 Human Rights Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To The Number Of Members And Appointment Structure Of The Commission Of Human Rights, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 16, 2024 At 7:00 PM

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|            | <b>First Reading</b>   |
| <b>151</b> | <b>Amending The Rules Of Order In Relation To Resolution Deadline</b>  |
|            | <b>Consent</b>   |
| <b>82</b>  | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$45,246.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Barton &amp; Loguidice, D.P.C. – Department of Finance</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>         (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |
| <b>83</b>  | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$31,544.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department of Finance</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>         (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>     |
| <b>84</b>  | <p><b>Amending Capital Project No. 644 Site Ready Services For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds) And Department Of The Environment</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>         (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>              |

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| <b>86</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$173,603.00 Entered Into By The County – Livingston Energy Group, LLC – Department Of Environment</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)           |
| <b>87</b> | <b>Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The U.S. Department Of Energy - Energy Efficiency And Conservation Block Grant Program</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>88</b> | <b>Authorizing Submittal Of Various Electric Vehicle (EV) And EV Charging Station Rebate And Grant Applications – Departments Of The Environment And Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>89</b> | <b>Reappointing Members To The Soil And Water Conservation District Board</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>90</b> | <b>Reappointing A Legislative Representative To The Ulster County Cooperative Extension Board</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |

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| <p><b>92</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The SUNY New Paltz Venture HUB To Provide Entrepreneurial And Business Recruitment And Support – Department Of Economic Development</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                                    |
| <p><b>93</b></p> | <p><b>Amending Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster – Children’s Center Renovations - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - SUNY Ulster</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| <p><b>95</b></p> | <p><b>Appointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Shandaken</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| <p><b>96</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Round Four (4) Of The Septic System Replacement Fund – Department Of Planning</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                        |
| <p><b>97</b></p> | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,900.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Inter-Fluve Engineering, P.L.L.C. – Department Of Planning</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |

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| <b>98</b>  | <b>Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board Of Directors</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>99</b>  | <b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Implement Services Under The Raise The Age (RTA) Plan For SFY 2024 – Department Of Social Services</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>100</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$36,071.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>101</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$55,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock Inc. – Department of Social Services</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |

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| <b>102</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$300,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department of Social Services</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>103</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$379,909.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>104</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$9,420,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>105</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$192,400.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>106</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$240,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Home Health Care, Inc. – Office For The Aging</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |

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| 107 | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Home Health Care &amp; Companion Agency, Inc. – Office For The Aging</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                             |
| 108 | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Worx, A Division of HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus – Office For The Aging</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |
| 109 | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$156,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Unlimited Care Inc. – Office For The Aging</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| 110 | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$310,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Willcare, Inc. D/B/A Willcare – Office For the Aging</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| 111 | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$109,962.00 Entered Into By The County – Hershy’s Fencing Inc. D/B/A Hershy Fencing &amp; Railing – Ulster County Sheriff</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22          NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                 |

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| 112 | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Counties Of Orange, Rockland And Sullivan For The Purpose Of Creating A Regional Partnership For HAZMAT Response</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>  |
| 113 | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With National Association Of County &amp; City Health Officials For The 2024 Operational Readiness Award – Emergency Services</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>  |
| 114 | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Department Of Health (NYSDOH) And Office Of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP) For 2023 – 2025 MRC-STTRONG</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| 115 | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services, Office Of Interoperable And Emergency Communications, For The 2023 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |

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| <p><b>116</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorialization Of Lease Agreement With The Palisades Interstate Park Commission For Leased Property In The Village Of Ellenville – Department Of Emergency Services</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| <p><b>118</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, For Improvements At Hasbrouck Park – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>  |
| <p><b>119</b></p> | <p><b>Amending Capital Project No. 505 – Wolven Bridge Over The Sawkill Creek (PIN 8761.76) Replacement Project Construction Phase - Authorizing Agreements, Certifications Or Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation, And Appropriating Funds - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |
| <p><b>121</b></p> | <p><b>Amending Capital Project No. 508 – Fantinekill Bridge (PIN 8761.75) Replacement Construction Phase - Authorizing Agreements, Certifications Or Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation, And Appropriating Funds - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                           |



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| <b>123</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$808,120.00 Entered Into By The County – AECOM USA, Inc. – Department of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>124</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,519,345.00 Entered Into By The County – Bette &amp; Cring, LLC – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>MOVED TO NON-CONSENT  |
| <b>125</b> | <b>Amending The 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program -Amending Capital Project No. 519 Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Energy Upgrades And Boiler Replacement Project - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>127</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$437,720.00 Entered Into By The County – Eastern Heating &amp; Cooling, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>128</b> | <b>Establishing Capital Project No. 690 – 2024 Pavement Preservation Of Various Roads - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |

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| <b>130</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Callanan Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>131</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)        |
| <b>132</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)        |
| <b>133</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)                  |
| <b>134</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)        |

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| <b>135</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)                                |
| <b>136</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>137</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Sullivan County Paving &amp; Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)             |
| <b>138</b> | <b>Establishing Capital Project No. 692 – Ulster County Office Building Security, Fire Alarm And Access Control Upgrades - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget Department Of Public Works (Buildings &amp; Grounds)</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |

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| <b>140</b> | <b>Establishing Capital Project No. 693, 694, &amp; 695 - 2024 DPW Facility Improvement Program - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>142</b> | <b>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Unified Court System – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>143</b> | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$21,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – M.M.G. Fire Equipment, Inc – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>144</b> | <b>Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>146</b> | <b>Authorizing Budget Director To Make Certain Transfers Of Funds – Department Of Budget</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |

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| <p><b>147</b></p> | <p><b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,866.70, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/> (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                |
| <p><b>149</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing A Budgetary Transfer For The Purpose Of Retaining Outside Legal Counsel</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/> (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>   |
| <p><b>150</b></p> | <p><b>Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/> (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>  |
|                   | <p><b>Non-Consent</b></p>  |
| <p><b>78</b></p>  | <p><b>Establishing A Policy Requiring Nonprofit Vendors To Comply With Applicable Financial Reporting And Tax Filing Regulations</b></p> <p>Legislator Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Legislator Maloney, to Refer the Resolution to the Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/> (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |

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| <p><b>85<br/>BOND</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$315,622.00 Bonds To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Preliminary Site Preparatory Expenses For The Installation Of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations In And For The County Of Ulster, New York</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>               |
| <p><b>91</b></p>          | <p><b>Providing Authorization For U.S. Treasury Reporting For 2025 &amp; 2026 ARPA Administration Estimated Costs – Agricultural Crisis Relief Coordinator - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21            NOES: 1<br/>(Noes: Legislator Maloney)<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>     |
| <p><b>94<br/>BOND</b></p> | <p><b>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$10,000.00 Bonds To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Preliminary Expenses For The Reconstruction Of The SUNY Ulster Children’s Center In And For The County Of Ulster, New York</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21            NOES: 1<br/>(Noes: Legislator Maloney)<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |
| <p><b>117</b></p>         | <p><b>Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget Related To An Allocation Of Aid To Prosecution Funding From The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – District Attorney</b></p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21            NOES: 1<br/>(Noes: Legislator Maloney)<br/>(Absent: Legislator Litts)</p>                                       |

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| <b>120<br/>BOND</b> | <b>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$1,414,100.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Replacement Of The Wolven Bridge On Zena Road, In And For Said County</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>122<br/>BOND</b> | <b>Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$1,209,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Replacement Of The Fantinekill Bridge, In And For Said County</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)         |
| <b>124</b>          | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,519,345.00 Entered Into By The County – Bette &amp; Cring, LLC – Department Of Public Works</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>126<br/>BOND</b> | <b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,950,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of Law Enforcement Center Boiler Replacement, In And For Said County</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)                               |

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| <b>129<br/>BOND</b> | <b>Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$650,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$650,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 21            NOES: 1<br>(Noes: Legislator Hewitt)<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>139<br/>BOND</b> | <b>Authorizing The Issuance OF \$310,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of County Office Building Security And Fire Alarm Upgrades, In And For Said County</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>141<br/>BOND</b> | <b>Authorizing The Issuance Of \$500,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of The Reconstruction Of And Construction Of Improvements To Various County-Owned Properties, In And For Said County</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)  |
| <b>145</b>          | <b>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio &amp; Co. LLP – Department Of Finance</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 20            NOES: 2<br>(Noes: Legislators Maloney and Stewart)<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |



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| <b>148</b> | <b>Amending The Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy And Complaint Procedure – Department Of Personnel</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>152</b> | <b>Amending The Term Of Office For Commissioners Of The Board Of Elections – Ulster County Board Of Elections</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 14            NOES: 8<br>(Noes: Legislators Collins, Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Lopez, Maloney, Stewart, and Roberts)<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts) |
| <b>153</b> | <b>Reappointing – Commissioner Of Elections</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 21            NOES: 1<br>(Noes: Legislator Lopez)<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |
| <b>154</b> | <b>Reappointing – Commissioner Of Elections</b><br><br>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:<br><br>AYES: 22            NOES: 0<br>(Absent: Legislator Litts)   |

|            | <b>Late Resolution</b>   |
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| <b>156</b> | <p><b>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending Article V Of The Ulster County Charter (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006) And Amending Section Article V Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Modify Various Provisions In Relation To The Commissioner Of Health Or Public Health Director And The Medical Examiner, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 16, 2024 At 7:05 PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYES: 17                      NOES: 5<br/>       (Noes: Legislators Kitchen, Kovacs, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls)<br/>       (Absent: Legislator Litts)</p> |

**PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *NOT* currently before the Legislature):** There were 4 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Henry Gage, Jr – Spoke regarding Build Green Now & Hemp Opportunities.
2. Sally Warren – Spoke regarding Build Green Now & Hemp Opportunities and AI.
3. Steve Rice, Rochester – Spoke on Trails Advisory, how it has been an honor to serve on the County Legislature’s Trails Advisory Committee for the past 15 years and how much it has grown. Also thanked Legislator Hewitt and Nolan for bringing issues of raw diesel locomotive pollution to their respective committees.
4. Supervisor Baden, Town of Rochester – Spoke on EMS Service Committee as he believes its needed and also spoke on the Inter-municipal Collaborative Counsel Committee.

**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:** Read by Minority Leader, Kevin Roberts

Walter G. Frey, Jr. (former Legislator), Saugerties  
Michelle Watson, Highland  
Mary Jerminario, Marlborough  
Christina Coviello, Marlborough  
William Wilklow, Highland  
Robert G. Gibney, Modena  
Rosalie A. Schembari, Modena  
Glenn S. Giametta, Newburgh  
Agnes Van Keuren, Wallkill  
Michael Miranda, Shandaken  
Sherry DiDonato, Marlboro  
Roger Donlon, Saugerties  
Peter E. Shultis, Saugerties  
Geraldine B. Malgieri, Saugerties  
James R. Brown, Jr., Saugerties  
Sean Patrick Cummings, Saugerties  
Noah Ortman, Town of Ulster

Mary Katherine Collins, West Hurley  
John Stanzione, Hurley  
Julian Weiner, Kingston  
Helen Olsen, Ulster  
Stanley D. Freer, Wallkill  
Charles F. Scheid, Kingston  
Gerard A. Fricker Jr., Modena  
Mario Villajuan, Kingston  
Charles Boughton, East Kingston  
Wesley A. Buley, Shokan  
Vincent Russo, Milton  
Dave Meade, Saugerties  
Elizabeth Legg, Saugerties  
Nancy Genthner, Saugerties  
Ramona Fradon, Woodstock  
Jean Ann McGraign, Gardner

**CLOSING WORDS** – Chair Criswell will call upon Legislature Vice Chair Megan Sperry, District 17, to offer closing words.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Wednesday**, March 20, 2024.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:14 PM  
Motion made by Legislator Kitchen  
Seconded by Legislator Nolan



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC HEARING: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW No. 1 OF 2024, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ULSTER IN RELATION TO DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE RENT, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

MARCH 19, 2024

LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS, 244 FAIR STREET, KINGSTON, NY

| NAME (PLEASE PRINT)                                  | CONTACT   |
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| ① JAMES CARPANO<br>Jay Nelson - <i>did not speak</i> | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz<br>EMAIL:                                  |
| ② Lin Bakeri - 850905<br>③ STEVE BUSCH               | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Accord<br>EMAIL:                                     |
| ④ Tom Denton <i>(Denton)</i>                         | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL: New Paltz                                  |
| ⑤ Shelley Turk<br>Shelly                             | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: <i>Highland</i><br>EMAIL: <i>Shelley@whranch.com</i> |
| ⑥ <del>John Sakari</del>                             | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL: <i>Esop as. /insakai@gmail.com</i>         |

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| 6. ✓ Tom SMILEY (Smiley)  | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: MARBLETOWN<br>EMAIL:                          |
| 7. ✓ Rachel Gans          | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Bloomington<br>EMAIL:                         |
| 8. ✓ Tony Rocco           | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL: New Paltz <i>trousers@gmail.com</i> |
| 9. ✓ EILEEN Rocco (Grace) | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL: New Paltz                           |
| 10. ✓ Steve Turk          | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL:                                     |
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March 19 2024

Hi, my name is Rachel Gans. I've owned a home in Bloomington for 25 years. I am speaking ~~to~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~support~~ <sup>of</sup> local law 1 to ~~oppose~~ <sup>admonish</sup> the hotel tax ~~to~~ <sup>because we need to</sup> use the funding to support the housing crisis and for public transportation.

As I have come here many times before, I implore everyone of you to treat the local housing crisis as if it were your own housing at stake. While Skytop has been reopened as temporary emergency housing, there is a problem with the water. How many people are living there? How many children? I know a water station was set up, but what are the long term health impacts for each human living there and is this really the best we can do? I also see multi-million dollar homes, for-profit and nonprofit facilities being built all over Ulster county, but where is new permanent emergency housing? This "problem" will not go away, and I mean the people. While we are losing people that have had generations of life here, there are always more losing housing and also being displaced from other communities. Housing for all is possible.

Another issue that is a great concern to all, but something that we are not implementing solutions for yet is the danger we all face in getting around Ulster county. We have had so many tragic traffic violence deaths here in the first 3 months of 2024. There is an urgent need to address this. Also, there is deep inequality for transportation and we know that cars are not the solution. When all, or almost all, of us here own a car as well as a house, it's easier to go about business as usual, but together we can change this trajectory, and focus our time, energy and dollars on public transportation. We can have buses and trains in Ulster County, transporting people every day of the week and through the evening hours, with workers that are paid enough to live in Ulster County homes. Safe transportation for all is possible.

Finally I will speak to you about Gaza. If you haven't urged our state and federal representatives for a permanent ceasefire now, I urge you to do that now, and to keep doing it. Every day that genocide continues is a day we must fight to end it. Every day this continues is a day that we will be held accountable by the blood running into the earth. Peace is possible.



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

| NAME (PLEASE PRINT) | CONTACT  | TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED                         |
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| 1. Jay Nelson       | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br><i>Nespatz</i><br>EMAIL: | <i>District Remedial action<br/>CSPR Program</i> |
| 2.                  | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL:                   |  |
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March 19, 2024

Dear Ulster County Legislature Members,

My understanding as of yesterday from Mike Kilmer who is in charge of the "Remedial Action Work Program" at the DEC District 3 in New Paltz for the Paradies Lane GOC/EOC is that the Remedial Action Work Program has yet to be submitted by the County's consultants. That report has to be submitted then the DEC can move on finalizing remedial measures the County will need to make on the Paradies Lane property.

There are two main issues that I want to present to you tonight. Number one is that there are tens and hundreds of people of Ohioville and New Paltz and Ulster County who have cared about this particular piece of property for over 30 years. My understanding is that this is the only Thruway entrance/exit that is not significantly built out. Those tens and hundreds of people have come out for all those years to say we want alternatives to filling and destruction and a big box with acres of parking lot. In other words we care a great deal about what happens to this property. We want it to be an asset that we are proud of.

I propose to you as potential owners of this 57 total acres that you not sell it, "surplus" it, going forward. I have been assured that some part of this land is valuable real estate so that particular wish may not be practical for all of this place. I hope that the final reports that the County's consultants and the DEC do are not so burdensome so that the County does not end up owning the property.

Secondly, what I am specifically proposing is that the southern 20 or 25 acres of the land, which is forest, be placed into a Land Trust or a Conservation Easement or a Deed change so that it can be protected in perpetuity. The current property line runs east to west or west to east at 21 acres to the north where the GOC/EOC are proposed and more or less parallel to Paradies Lane and Rt. 299. The forest in the southern block could be blocked off with a property line change because the southern portion is currently 35 acres of which a good portion is meadow. A Land Trust would cost 20-30,000 dollars ONE TIME and the land would be inspected once per year to make sure no changes have happened at NO ADDITIONAL COST. Over time maybe a gravel drive and parking lot could be put in from the South Ohioville Road access road so people could walk into the lovely forest on the 20-25 acres of the southern part of the property.

PS. When the Turks(Rocking Horse Ranch and Splash Down) proposed their convention center and hotel and a couple of restaurants for Paradies Lane some years ago they included that the southern forest land would be a park open to the public.

Respectfully Submitted, Jay Nelson 144 S. Ohioville Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561  
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# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS NOT CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

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| 1. <del>Hub Nelson</del><br>Henry Gage, Jr. | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL: henrygageis@gmail.com<br>TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL: Nivatherapy@gmail.com | Build Green Now &<br>Hemp opportunities |
| 2. Sally Warren                             | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>ROCHESTER<br>EMAIL: STEVEN PAUL RICE@gmail.com   | Build Green Now                         |
| 3. STEVE RICE                               | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>ROCHESTER<br>EMAIL: STEVEN PAUL RICE@gmail.com   | TRAILS ADVISORY                         |
| 4. <del>Bob Pocco</del>                     | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL:   |   |
| 5. Supervisor Baden                         | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>Town of Rochester<br>EMAIL:  | EMS Services<br>Town of Rochester       |
| 6.  | TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE:<br>EMAIL:   |   |

Steven Rice

Accord, NY

March 19, 2024

It has been my honor to serve on the county legislature's Trails Advisory Committee for the past 15 years. It is a privilege to live in a county that brings citizens into county policy development in this way.

I have had trail leaders from several counties ask how the trails advisory mechanism came to be.

Planning. [https://ulstercountyny.gov/sites/default/files/nonmotorizedtranplan\\_finalplan.pdf](https://ulstercountyny.gov/sites/default/files/nonmotorizedtranplan_finalplan.pdf)

Because Ulster County saw the value in planning for trail development with the County's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, this committee was formed to advance those plans. The committee has grown to include stakeholders in most of the county's trail organizations in recent years. Having active legislative members on the committee has provided the guidance needed to translate good ideas into good policy through legislative resolutions.

All of this has resulted in much more trail being available to many more people, in many more places.

A report on this is planned within the next 30 to 60 days.

So again, I am very grateful for this honor and privilege.

I also want to thank Legislators Hewitt and Nolan for bringing the issue of raw diesel locomotive pollution to their respective committees. CMRR committed to installing air quality monitoring before the trains run on March 23 and are in talks with the county now.

One item as Chair was not so fun.

Trying to reach an agreement with CMRR on the use of the U&D Corridor was a long and ugly chapter of my tenure on the committee. But it resulted in Resolution 488

<https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/legislature/2015/14-resolution-no-488-0>

I hear the ugly is back, though. Failing to get permission to open the undesignated section, unknown persons of the railroad persuasion used speeders to clear the track. Photos of the damage were submitted to the county.

Just 75 days into a 5-year license agreement, corrective action is required by the county.

(I am not surprised; it seems to me the railway has been in violation of their lease for much if not most of their tenancy.)

If it is time to reopen the issues around resolution 488 because of the actions of the railroad, we need to bring it before the whole legislature before either side makes capital expenditures that lock the county into a position.

The railroad seems to be moving way faster than the legislature on this and I am suggesting that it is time to catch up. Put the brakes on railroad expansion until an informed investigation and determination are made, and the legislation has been properly amended.

If the legislature does not want to be railroaded into dealing with this now, I suggest a one-year moratorium on any further development in the corridor for three reasons.

The air quality and health issues of running locomotive engines of this vintage around people have not been measured and assessed. Remedies may need to be developed soon none exist now.

Nearly 25% of the current legislature did not experience the rails versus trails drama personally. They may need to be read in on the issues.

The county has not assessed the benefit of extending the Ashokan Rail Trail over this section nor the value of extending the Ashokan Rail Trail to the Empire State Trail.

Things have changed and we need to make a new plan.