



Ulster County Legislature
Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

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Economic Development and Tourism
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Economic Development & Tourism Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 7, 2013/5:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: James Maloney, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Maloney, Wishnick and Maio
ABSENT: Legislators Loughran and Roberts
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Planning Board Director Dennis Doyle, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Tourism Director Rick Remsnyder, Ulster Publishing Publisher Geddy Sveikaukas

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOTIONS:

MOTION NO. 1
TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLVED to approve the October 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes
MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maio
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Wishnick
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Maloney, Maio and Wishnick
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passes

MOTION NO. 2
TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLUTION No. 276 – November 19, 2013
RESOLVED to approve Resolution No.276 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Mortgage Subordination Agreement

Resolution Summary: New World Catering Corp. executed a \$130,000.00 note to the County, secured by a mortgage on the property owned by Richard R. Orlando and Elizabeth M. Corrado and located at 1411 Route 212, Saugerties, New York, said mortgage being recorded in the Ulster County Clerk's Office on May 28, 2013, Instrument No. 2003-14921. On May 28, 2003, Liz & Ric, LLC acquired title of the Mortgage Property from Richard Orlando and Elizabeth Corrado by virtue of a deed recorded in the Ulster County Clerk's Office on June 3, 2003, Instrument No. 03-15438. On April 4, 2008, Liz & Rick, LLC executed a \$52,500.00 note in favor of Ulster Savings Bank with the repayment secured by a mortgage recorded in the Ulster County Clerk's Office on April 7, 2008, Instrument No. 2008-00006191. Ulster Savings Bank was not willing to accept such mortgage unless the County's Mortgage was subordinated. A Subordination Agreement was executed by the County on April 2, 2008, subordinating the lien to the County's Mortgage to the lien of Ulster Savings Bank and was recorded in the Ulster County Clerk's Office on April 7, 2008, Instrument No. 2008-00006190. Liz & Ric, LLC currently have a commitment to refinance the first mortgage with Ulster Savings Bank in the amount of \$420,000.00 and expect to close on or before November 30, 2013. Ulster Savings Bank is not willing to accept said mortgage unless the County's Mortgage is subordinate to Ulster Savings Bank's mortgage and have requested that a subordination agreement regarding the refinancing be executed by the Chairman of the Legislature. The Legislature has determined that it would be in the County's best interest to enter into the subordination agreement.

DISCUSSION: Legislator Wishnick asked Director Doyle if he was familiar with how the program worked and what the source of the funding being used. Director Doyle indicated that he was

familiar with the program and that it was a CDBG Fund, eligible because of the grant the County was awarded, dating back to 1997. Director Doyle responded to Legislator Wishnick that the original grant funds for CDBG were placed in a revolving loan fund. Further discussion ensued with Legislator Wishnick regarding the funding with explanations provided by Director Doyle who at one point indicated that the funding wasn't County owned, that it was a Federal loan. Director Doyle stated that the funding was not contained within the County budget and that it was under the control of the UCDC's budget as a sub-recipient. Director Doyle was unable to address the loan issue, merely the funding process.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maio
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Wishnick
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Wishnick and Maio
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION NO. 3 **RESOLUTION No. 280 - November 19, 2013**
TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED to approve Resolution No.280** – Authorizing The Chairman To Execute A License Agreement with James and Andrea Demosthenes For Usage Of County Owned Property For A Patio Project

Resolution Summary: Ulster County owns a lot on the northerly side of Main Street in the City of Kingston adjacent to premises owned by Golestan, LLC, known as 11 Main Street. The Sante Fe Restaurant owned by the Demosthenes currently operates on the ground floor of the 11 Main Street structure. The Demosthenes seek to license the County-owned property located alongside the building, three defined parking spaces situated in the front of the parking lot adjacent to the guardrail and front Main Street, for the purpose of operating an outdoor patio care. A boundary line agreement regarding the County's property and the property now owned by Golestan, LLC, was entered into on December 20, 1977. Pursuant to Resolution No. 196 of June 8, 2000, the County of Ulster entered into a supplementary boundary line agreement with the former owners in order to address a structure encroachment upon the premises. As per section 2.26 of the County's Type II List, the action doesn't pose a significant environmental impact and may be progressed as a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 of SEQRA.

DISCUSSION: Committee Chairman Maloney apprised that the request made by the Demosthenese to create a patio had been very successful and have now asked to continue the use of the land to avoid having to dismantle the patio for the winter and require a yearly renewal of the license agreement.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Wishnick
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maio

Legislator Wishnick raised the question of an omission in the proposed Resolution to the licensing agreement executed in the prior year although said Resolution indicated that it was a continuation.

Legislator Wishnick motioned to include reference to the previously agreed upon agreement as approved by Resolution passed earlier in 2013, **seconded by Legislator Maloney.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Wishnick, and Maio
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION NO. 4
TEXT OF MOTION:

RESOLUTION No. 290 - November 19, 2013

RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 290 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary:

Pursuant to Section C-11(0) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-5(15) of the Administrative Code, the Ulster County Legislature has the power to approve the execution of contracts and amendments in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more entered into by the County. A contract for execution by the County with Focus Media, Inc. has been submitted for approval by the Ulster County Legislature. Said contract has been reviewed by the Contract Manager, County Attorney's Office, Director of Purchasing, Comptroller and the County Executive.

DISCUSSION:

Committee Chairman Maloney called upon Director Remsnyder to provide a review of the Contract. The Director indicated that a few items had been changed around, one being that \$9,100.00 was saved by providing social media in house, stating that those monies were going to be utilized in increasing media buys which were an important impetus in attracting tourism. Director Remsnyder stated that the bottom line was it was the same amount. Committee Chairman Maloney inquired as to Lower Broadway to which Director Remsnyder responded that things were phenomenal – that in one week, three tour boats arrived with 75 to 100 people board off the boats and a presentation was given on one of the vessels at the request of the visitors. The visitor center experienced more traffic in one week at 20 Broadway than had been seen in one year at the Westbrook Lane location. Legislator Wishnick commended the tourism magazine, reflecting that it was easier to use, read and had an improved look overall in helping to advance the tourism cause in Ulster County. Director Remsnyder indicated that as a result of the bidding process, \$20,462.00 had been saved.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maio
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Wishnick
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Wishnick and Maio
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION NO. 5
TEXT OF MOTION:

RESOLUTION No. 291 - November 19, 2013

RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 291 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary:

Pursuant to Section C-11(0) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-5(15) of the Administrative Code, the Ulster County Legislature has the power to approve the execution of contracts and amendments in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more entered into by the County. A contract for execution by the County with Luminary Publishing, Inc. has been submitted for approval by the Ulster County Legislature. Said contract has been reviewed by the Contract Manager, County Attorney's Office, Director of Purchasing, Comptroller and the County Executive.

DISCUSSION:

Legislator Wishnick inquired if 40% of the proceeds of sales would be used for underwriting the vacation guide, what was the anticipated income from the 40% of the sales and what would the increase be if 40% of sales fell short. Director Remsnyder responded that the cost of the vacation guide was \$76,000.00 with Director Crannell adding that the County Legislature was authorizing the \$76,000.00 to cover the expense of designing and printing the publication but what the contract detailed was that there was revenue generated by the advertising in the guide, to which the County receives a portion back which is placed into the general fund and reflected in the County budget.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Wishnick

MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maio
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Wishnick and Maio
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION NO. 6 **LATE RESOLUTION No. 302 - November 19, 2013**
TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 302** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For An Application To The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal was issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Main Streets, RESTORE, Affordable Homeownership Development Program (AHDP), Access to Home, and HOME. Ulster County is intending to make an application under the CDBG administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) that requires a public hearing consistent with the Federal Requirements found in 24 CFR 570.486 prior to the submittal of the grant application. The County desires to hold the hearing to seek comments on the direction of its CDBG Program and any application for funding that may be developed.

DISCUSSION: Committee Chairman Maloney recognized Director Doyle to provide information on the proposed Resolution. Director Doyle confirmed that the program was the same that had been referred to and discussed while considering Resolution No. 276. Director Doyle indicated the earlier the hearing may be held, the better to enable them to take the direction while at the same, being able to look at what could be applied for. He stated that the purpose of the hearing was essentially to determine what direction should be applied.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Wishnick
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maio
ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legs. Maloney, Wishnick, and Maio
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed Unanimously

Director Doyle for the benefit of Legislator Wishnick stated that the was going to be a public meeting in New Paltz on November 21st at the College with a flier being distributed entitled "Does New Paltz Need a New Bus Station?"

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Wishnick, and carried to adjourn the Meeting at 5:30 PM.

Dated the 13th Day of November, 2013

Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee, Ulster County Legislature

Minutes Approved on: December 4, 2013

Environmental, Energy, & Technology Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 6, 2013, 5:45 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Carl Belfiglio
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Tracey Bartels, Mary Wawro and Kenneth Wishnick
EXCUSED: Legislator Craig Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Langdon Chapman, League of Women Voters Observer Corps Member Vic Melville, and the following Ulster County Residents – Michele Hertz, Raji Nevin, Steve Romine, and Weston Blelock.

Chair Belfiglio called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2013

Motion Made By: Legislator Wishnick
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels
Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Bartels, Wawro and Wishnick
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2 Resolution No. 294 – November 6, 2013

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 294** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Information Services (IBM Corporation)
Motion Made By: Legislator Wishnick for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels for discussion

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the amendment in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion:

Chair Belfiglio noted the amendment provides for software support and maintenance for the County's Lotus Notes email system. He noted to date, this amendment brings the amount being spent for email to \$387,206.66.

Legislator Wishnick asked why the fees are so expensive as unless these are required licensing fees for the software, he had not conception as to why the fees for doing this would be so high. Chair Belfiglio highlighted the components included in the system.

Chair Belfiglio concurred that this was a lot of money for a Government of this size. He noted this discussion was had last year when the contract was extended then as well. He indicated he works for BOCES which uses Groupwise at a third the cost for a product that BOCES administers itself. He stated there were no maintenance fees that they purchased and that they actually sold maintenance contracts to the School Districts that purchased their email administration service. He stated they utilize Gmail and Google apps for free and only pay for the archiving services. He suggested the Committee ask the County Executive if they will be moving to another platform as the expenses are getting out of hand. Legislator Wishnick approved the Committee calling upon the Information Services Department to seek alternative solutions.

Chair Belfiglio noted the County is required to archive emails for seven (7) years and that Gmail utilizes a Cloud Computing format to archive documents. Legislator Wishnick suggested the Information Services Department be invited to the next meeting to explain why it would not be cost effective to change platforms and what if any plans they have to move to a cost effective platform.

Chair Belfiglio stated previous communications from Deputy County Executive Crannell indicated the County uses the Lotus Notes system for security purposes and has no confidence in the Cloud Computing platforms as they cannot have confidential information stored in the Cloud. He stated BOCES utilizes, stores confidential information and has confidence in the Cloud Computing platforms. Chair Belfiglio agreed the Committee should submit a Resolution or policy statement to lower the cost for basic service of email and archiving documents. Legislator Bartels felt a Resolution would be premature. She advised the Committee to invite Information Services to a Committee meeting to discuss as she did not feel she was versed in the topic to establish a policy.

Legislator Bartels noted this is the fourth amendment to the original contract and asked at point should a new contract bid be required. Legislative Counsel Chapman responded the County can amend the original contract for as long as they want if it is based on the original bid allowing for amendments.

Chair Belfiglio stated he would communicate to Sylvia Wohlfahrt, the Director of Information Services and Chris Fiore, the Assistant Director for Technical Support, through Deputy County Executive Crannell. He stated he contacted Deputy County Executive Crannell prior to the meeting to attempt to have his questions answered prior to the meeting. He did not want to drag out the approval of the contract just to get their answers met.

He noted the Towns in Ulster County typically use Yahoo and Gmail as email systems. He felt Enterprise Software, such as Lotus Notes, was meant for major corporations and that this product was overkill at the County level. Legislator Wishnick noted Lotus Notes was the software used when he worked in the corporate world with 40,000 employees. Chair Belfiglio discussed different software systems and the prior system which was free with the mainframe.

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| Roll Call Vote: | No |
| Voting In Favor: | Legislators Belfiglio, Bartels, Wawro and Wishnick |
| Voting Against: | None |
| No. of Votes in Favor: | 4 |
| No. of Votes Against: | 0 |
| Disposition: | Carried |

Chair Belfiglio stated he would reach out to Deputy County Executive Crannell in advance of the next meeting with a list of Committee questions. Legislator Wishnick felt it would be beneficial for the Deputy County Executive Crannell to answer the questions in person at the next meeting. Legislator Bartels concurred that the discussion should be in person and allow a give and take based on the responses to the questions. Chair Belfiglio noted the Committee just passed the contract amendment to the floor and indicated it could be challenged on the floor until the questions were satisfactorily answered. Legislator Bartels felt the Committee should still request the meeting and the discussion with Information Services for moving forward, even if it would not change anything this year. She felt any real change would take significant lead time. Chair Belfiglio indicated he would like an accounting of the anticipated costs for the year for this service. He felt this would be preferred to receiving a request to extend a contract that the Legislature has to agree to the terms because it is expiring on December 21, 2013. Legislator Wishnick suggested the Legislature request a list of all contract renewals for the next 12 months.

New Business:

▪ Environmental Management Public Hearing/Opinion from County Attorney Havranek

Chair Belfiglio noted this item was not on their agenda but pertained to the public hearing and upcoming vote on changing the terms to the Environmental Management Council.

Legislator Bartels stated Deputy County Executive Crannell phoned her that day to indicate he had read the minutes of the last few Environmental, Energy, and Technology Committee meetings and requested County Attorney Havranek to provide an opinion on the requested term changes to the Environmental Management Council. She noted through Deputy County Executive Crannell that County Attorney Havranek had concerns including:

1. By extending the term, the Legislature would be taking power from the Executive Branch and it would require a mandatory referendum.
2. The change from 2 to 3 year terms for at-large members was a correction to make the County Charter consistent with the enabling legislation.
3. State reimbursement may be affected from the drawing down of funds from the State.

Legislator Bartels stated County Attorney Havranek and Deputy County Executive Crannell recommended holding off on voting on this Legislation until they can have further discussion next month. She concurred with holding off. While she preferred to have had the opinions earlier, she felt the Committee has them now and she felt the Legislature should ensure their actions would not cause a veto from the County Executive.

Legislative Counsel Chapman stated this was the first time he has seen the letter from County Attorney Havranek which was dated October 23, 2013. He noted had he had it earlier, it would have been easier to have an opinion on it. He stated the Committee has wanted a discussion and while there have been complaints from the County Executive of the Legislature not sharing things, yet they have access to and reviews all Legislative agendas and minutes which allow them to give timely opinion on all Legislative activities.

Legislative Counsel Chapman stated the move from 2-3 year terms was to ensure the Charter was consistent with State law. He felt there was something existing in the County Code and County Charter that is inconsistent with the law and perhaps ineffective with the appointments being made. He noted the County is making appointments for three years and the State Legislation only allows for two.

Legislative Counsel Chapman noted on page three of County Attorney Havranek's opinion memo, she cites "Pursuant to Section C-112 of the County Charter, the Council is empowered to advise and make recommendations to the County Executive and the County Legislature. However, the proposed Charter and Administrative Code amendments have never been presented to the Council for its review, input, advice or recommendations." He respectfully disagreed with the County Attorney in the sense that the Legislature held a public hearing on the proposed change which was open to the public. He felt the language of Section C-112 states the Council will advise the County Executive and the County Legislature on all matters affecting the preservation, conservation, and ecologically suitable use of the natural resources of the County. He did not see how the term limits affect the preservation, conservation, and ecologically suitable use of the natural resources. He felt overall this was disagreement over form rather than substance. He opined the Committee could hold off on the vote regarding the term limits or take out the change from 2-3 years to make the County consistent with State law. He felt this was the only aspect that County Attorney Havranek indicated would diminish the County Executive's power. He stated this could be taken out but felt having something that was consistent with State law is preferred. He noted the consistency item was a thrown in item as he recalled. Legislator Bartels confirmed this was a catch. Legislative Counsel Chapman felt this was the only legitimate item that County Attorney Havranek identified in her memo. He did not feel the County could remain inconsistent with State law.

Legislator Wishnick asked if it was inconsistent with State law and it is removed, what the consequences are. Legislative Counsel Chapman replied the appointments made to three year terms while the State law allows appointments to two years, making any action taken by the Council in the last year of their term possibly defective. Legislator Wishnick noted the Council does not have any authority as it is an advisory council. Chair Belfiglio and Legislator Bartels discussed the Council's empowered reporting responsibilities. Legislative Counsel Chapman felt ultimately what is at risk is if there is an official government body that is acting without power and it is used as evidence in court, it is not good public policy. He noted the individuals on the Council would be representing themselves with the authority to do X when they no longer have that authority because their term expired.

Legislator Bartels felt there was not tremendous amount of difference in the law when the Committee looks at it's original intent. She further felt it seems inappropriate to ignore knowledge they have that there is inconsistency with State law. She felt if this knowledge required a public referendum then it should be discussed. She preferred to wait on the vote as it was her original intent and documented in the record over the course of two meetings that she wanted to reach out to the County Executive's office. She concurred with Legislative Counsel Chapman that the memo was late and was received by the County Executive on the 23rd when their meeting was on the 22nd.

Legislative Counsel Chapman reiterated his belief that if there would be an opinion on the Legislature's bill then the Legislative Counsel should be cc'd.

Chair Belfiglio asked if it would be easier to change the Legislative Code to read two-years than to go out to referendum. Legislative Counsel Chapman suggested the Committee take that part out and go back to the original intent. He indicated Charter Counties can be inconsistent with State law in some areas. He felt this was not a significant issue. He noted the Committee's original intent was just to figure out a way to keep good people serving on the Council when they are unable to find other people to serve. He did not think there was any concern from County Attorney Havranek on this issue.

Legislator Bartels noted the conclusion of County Attorney Havranek's memo indicates her opinion should the Legislature pass this Resolution, it should be vetoed. She felt the Committee would benefit from a conversation with all at the same table. The Committee discussed the process to change the Resolution.

Chair Belfiglio made a motion to pull Resolution 236 for further consideration and discussion with the County Attorney, to amend it as needed, and to bring it up next month. Legislator Bartels asked if the Chair could coordinate with Deputy County Executive Crannell and County Attorney Havranek to attend the Committee's next meeting. Chair Belfiglio stated he could and noted the process will go into 2014.
Legislator Wawro seconded the motion.

Legislator Wishnick asked about the resolution carrying over to next year. Legislative Counsel Chapman suggested the real issue is the term limits and offered to coordinate with the County Attorney to delete the 2-3 year term issue. He noted procedurally this Resolution is back at Laws and Rules, Government Services Committee and that Committee is able to hear any concerns and make any decisions at this point on it. He suggested the bill could be written, reviewed with County Attorney Havranek, present to Chair Belfiglio for his consideration and sponsorship, and if determined to do this month, the Chairman of the Laws and Rules, Government Services Committee could set a public hearing to resolve the issue.

Legislator Bartels felt the 2-3 term issue was not the only issue being identified by the County Attorney. She noted County Attorney Havranek indicated concerns with the power to the Director of Planning and making changes to the Administrative Code with regard to Department Heads and the County Executive's appointing authority. Chair Belfiglio stated Legislative Counsel Chapman would bring up the issues with County Attorney Havranek and will try to resolve the stated issues.

Chair Belfiglio withdrew his motion to withdraw the resolution.

Legislative Counsel Chapman stated he would communicate with the Committee via email regarding his discussions with County Attorney Havranek. Legislator Bartels

noted the aim was to affect change. Chair Belfiglio concurred he did not want to push something through that would get vetoed.

New Business:

▪ Water/Electric Smart Meters

Chair Belfiglio stated this was a continuation of the discussion on Smart Meters which began at the October Legislative Session. He indicated the Legislature needed more information before holding the requested public hearing.

Legislator Wishnick felt the Legislature heard quite an earful and received a packet of information. He indicated it was enough to make the Committee concerned. He noted this was a relatively new issue and that information and evidence was still being gathered. He indicated there were a number of emotional statements made at the Legislative Session. He felt something was going on and people should have options. He suggested the Legislature pass a resolution to urge the State to allow people to opt out.

Legislator Wawro felt there should be a way to document if it was not a smart meter as being claimed by the utilities. Legislator Wishnick stated there needed to be a definition of what is a smart meter. He felt this should be on the desks of the Legislators in January. He stated he felt comfortable giving people general options to not have a smart meter installed on their house. Legislative Counsel Chapman stated this was governed by State regulations. Legislator Wishnick indicated this could be expressed in a memorializing Resolution.

Mr. Blelock reported Marion County in California issued a temporary moratorium with detailed concerns that county residents were being disenfranchised by the electric company. He noted this temporary moratorium enable the County to stop additional installations of smart meters until they were able to establish more information. He stated a 2008 Hastings on the Hudson pilot program has resulted in people getting ill. He felt there should be the ability for the County to weight in to help people in duress.

Legislative Counsel Chapman stated the Public Service Commission regulates the States power supply. He stated localities have attempted to regulate in the past and needed State Legislation. He suggested they ask for State Legislation.

Legislator Wishnick asked if there was anything in the New York State authority precluding a County from issuing a temporary moratorium. Legislative Counsel Chapman stated nothing popped to his mind immediately. Legislator Bartels asked what Central Hudson would do if there was a moratorium. Legislative Counsel Chapman replied Central Hudson would sue to declare the law invalid.

Mrs. Nevin stated the Town of Woodstock passed a Resolution banning Smart Meters but it had no effect at all. She agreed she would rather go to the State level.

Mrs. Hertz asked there is a County law protecting health and safety of its residents. Legislative Counsel Chapman stated it gives the County Executive the ability to declare a State of Emergency.

Mrs. Hertz felt with the Legislature hearing from so many people all over the County and felt this has risen to a State of Emergency. She noted an overwhelming amount of calls from people in the County detailing the effect on electronics, including a gentleman's heart stint. She indicated people are indicating they are desperate with no place to turn, fear of the possibility of having smart meters on their homes, and the threatened use of the County/State Police to force conversion to transmitter meters, the Legislature would want to act.

Legislator Wishnick discussed the need for medical evidence to prove the connection to the health concerns and the length of time it would take to connect these concerns. He suggested if able, the Legislature should make a decision to assist the residents and then deal with the affected medical conditions after.

Mr. Romine discussed the confusion between smart meters or non smart meters. He stated the manufacturers did not call them ERT meters (Encoder Receiver Transmitter Meters) but rather smart meters with either 1 or 2 way communications. He stated medical proof has been provided in a press release from the American Academy of Environmental Medicine which called for an immediate halt to smart meter installations based on peer reviewed studies that they cite and a Dave Carpenter, Director of the Institute of Health and Environment at Albany University, published a paper which warns of the concerns of smart meters.

Chair Belfiglio stated State Legislation would be good and suggested public hearing testimony would allow the health concerns to be aired as well as hear from the industry and/or the manufacturers. He spoke of the experience with brine and the County Executive ordering the banning of the use of brine on County roads. Legislator Wishnick noted there is a State agency charged with the responsibility of regulating energy, brine was an internal decision. He noted the Legislature could play politics in it's writings but that it ultimately did not have the authority to do it. He reiterated his suggestion of passing a resolution that requests the State take action. He felt the County had the right and responsibility to the people of Ulster County to request the State give the people the decency of having the right to say "I do not want this on my house." He noted the consequence of saying this may be the need to have to pay more to the utility for a manual meter reader. He felt this would be a cost sharing in a fair way.

Mrs. Nevin spoke of the current experiences of people trying to keep analog meters and the strong arm response that they receive from Central Hudson including threats to cut the wires and end the electricity transmission. She indicated most of these communications have been over the phone. She stated there is a pat letter that is sent out that indicates they resident has no power over the decision to switch to a smart meter. She stated there was a bill in the State Legislature, S1642, sponsored by Senators Parker and Carlucci that did not move very far. She stated within this bill it stated New York State would have the ability to opt out.

Legislator Wishnick discussed a Maryland Law which took 30 years to pass. He highlighted the change that can occur to ensure legislation passes, including the Legislators opinions, public attitudes, and the ability to communicate the risks and examples from other States. He felt this was really a liberty issue.

Mrs. Hertz shared a newspaper article, "Smart Meters Come to Central Hudson". She stated smart is just an adjective. She noted the New York State law says people should be able to opt out of smart meters but all the New York State utilities are telling people they do not use smart meters. She wondered why the utilities are indicating they are not smart meters now when they were smart meters when they were seeking support. She stated the proposed New York State law would have to be changed to include wording that defines a smart meter. Legislator Wishnick stated these were meters that broadcast data. Mrs. Hertz indicated it would be called a "transmitting digital utility meter". Legislator Bartels felt it could be just "non-analog". Legislator Wishnick felt it would be anything changing from wheels to digits. Mrs. Hertz replied it would be anything they are using that transmits data. Legislator Wishnick felt if it was not emitting, it would be ok. Mrs. Hertz stated a digital meter that does not transmit data does not exist. She stated they all broadcast and shared a situation of an individual who was told they would receive a digital meter that did not have antenna and did not broadcast but did. She noted some meters broadcast thousands of times a day while others broadcast hundreds of thousands of times a day. She stated the utility companies are indicating they only broadcast when the truck goes by but was incorrect as the testing determined they broadcast every two seconds.

Legislator Wishnick suggested the representatives at the meeting provide a definition as well as documentation of what other States have done which is satisfactory to the group, the Committee could use it as a basis to assemble something to be passed by the Ulster County Legislature and encourage New York State to do the same.

Chair Belfiglio indicated the State Legislation was Senate Bill 3379. Mrs. Nevin indicated this was Senator Griffo's bill. Deputy Clerk Barringer noted this bill does not have a companion bill. She indicated SB 1642, which was the bill Mrs. Nevin mentioned, does have a companion bill. Legislator Wishnick asked if the group was satisfied with SB 1642 and Mrs. Hertz replied none of the bill were complete. Legislator Wishnick advised the group to work toward a piece of legislation they would want. Mrs. Hertz indicated they were almost there. Legislator Wishnick requested they share this information with the Committee.

Legislator Bartels stated she would like the Committee to do a memorializing Resolution before the end of this Legislative term that requests State legislation. Legislator Wishnick indicated the Committee would need information by November 21st to ensure a draft Resolution is submitted by the due date of November 27th. He suggested if a draft Resolution could be presented, the Committee could work on it at the next meeting. Legislator Bartels noted every sponsor would need to agree with any changes to allow changes in Committee. Legislator Wishnick indicated there should be no delay in the

submission and suggested they send a draft around and let the Committee decide if they would like to sign on as sponsors.

Chair Belfiglio elected Legislator Wishnick and Legislator Bartels to gather the information and draft the Resolution.

Mrs. Nevin and Mr. Romine discussed their experience with Central Hudson after they removed the smart meter, installed their own analog meter and then Central Hudson cut the wires to their meter and ended their electricity transmission as of May 20, 2013. Mrs. Hertz discussed the fair practices act of utility meters and indicated there are no laws pertaining to the health and safety of smart meters which allows Central Hudson to make up rules as they go.

Old Business:

- **FAD Testimony Submission**

Committee members discussed with Legislative Counsel Chapman the testimony and recommended edits to the draft cover letter for the FAD Testimony Submission.

Old Business:

- **Resource Recovery Agency**

Chair Belfiglio noted he spoke with RRA Board Chair Smith two weeks prior regarding the proposed amendment to the contract and RRA Board Chair Smith indicated to him that RRA Attorney Gilligan contacted Legislative Counsel Chapman with questions. He stated he asked Legislative Counsel Chapman if he received any questions. Legislative Counsel Chapman replied he did not receive any questions. He stated RRA Attorney Gilligan did contact him and indicated he sent a letter to Legislative Counsel Chapman with a question. Legislative Counsel Chapman confirmed with Deputy Clerk Barringer, Legislative Clerk Fabella, and Deputy Clerk Tantillo that no letter was received at the Legislative offices. He noted RRA Attorney Gilligan indicated he sent it to County Attorney Havranek and upon questioning, she indicated she did not receive it either. He felt the community must have been lost in the postal system.

Legislative Counsel Chapman stated the question was rather simple, RRA Attorney Gilligan requested permission to receive the Bond Counsel Letter regarding the proposed contract amendment. Legislative Counsel Chapman requested permission of the RRA Legislative oversight committee as the Bond Counsel Letter was marked as a privileged and confidential document. Legislative Counsel Chapman indicated neither he nor County Attorney Havranek expressed concerns with sharing the document with the RRA. The Committee members agreed to provide the letter to RRA Attorney Gilligan and Deputy Clerk Barringer agreed to forward this communication to him the next day via email. Legislative Counsel Chapman noted the communication should note any feedback

from the RRA would be appreciated and should be emailed to ensure they do not get lost in the mail.

Chair Belfiglio noted at the last RRA board meeting there was no resolution rescinding the RRA offer for working on the amendment. He noted his hope was to bring this resolution to the full Legislature before the end of the year but the process took so long. He noted he was communicating only the RRA Board Chair Smith.

Old Business:

▪ Climate Smart Committee (For Discussion Purposes Only)

Chair Belfiglio indicated the Committee was at a crossroads with the appointing of members to this Committee. He noted there are no participants for the Climate Smart Committee at this point. He asked if the Committee wanted to continue to look.

Legislator Bartels and Wishnick indicated they would continue to look and requested to receive an email with a list of requirements for this Committee.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:18 PM

Dated the 4th day of December, 2013

Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: December 5, 2013

Health and Personnel Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 14, 2013, 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chairman Jeanette Provenzano
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Carl Belfiglio and Kenneth Ronk
ABSENT: Legislators Robert Aiello and Robert Parete
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Erica Guerin, League of Women Voters Observer Lee Cane, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, and Empire State College Nursing Student Debbie Barton

Deputy Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 RESOLVED To Approve the Health & Personnel Committee

Test of Motion: **RESOLVED To Approve the Health & Personnel Committee Minutes of September 24, 2013.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Provenzano, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

MOTION NO. 1 RESOLVED To Take Resolutions 281 and 282 Together

Test of Motion: **RESOLVED To take Resolutions 281 and 282 together as one resolution**

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Provenzano, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Resolution No. 281 Summary: This Resolution amends the 2013 County Budget by increasing Appropriation Number A4 2270 4821 for RSS Alcohol Residence by \$16,960.00 and Revenue Number A3 2270 3486 to accept State Aid, Narcotics Addiction Control by \$16,960.00.

Resolution No. 282 Summary: This Resolution amends the 2013 County Budget by increasing Appropriation Number A4 2320 4795 for Gateway-CSS Program by \$109,458.00 and Revenue Number A3 2320 3490 to accept State Aid, Mental Health by \$109,458.00.

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio asked if this was new State allocation. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied this was reprogrammed money from another category.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Provenzano, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3 Resolution No. 283 – November 19, 2013

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 283 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Onteora Central School District For Substance Abuse Prevention Services - Department Of Mental Health

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Resolution No. 283 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Onteora Central School District, in the amount of \$52,873.00 for the continued operation of NYS OASAS funded substance abuse prevention programs for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney.

The Resolution also states that if funding for this program is eliminated, the program will be eliminated as well,

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk noted the Ways and Means Committee amended the resolution to change the word “has” in the second whereas to “had”. Deputy Chairman Provenzano stated she would amend the resolution on the floor to strike the word currently in the second whereas. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated this resolution was similar to other previous resolutions.

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| Voting In Favor: | Legislators Belfiglio, Provenzano, and Ronk |
| Voting Against: | None |
| No. of Votes in Favor: | 3 |
| No. of Votes Against: | 0 |
| Disposition: | Carried |

Motion No. 4 Resolution No. 296 – November 19, 2013

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 296 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Personnel (Rose & Kiernan)

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Resolution No. 296 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with Rose & Kiernan, Inc. and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Crannell stated this was based on a fresh RFP and provided details of the contract. Legislator Ronk noted the administrative fee is \$300,000.

Legislator Belfiglio noted the County self insures but hires someone else to administer. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied the County set aside funds to pay claims. Deputy Chairman Provenzano stated when she chaired the Committee they looked at the possibility of self insurance. She stated at that time the County had a number of plans with too many claims and they needed to get to one major plan. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated that instead of paying a fixed amount per employee, the County was not paying the claims. Deputy Chairman Provenzano noted in the first year, the County saved \$4 million. Deputy County Executive Crannell highlighted it was former Governor Pataki who recommended other businesses utilize this model. He stated the County is moving forward with a third party contractor for workers

compensation with an expectation of administrative savings. He noted the unit currently has nine employees processing the claims.

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| Voting In Favor: | Legislators Belfiglio, Provenzano, and Ronk |
| Voting Against: | None |
| No. of Votes in Favor: | 3 |
| No. of Votes Against: | 0 |
| Disposition: | Carried |

Old Business (Monthly Personnel Report) :

Deputy County Executive Crannell noted he owes the Committee the August and September reports as the Committee had not met the last two months. Legislator Ronk questioned the movement of a District Attorney employee to the Sheriff. He asked if they were down the number of Assistant District Attorneys. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the last page includes a full-time equivalent reporting and there was a 32% reduction in County Employees as reflected in the County Executive's 2014 budget proposal. Legislator Ronk asked if funded vacancies were included. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied they were and noted this number was low as they removed a lot of the vacancy lines last year.

New Business:

Deputy Chairman Provenzano introduced Ms. Barton, a nursing student at Empire State College.

Old Business:

❖ **Elevated Cancer Concern in Highland**

Deputy County Executive Crannell noted there was communication on Facebook on this topic and thanked Legislators Belfiglio and Provenzano for bringing this serious topic to the attention of the Committee. He stated Town of Lloyd Supervisor Hansut reached out to the County Executive and the Legislature and the Commissioner of Health followed-up. He stated the issue is very complicated. He stated the Commissioner did research and on October 8th, formally asked the State Health Department to further Investigate. He stated this investigation will take time but that it is really under the purview of the State. He stated the Commissioner put information together of why she felt further investigation was needed and the State now takes over. He noted there were several children with leukemia which warranted the need to have it looked at. He stated the Commissioner is sensitive to the families and if the Commissioner hears more regarding the situation, she will share this with the Committee.

Old Business:

❖ Status of HealthAlliance Changes

Deputy Chairman Provenzano stated she will reach out to the Board of the HealthAlliance to request their attendance at the December Committee meeting. She noted the issue was that the public was not getting information and the Community just wants to know.

New Business:

❖ Golden Hill Benefit Package

Legislator Belfiglio noted the budget analyst highlighted the benefit package and specifically asked if within the first six months after the transfer, individuals leave the employment at Golden Hill, are they still eligible to be paid workers compensation from the County. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied this varies as if the County disputes the workers compensation claim, it would go to a hearing. He noted during the close out from the County, the County desired full staffing until it was officially transferred. He indicated for one year from the date of transfer, individuals were eligible for retirement. He noted some are collecting unemployment. He stated some were offered employment but refused and a smaller group were not offered employment and were eligible for unemployment from the County.

Legislator Belfiglio noted the employees were given applications for their new jobs and when the new jobs were explained, the parameters of the jobs had changed. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied most of the jobs were direct care jobs and that the County had more activity aides on staff. He stated some people moved to other jobs.

Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the closeout process is a massive billing operation. He stated the CNA Certifications must be tracked for two years, whether they continue to be employed by the County/Golden Hill or not. He noted there was a difficulty with Verizon as the new owners wanted to maintain the lines. They have had to institute an agreement with the new owners to bill them for the exact cost until they can take over the Verizon lines. He noted during the close out, the Social Security and Veterans Administration checks are still coming to the County on behalf of the residents. He indicated these funds are given to the residents for spending money. He noted the goal is December 31st for transferring the operating certificates.

Deputy Chairman Provenzano stated a newly formed family Board of Directors has been established and she accepted a position on this Board. She stated there has been great open dialogue on the floors.

Deputy County Executive Crannell stated the change in work rules produced some issues that are getting worked out. He noted the number one positive remark has been “great food”.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

No. of Votes in Favor: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:58 pm

Dated the 27th day of November, 2013

Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: December 2, 2013

Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 18, 2013 / 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chairman Kenneth Ronk, Jr.
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio and Maio
ABSENT: Legislators Richard Parete and Thomas Briggs
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Legislator Hector S. Rodriguez and Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman

Deputy Chairman Kenneth Ronk, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

MOTIONS:

MOTION NO. 1

TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLVED to approve the October 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes
MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Belfiglio
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maio

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio and Maio
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 3
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion passed

MOTION NO. 2

TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLUTION No. 284 – November 19, 2013
RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 284 - Appropriating Funds
Obtained Through A Donation To Purchase Bicycle Safety Supplies For
Sheriff Office Cadets – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget - Ulster
County Sheriff

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maio
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Belfiglio

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: The Sheriff's Office has received a donation from Walmart, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing bicycle safety supplies for Sheriff's Office Cadets. The Sheriff requested that the 2013 Ulster County Budget be amended to account for the additional donated funds.

DISCUSSION: Sheriff VanBlarcum clarified that the funds were being used to purchase safety equipment for the cadets to provide to children for use in the bicycle rodeos and that a rodeo was scheduled to take place Saturday at the YMCA in Kingston. Legislator Belfiglio wanted to note the donation was a good deal for Walmart in donating \$2,500.00 worth of supplies most likely at the retail price, not wholesale, and that it truly helped the community.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Belfiglio, Maio and Briggs

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| VOTING AGAINST | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 3 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion passed |

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| MOTION NO. 3 | RESOLUTION No. 285 – November 19, 2013 |
| TEXT OF MOTION: | <u>RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 285 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Overtime Reimbursement – Ulster County Sheriff</u> |

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| MOTION MADE BY: | Legislator Maio |
| MOTION SECONDED BY: | Legislator Belfiglio |

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| RESOLUTION SUMMARY: | The Ulster County Sheriff's Office participated in the "operation 2013 Hudson River Zone 2" (the "Operation") which had as an objective the prevention of terrorist attacks by enhancing law enforcement's capability to support international border and waterway security by disrupting and deterring criminal activity. The Sheriff's Office participation in this operation is important in order to promote homeland security by, among other objectives, collecting data on the movement of foreign-flagged vessels, which data is then communicated to the United States Coast Guard. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will reimburse the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for overtime expenses incurred as a result of participating in the Operation (CFDA#97.067). The Ulster County Sheriff requested that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for a period August 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$4,075.00 to reimburse the Ulster County Sheriff's Office the cost of overtime associated with "Operation 2013 Hudson River Zone 2." |
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| DISCUSSION: | Sheriff VanBlarcum stated that this was a detail that the Sheriff's Office had covered for the past few years and the overtime had been authorized. |
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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | No |
| VOTING IN FAVOR: | Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio and Maio |
| VOTING AGAINST | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 3 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion passed |

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| MOTION NO. 4 | RESOLUTION No. 286 – November 19, 2013 |
| TEXT OF MOTION: | <u>RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 286 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease With Wallkill Body Shop And Glass, Inc., For Space To Be Used As A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds</u> |

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| MOTION MADE BY: | Legislator Ronk |
| MOTION SECONDED BY: | Legislator Belfiglio |

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| RESOLUTION SUMMARY: | The Resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Public Works. The County currently leases office space located at 3063 Route 208, Wallkill, New York, from Wallkill Body Shop and Glass, Inc. for use as an Ulster County Sheriff's Office substation. The present lease for the substation will expire on December 31, 2013 and a new lease agreement has been requested by the Ulster County Sheriff in order to continue to operate |
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the Wallkill substation. The lease will be for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015 at an annual rent of \$6,600.00 for the term of the lease, with the cost of all utilities included in the annual amount. In any event the Ulster County shall have the option to terminate the lease for any reason or for no reason, upon sixty (60) days written notice to the landlord.

DISCUSSION:

Legislator Ronk stated that the Wallkill Body Shop had been an impeccable landlord now under new management. He added that although another location was actively being sought, the location was working well at this time. The largest obstacle with the substation was that there weren't multiple interview rooms so in the case of a domestic incident, different locations are necessary. Deputy Chairman Ronk recognized Legislator Rodriguez for the purpose of inquiring as to whether the option of utilizing the former vacated Village of New Paltz station located in the old Village Hall had been explored. Sheriff VanBlarcum responded that it would not be considered a good location.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
VOTING IN FAVOR:
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DISPOSITION:

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Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio and Maio
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MOTION NO. 5
TEXT OF MOTION:

RESOLUTION No. 293 – November 19, 2013
RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 293 –Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Emergency Management

MOTION MADE BY:
MOTION SECONDED BY:

Legislator Maio
Legislator Belfiglio

RESOLUTION SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Section C-11(O) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-5(15) of the Administrative Code, the Ulster County Legislature shall have the power to approve the execution of certain contracts and amendments in the amount of \$50,000.00 or in excess of \$50,000.00 entered into by the County. An amendment for execution by the County with Motorola Solutions, Inc. has been submitted for approval by the Ulster County Legislature,

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Ronk advised the Committee that during a discussion in Ways & Means, he had inquired if this system would still be usable if a new radio system were to be implemented, adding that although the expense was a concern, there had been catastrophic problems with the current radio system in dispatching which would necessitate looking into the upgrading of the current system. He stated that the Fire Advisory Board has requested time before the Committee to discuss matters that they had been working on, specifically in Saratoga County, which geographically was comparable to Ulster County and had just implemented the system that had been recommended to Ulster by Blue Wing. Chairman Ronk stated that the Fire Advisory Board had a power point presentation and additionally, had examples to provide that had been recorded by Chairman Bill Eckert from his mobile pager which were not audible. Chairman Ronk indicated that currently, repairs on the existing system were very costly. Sheriff VanBlarcum stated for the record that he didn't believe any resolution should move forward unless a department head or elected official were present but that the resolution before them was important. Chairman Ronk stated although what presently was before the Committee was a maintenance contract, he wanted to make clear that there was a need to look into upgrading the present system.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| VOTING IN FAVOR: | Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio and Maio |
| VOTING AGAINST | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 3 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion passed |

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| MOTION NO. 6 | RESOLUTION No. 295 – November 19, 2013 |
| TEXT OF MOTION: | <u>RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 295 –Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Sheriff's Office</u> |

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| MOTION MADE BY: | Legislator Belfiglio |
| MOTION SECONDED BY: | Legislator Maio |

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| RESOLUTION SUMMARY: | Pursuant to Section C-11(O) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-5(15) of the Administrative Code, the Ulster County Legislature shall have the power to approve the execution of certain contracts and amendments in the amount of \$50,000.00 or in excess of \$50,000.00 entered into by the County. A contract for execution by the County with Maximum Security Products Corp. has been submitted for approval by the Ulster County Legislature. |
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| DISCUSSION: | Chairman Ronk recognized Sheriff VanBlarcum who explained that although bunks had been installed earlier in the year, more bunks were being installed and had been previously budgeted. Legislator Belfiglio asked why was there a need to install seats (stools) to which the Sheriff explained that it was to allow access to upper bunks and they were being installed for safety precautions. Sheriff VanBlarcum indicated that the County was authorized by the Commissioner of Corrections to double bunk. |
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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | No |
| VOTING IN FAVOR: | Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio and Maio |
| VOTING AGAINST | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 3 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion passed |

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

The Sheriff indicated that there were no changes, that there were no surprises. (Report provided and on file with the Clerk of the Legislature). Discussion transpired with regard to surrounding Counties and board-ins.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio seconded by Legislator Belfiglio and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

**Dated the 21st Day of November, 2013
Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee**

Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 19, 2013 / 6:45 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Kevin Roberts, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Franklin R. Reggero
PRESENT: Legislators Roberts, R. Parete, Fabiano, Loughran, Maio and Ronk.
ABSENT: Legislator Donaldson
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Victor Melville, League of Women Voters; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman.

- Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

I. RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION NO. 1 Resolution No. 289 –November 19, 2013

TEXT OF MOTION: Resolution No. 289 - Appropriating Funds For Payment Of Various Judgments And Claims From The Participant's Assessments Contributions – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget – Department of Self- Insurance.

Resolution Summary: Ulster County Insurance Officer requests that \$675,000.00 be appropriated for payment of such claims against the County administered plan anticipated for the remainder of 2013 and that the 2013 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Loughran

DISCUSSION: Chairman Roberts called for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Roberts, R. Parete, Fabiano, Loughran, Maio and Ronk
VOTING AGAINST: None.
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 6
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 2 LATE Resolution No. 302 – November 19, 2013

TEXT OF MOTION: LATE Resolution No. 302 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For An Application To The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning.

Resolution Summary: The Public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, Kingston, New York.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk

MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Fabiano**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Roberts** called for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Roberts, R. Parete, Fabiano, Loughran, Maio and Ronk**
VOTING AGAINST: **None.**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **6**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **0**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

MOTION NO. 3 **LATE Resolution No. 303 – November 19, 2013**

TEXT OF MOTION: **LATE Resolution No. 303 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department of Self- Insurance.**

Resolution Summary:

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| Insurance | NCAComp, Inc. | Administrative services in connection with the self-insurance program, and investigation and handling of claims arising under the Workers' Comp Laws. | County %TBD Other %TBD | Professional Services - RFP UC13-67 | 11/12/13 - 12/31/14 | \$230,400 |
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MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Loughran**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Maio**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Roberts** recognized **Legislator Ronk** for the purpose of an amendment to the financial impact due to a typographical error, seconded by **Legislator Maio**.

Legislator Ronk stated that he will be voting in the negative based on the timeliness of this resolution being received by the Clerk the day of session.

Chairman Roberts called for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Roberts, R. Parete, Donaldson, Fabiano, Loughran and Maio**
VOTING AGAINST: **Legislator Ronk**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **5**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **1**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

II. DISCUSSION

Chairman Roberts asked if there is any other business before the Committee; hearing none, he recognized **Legislator Fabiano** for a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Legislator Ronk** at 6:53PM.

Dated the 19th day of November, 2013
Franklin R. Reggero, Sr. Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved on: December 17, 2013/ frr

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME : November 13, 2013 / 5:10pm
LOCATION : Town of Lloyd Town Hall, 12 Church Street, Highland, New York
CHAIRMAN : David B. Donaldson, Deputy Chairman - Present
RECORDER : Janet Salanitri, Adm. Assistant, SUNY, Ulster Co. Community College
LEGISLATORS
PRESENT : Legs. Donald Gregorius, Mary Wawro, Craig Lopez (arrived late)
EXCUSED : Chairman Harris
OTHERS
PRESENT : Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration, SUNY Ulster County Community College;
Kenneth Crannell, Deputy Ulster County Executive; Jim Cosgrove and Julie Dempsey
representing The Ulster County Library Association and Christopher White of the Ulster
County Planning Department.
QUORUM : Yes

A QUORUM BEING PRESENT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN DONALDSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:20 AND PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

MOTION #1

Text of Motion : To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee of October 16, 2013.

Motion Made : Leg. Gregorius

Seconded : Leg. Wawro

Voice Vote : Yes

In Favor : Deputy Chairman Donaldson, Leg. Gregorius

Opposed : None

No. in Favor : 2

No. Opposed : 0

Disposition : The motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of this committee of October 16, 2013 were approved by two of the three committee members present at that meeting. Chairman Harris was also present at the October meeting but was not present at this meeting and did not vote on this motion. Legs. Wawro and Lopez were not present at the October meeting and could not vote on this motion.

ULSTER COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

Report by : Jim Cosgrove and Julie Dempsey

Report : Mr. Cosgrove said he had no particular matters to report but was interested in knowing if there was anything new on the state level regarding the sales tax. Mr. Crannell said the County was working on making sure everything proceeded according to plan and further explained the state laws regarding timing, etc; He said the Governor has given a commitment that if the Legislature puts the bill on his desk he will sign it. There was further discussion and Deputy Chairman Donaldson said if there was anything at all he could do to help he would do so. There was a discussion of notice requirements and home rule. Leg. Gregorius said he was concerned about the effect on the business community.

Resolutions : None

SUNY ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Report by : Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration

Report : Dean Komdat advised the committee that the college had held a ceremony today for Veterans' Day. There were 25 veterans from the community in attendance. He said the college also has 91 veterans enrolled in classes, 10 of whom were at the event which also included a luncheon. At the same time RSVP was holding its annual craft sale, also in the cafeteria.

On enrollment, Dean Komdat said we are 7% ahead of projections for the fall semester, primarily due to the Collegian enrollment of over 200 FTEs or well over 1,000 high school students.

Dean Komdat said he would be bringing a resolution to this committee in December to approve the college's contract with its professional staff union which does not include any raises, only longevity increments. He said he believes it to be a fair contract. He also discussed "The Kelder Center for Building Science and Advanced Technology" which will have a small open house and ribbon cutting next week with a grand opening in the spring.

The Sophie Finn project, the subject of the resolution before the committee this evening, is on-going. The engineers are still working on traffic flow and the SEQRA process is also on-going. Chris White of Ulster County Planning said this evening's resolution is primarily to hold our place in the SUNY Construction Fund docket. He also said the college would be back in several months with another resolution which will have exact figures with everything included. Deputy Chairman Donaldson asked how the cost of Sophie Finn compares with the BRC. Dean Komdat said it is about \$104,000 at the BRC and the new facility will be about the same. Deputy Chairman Donaldson said he knows the County's contribution to the college has been flat for a long time and the Legislature has to look at that at some time. He also said he feels the college has to look at its contracts with teachers and staff in order to retain the highest quality. Dean Komdat said that until there is a major shift in the economy the college is just trying to maintain things at their present level.

Leg. Gregorius asked what the impact would be on STRIVE if the sales tax problems were not resolved. Mr. Crannell said if the sales tax issue was not resolved prior to February, everything will be impacted. Deputy Chairman Donaldson said he wanted to talk with the County Executive about a transfer tax. He said it has been talked about before but we were not able to get it passed. Mr. Crannell said the NYS Senate would not pass any bills involving tax increases; they would be carried in the Assembly but not in the Senate.

Resolutions : Resolution No. 300 for the November 19, 2013 session of the Legislature

MOTION #2

Text of Motion : To approve Resolution No.300 Supporting the Implementation of the STRIVE Project, Ulster County Community College Renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School.

Motion Made : Leg. Gregorius

Seconded : Leg. Wawro

Voice Vote : Yes

In Favor : Deputy Chairman Donaldson, Leg. Gregorius, Leg. Wawro, Leg. Lopez

Opposed : None
No. in Favor : 4
No. Opposed : 0
Disposition : Leg. Lopez arrived subsequent to the vote on this motion. He reviewed the resolution and stated that he wished to vote yes to the motion. His vote is recorded here. Accordingly, the motion to approve Resolution No. 300 supporting the implementation of the STRIVE project, Ulster County Community College renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School, was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Committee a motion to adjourn was made by Leg. Lopez and seconded by Leg. Wawro and Deputy Chairman Donaldson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Dated the 19th day of November, 2013

Janet Salanitri, Recorder

Minutes Approved on the 11th day of December, 2013

Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 6, 2013, 2013 @ 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chairman John Parete
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Franklin Reggero
PRESENT: Deputy Chairman John Parete, Thomas Briggs, Jim Maloney and Kevin Roberts
ABSENT: Chairman Fabiano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Langdon Chapman, Legislative Counsel; Robert Sudlow, Deputy County Executive.

Deputy Chairman Parete:

- Called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

MOTION NO. 1

Text Of Motion: RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of October 19th meeting.
Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete and Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. Of Votes In Favor: 4
No. Of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion Passes

RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION NO. 2 **Resolution No. 286, November 19, 2013**

Text Of Motion: RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 286 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease With Walkill Body Shop And Glass, Inc., For Space To Be Used As A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds).

Resolution Summary: Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with Walkill Body Shop and Glass, Inc., for office space located at 3063 Route 208, Walkill, New York, to be used as a substation of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office.

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: **Deputy Chairman Parete** called for further debate, hearing none called for a vote.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete and Roberts.
Voting Against: None

No. Of Votes In Favor: 4
No. Of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion Passes

MOTION NO. 3 Resolution No. 287, November 19, 2013

Text Of Motion: RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 287 -- Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. To Provide Office Space At Trudy Farber Resnick Center-- Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds).

Resolution Summary: Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. for a five-year term commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2018, at an annual cost of \$30,930.00 (\$10.00 per square foot).

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: **Deputy Chairman Parete** called for further debate, hearing none called for a vote.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete and Roberts.
Voting Against: None
No. Of Votes In Favor: 4
No. Of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion Passes

MOTION NO. 4 Resolution No. 288, November 19, 2013

Text Of Motion: RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 288 -- Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. To Provide Office Space At Golden Hill Office Building-- Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds).

Resolution Summary: Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. for a five-year term commencing January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2018, at an annual cost of \$45,610.00 (\$10.00 per square foot).

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: **Deputy Chairman Parete** called for further debate, hearing none called for a vote.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Briggs, Maloney, J. Parete and Roberts.
Voting Against: None
No. Of Votes In Favor: 4
No. Of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion Passes

DISCUSSION:

Deputy Chairman J. Parete recognized **Legislator Roberts** who stated that he has received several favorable comments from his constituents regarding work in Plattekill and thanked the Highway department. Mr. Sudlow stated that he will pass the complement on to the crews.

Deputy Chairman J. Parete recognized Mr. Sudlow for a brief DPW update.

Deputy Chairman J. Parete gave an update to the meeting in Frost Valley that he and **Chairman Fabiano** had the week prior. Mr. Sudlow gave an update to the meeting of Emergency Management Personnel in Frost Valley.

Deputy J. Parete recognized **Legislator Roberts** who asked if the County could re-paint portions of South Ohioville road in Plattekill and New Paltz. Mr. Sudlow stated that he would insure that happens.

Deputy Chairman J. Parete called for more discussion, hearing none.

The next Committee Meeting is December 4, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business before the meeting, on the motion duly made by **Legislator Briggs**, seconded by **Legislator Maloney**, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Dated the 6th day of November 2013
Franklin R. Reggero, Committee Clerk
Minutes Approved on: December 4, 2103

Social Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 7, 2013, 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Chairmen Mary Wawro

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Deputy Clerk Krista Barringer

PRESENT: Legislators Craig Lopez, Richard Parete, Hector Rodriguez, and Kenneth Ronk

ABSENT: None

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, DSS Commissioner Michael Iapoce, Deputy DSS Commissioner Cynthia Biesel, DSS Director of Finance Peter Carney, Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, Legislator Jeanette Provenzano, and Legislator-elect Chris Allen

Chairmen Wawro called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Motion No. 1 RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of the Social Services Committee meeting held October 7, 2013

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk and Wawro

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2 Resolution No. 292 – November 19, 2013

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 292 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Social Services (Astor Services for Children and Families)

Motion Made By: Legislator Parete

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Resolution No. 292 Summary: This Resolution reports the Ulster County Legislature has examined the stated contract amendment with Astor Services for Children and Families and approves the contract amendment in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk and Wawro

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3 Resolution No. 299 – November 19, 2013

Text of Motion: Resolve to Approve Resolution No. 299 - Authorizing The County To Pay For The Cost Of The Safety Net Program Thereby Relieving The Various Municipalities Of Responsibility For Payment

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Resolution No. 299 Summary: This Resolution indicates, pursuant to the provisions of Section 72 of the Social Services Law, the County of Ulster hereby agrees to pay sixty-six percent of the local share of the Safety Net Costs effective January 1, 2014. It further indicates effective January 1, 2015, the County of Ulster hereby agrees to pay one hundred percent of the local share of the cost of the Safety Net program. The Resolution states any outstanding charges yet to be paid to the County by any municipality for costs associated with the Safety Net Program shall continue to be due and owing, and shall be paid by the respective municipality. The Resolution authorizes and directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to send a certified copy of this resolution to each Town Clerk in Ulster County and to the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Kingston within ten days after the adoption of this resolution. In addition, the Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of Finance to take any and all steps necessary to implement this resolution.

Discussion:

Chair Wawro suggested there be an additional resolve that the Resolution be contingent to the sales tax extension approval at the State. Legislator Ronk stated this was in the budget and felt they should not put anything in the Resolution that could cause the State Assemblyman to once again go back on his word. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated there was some concern expressed by some Legislators that they would not be able to bind future Legislatures. He stated that Legislation was very clean and assumes the 2/3rds of the expense for 2014 and then the balance of the costs or 100% for 2015. He stated the authority for the County Legislature to act was invested in Section 72 of Social Services law which allows the Legislature to bind the expense. He stated outside of New York City, there are 57 Counties and 56 of them have already assumed these expenses. He stated no County has ever gone backwards and given the expense back to the Towns or the Cities. He stated the State Law

permits the County to take it over but not to give it back. Deputy County Executive Crannell discussed the history of the Safety Net/Home Relief program.

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| Roll Call Vote: | No |
| Voting In Favor: | Legislators Lopez, Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk and Wawro |
| Voting Against: | None |
| No. of Votes in Favor: | 5 |
| No. of Votes Against: | 0 |
| Disposition: | Carried |

Old Business (DSS Budget Review):

Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the Department of Social Services Budget is essentially the total budget for the Department is \$117.9 million with an increase of just over 2% annually. He stated major impacts were the implementation of the Ulster Cares proposal from June 2013 which will transfer in 21 staff into a new energy unit and a reconfiguration of staff into a satellite, one-stop office of the Office for the Aging. He noted there would be additional resources to the special investigations/fraud unit, including a new tip line. He noted there was a \$1million increase in Family Assistance and a \$2 million increase in Safety Net which included the additional 1/3rd County takeover of local costs.

Commissioner Iapoce noted the additional staff through the CARES program has been a jolt to the entire operation. He indicated the Department had lost a lot of staff and positions. He discussed the impact of these losses. He stated 65-70% of people receiving benefits, including SNAP, HEAP, Day Care, are working families. He noted he wages that these people are receiving are not enough for them to survive on. He stated through the media coverage on the Safety Net/Sales Tax coverage, there has been a backlash on this population seeking assistance. He noted other Counties are also struggling with an increasing Safety Net population. He noted the Federal TANF program has a 60 month time frame of when an individual can receive benefits and people are cycling off of it. He noted the economy has also not recovered. He stated many people entered the workforce and took the kind of jobs that people on Safety Net would normally have. He stated the impact of casino development in portions of the County has them hopeful that they can see some of their role decrease. He stated they are monitoring the Safety Net population in terms of trying to transition them off of the benefit and into work. He stated they have a lot of employment programs that they work very hard on and they hope that the addition of staff they will have a bigger impact in that area. He stated the New York Public Welfare Association Commissioners sponsored regional employment workshops to share ideas about what other districts are doing with this very serious problem. He noted in some districts, the Safety Net population is greater than their TANF population. He stated transitioning people to employment is a major challenge due to transportation issues. He stated this population also run into issues with substance abuse and mental illness. He noted the other agencies that address these issues are being dismantled, leaving the Department of Social Services are the location of last resort where people dealing with multiple issues arrive that no long can be assisted through the closures at other agencies (i.e. psychiatric facilities, group homes, etc). He stated they work hard to keep people from slipping through the cracks.

Commissioner Iapoce stated they are implementing an initiative to compact welfare fraud and to demonstrate to the residents of Ulster County that there is integrity behind the programs. He stated

they want to ensure the people who are eligible for the programs are having their applications processed and the disclosure is being done appropriately. He noted they want to ensure there is no abuse with respect to the program. He stated they hope the increase of staff will help them in that regard as well.

Legislator Parete stated in full disclosure he owns rental apartments in Ellenville and he noted of his seven tenants, only two tenants have vehicles. He noted a couple of the tenants are on public assistance. He noted their discussions in regards to utilizing public transportation to Kingston. He asked if a mobile services unit, similar to the DMV bus, was a possibility to bring the services to the people. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated the size of the County made this difficult and they have had discussions with the staff. Legislator Rodriguez noted a bus could be a resource. Legislator Parete suggested using the Trudy Farber Government Building location. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated they have established partnerships with some of the Towns and Not-for-Profit organizations in the area and would be willing to look at. Legislator Parete noted the people work in the village and it is a hardship to get to Kingston.

Commissioner Gulnick noted the difficulty the Department of Finance encounters with people trying to pay their taxes with cash and being unable to get to them.

Commissioner Iapoce stated the Department appreciated the support of the Committee. He noted the Department knows it is always going to be a big portion of the budget due to the work that they do. He noted with the transition of more staff will help them to get more productive and will be a huge benefit to the County.

Chair Wawro felt the County needed to put a face on the people receiving Social Services benefits. She discussed the negative communications about people receiving benefits that she heard from people while she was campaigning. She discussed the economic downturn. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted most people do not understand a benefits check is not that large. He discussed the Federal cut to Food Stamps benefits as the supplemental benefit expired on November 1, 2013 resulting in a cut of \$33 per person. He noted the anticipated increase to food pantries and programs like Queens Galley. Chair Wawro noted it was a bad time for this to happen. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted Congress has not yet reauthorized Food Stamps.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:41 PM

Dated the 2nd day of December, 2013

Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: December 2, 2013

Ways & Means Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 12, 2013 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, Sixth Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Franklin R. Reggero
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano Rodriguez and Ronk.
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Donaldson, Belfiglio, Bartels and Wishnick; Erica Guerin, Legislative Counsel; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Robert Sudlow, Deputy County Executive; Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Lisa Cutten, Deputy Budget Director; Beatrice Havranek, County Attorney, Sue Plonski and Roland Bloomer, County Attorney Office; Chris White, Planning Department; Patricia Doxey, Daily Freeman.

- Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
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I. RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION NO. 1 Resolution No. 276

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Mortgage Subordination Agreement.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maloney
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Gregorius

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Maloney who provided the back information regarding The World Café in the Town of Saugerties.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 2 Resolution No. 277

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2014 Levy.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Provenzano
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Ronk

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk
VOTING AGAINST: None

NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 3 Resolution No. 278

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Accepting Funds For A Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant, Files Management – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget – County Clerk.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Provenzano**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Maloney**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk**
VOTING AGAINST: **None**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **7**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **0**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

MOTION NO. 4 Resolution No. 279

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Accepting Funds For A Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant, Disaster Management – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget - County Clerk.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Maloney**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Ronk**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** calls for further discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.**
VOTING AGAINST: **None**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **7**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **0**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

MOTION NO. 5 Resolution No. 280

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman To Execute A License Agreement with James and Andrea Demosthenes For Usage Of County Owned Property For A Patio Project.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Maloney**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Provenzano**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk**
VOTING AGAINST: **None**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **7**

NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 6 Resolution No. 281

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Accepting Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse - Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Mental Health.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Provenzano
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 6
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 7 Resolution No. 282

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Accepting Additional Funding From The New York State Office of Mental Health - Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget - Mental Health.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maloney
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Ronk

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 8 Resolution No. 283

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Onteora Central School District For Substance Abuse Prevention Services - Department Of Mental Health.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Gregorius
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Provenzano to amend the second Whereas to change has to had, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.

VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 9 Resolution No. 284

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Appropriating Funds Obtained Through A Donation To Purchase Bicycle Safety Supplies For Sheriff Office Cadets – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.

VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 10 Resolution No. 285

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Overtime Reimbursement – Ulster County Sheriff.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Gregorius
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.

VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 11 Resolution No. 286

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease With Walkill Body Shop And Glass, Inc., For Space To Be Used As A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds).

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Gregorius

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No

VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 6
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 12 Resolution No. 287

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. To Provide Office Space At Trudy Farber Resnick Center– Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds).

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maloney
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Ronk

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Gregorius who motioned to amend the financial impact due to a typographical error to \$30,930, seconded by Maloney.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 13 Resolution No. 288

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. To Provide Office Space At Golden Hill Office Building– Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds).

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maloney
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Ronk

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 14 Resolution No. 289

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Appropriating Funds For Payment Of Various Judgments And Claims From The Participant's Assessments Contributions – Amending The 2013 Ulster County Budget – Department of Self- Insurance.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maio

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| DISCUSSION: | <p>Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.</p> <p>Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Ronk who asked Ms. Cutten how this is going to be billed throughout the County. Ms. Cutten stated depending on how participates are in the system equally. Mr. Crannell further explained the process. Ms. Havranek stated that the formula is in the Administrative code on page 93, paragraph 43-3 (B)(6).</p> |
| ROLL CALL VOTE: | No |
| VOTING IN FAVOR: | Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk. |
| VOTING AGAINST: | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 7 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion Passed |
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| MOTION NO. 15 | Resolution No. 290 |
| TEXT OF MOTION: | RESOLVED , Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Tourism. Focus Media Inc. |
| MOTION MADE BY: | Legislator Maloney |
| MOTION SECONDED BY: | Legislator Gregorius |
| DISCUSSION: | Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none. |
| ROLL CALL VOTE: | No |
| VOTING IN FAVOR: | Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk. |
| VOTING AGAINST: | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 7 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion Passed |
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| MOTION NO. 16 | Resolution No. 291 |
| TEXT OF MOTION: | RESOLVED , Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Tourism. Luminary Publishing, Inc. |
| MOTION MADE BY: | Legislator Maio |
| MOTION SECONDED BY: | Legislator Ronk |
| DISCUSSION: | Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none. |
| ROLL CALL VOTE: | No |
| VOTING IN FAVOR: | Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk. |
| VOTING AGAINST: | None |
| NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: | 7 |
| NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: | 0 |
| DISPOSITION: | Motion Passed |
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| MOTION NO. 17 | Resolution No. 292 |
| TEXT OF MOTION: | RESOLVED , Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Social Services. Astor Services for Children & Families. |

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Maloney
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Ronk

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Provenzano who asked of this is an increase to the existing contract to which Mr. Crannell answered yes based on an increase in the foster care placement program from 5 to 7 children.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 18 Resolution No. 293

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Emergency Management. Motorola Solutions.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Gregorius
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Ronk

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Ronk who asked Mr. Sudlow if this is the resolution that is going to improve the emergency response dispatch system, to which Mr. Sudlow stated yes. Legislator Ronk stated that the current system is antiquated and is in desperate need of upgrading.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 19 Resolution No. 294

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Information Services. IBM Corporation.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7

NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 20 **Resolution No. 295**

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Sheriff's Office. Maximum Security Products Corp.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Ronk**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Maloney**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.**

VOTING AGAINST: **None**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **7**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **0**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

MOTION NO. 21 **Resolution No. 296**

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Department Of Personnel. Rose & Kiernan.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Ronk**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Provenzano**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** recognized Ms. Plonski who explained the breakdown of administration fees and the actual insurance premiums. **Legislator Gregorius** verified the County's catastrophic policy with Ms. Plonski and further asked for a more comprehensive breakdown between administration and costs.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.**

VOTING AGAINST: **None**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **7**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **0**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

MOTION NO. 22 **Resolution No. 297**

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legislature. O'Connor Davies, LLP.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Ronk**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Maloney**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, Maio, Rodriguez and Ronk.**

VOTING AGAINST: Legislators Gregorius and Provenzano
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 5
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 2
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 23 Resolution No. 298

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2013, 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 Update The Term Of Membership To The Environmental Management Council.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator**

DISPOSITION: **No Action Taken**

MOTION NO. 24 Resolution No. 299

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The County To Pay For The Cost Of The Safety Net Program Thereby Relieving The Various Municipalities Of Responsibility For Payment.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Maloney**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Provenzano**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **No**
VOTING IN FAVOR: **Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.**

VOTING AGAINST: **None**
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: **7**
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: **0**
DISPOSITION: **Motion Passed**

MOTION NO. 25 Resolution No. 300

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Supporting The Implementation Of The STRIVE Project, Ulster County Community College Renovation Of Sophie Finn Elementary School.

MOTION MADE BY: **Legislator Provenzano**
MOTION SECONDED BY: **Legislator Gregorius**

DISCUSSION: **Chairman Gerentine** recognized **Legislator Malo** who asked Mr. White if all the funding has come through. Mr. White stated this money is supporting a decision made by the College to commit to project. **Legislator Ronk** asked Mr. White why the amount has increased so drastically from 2012. Mr. White stated that unforeseen expenses moving forward with the project have caused the increase in the project amount.

Legislator Ronk stated that the \$1.5 million cost to the County on this resolution is in conflict with what the Legislature was told in 2012. Mr. White stated that the money would be bonded over an 18 to 20 year period and will be paid with monies that previously went to the Business Resource Center as rent.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

MOTION NO. 26 LATE Resolution No. 302

TEXT OF MOTION: **RESOLVED**, Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For An Application To The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Rodriguez
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Maloney

DISCUSSION: Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

ROLL CALL VOTE: No
VOTING IN FAVOR: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Maloney, Maio, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk.
VOTING AGAINST: None
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0
DISPOSITION: Motion Passed

II. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Chairman Gerentine stated that he has talked with Speaker Sheldon's office in regards to the Ulster County Sales Tax Extension and convening a special session of the New York State Assembly. Counsel to the Speaker stated that there will be no special session this year and the best we could hope for would be early January before it can be considered. Chairman Gerentine stated that he wants a clear understanding between elected officials in Albany as to the importance of this issue to the residents of Ulster County.

Chairman Gerentine recognized Mr. Crannell for an explanation of the Accountability, Compliance and Efficiency (A.C.E.) creation within the department of Finance.

Chairman Gerentine recognized Legislator Belfiglio who stated the cost of the IBM Lotus Notes maintenance contract seems to be excessive and urged the committee to consider different options moving forward. Mr. Crannell stated that he agrees with everything that is being said and the County is looking at different options especially with the integration of the new financial system.

Chairman Gerentine calls for further discussion, hearing none.

- There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Rodriguez seconded by Legislator Maio and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM.
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Dated the 12TH Day of November, 2013
Franklin R. Reggero, Sr. Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved On: December 10, 2013 / frr