

**Public Works and Capital Projects Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 5, 2021 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 975 8104 7032
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Dean Fabiano
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell, DPW Deputy Capital Projects Robert Parete, UCAT Director Sajaa Ahmed, IS Director Alan Macaluso, SUNY VP Admin. Services Ulster Jamie Capuano

Chair Fabiano called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve Minutes & Transcripts of the April 7, 2021**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes **APPROVED**

Resolutions for the May 18, 2021 Session of the Legislature

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 592 for fire alarm and heating/cooling controls upgrade at the UC Law Enforcement Center. A Bond resolution will be required. \$600K

Motion No. 2: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 206
Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 206
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Abstention: 1 (Litts)
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 208 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$357,624.14 Entered Into By The County – ADT Commercial, LLC D/B/A Red Hawk Fire & Security (NY) – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$357.6K with ADT Commercial, LLC D/B/A Red Hawk Fire & Security NY for the replacement of fire alarm systems at the UC Law Enforcement Center. 100% County, NYS OGS, Contract Term 6/1/21 – 5/31/22.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 208
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 5: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 208
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 209 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$208,300.00 Entered Into By The County – Eastern Heating & Cooling, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$208.3K with Eastern Heating and Cooling, Inc. for upgrades of auto logic HVAC controls at the UC Law Enforcement Center. 100% County, Contract term 6/1/21 – 5/31/22.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 209
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 7: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 209
Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Abstention: 1 (Litts)
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 569 for the purchase of county fleet vehicles during the year 2021. \$1,217,000.00 A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 8: Motion to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 210
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 539 to increase funding for construction of the Shawangunk Kill Bridge rehabilitation in the Town of Shawangunk. \$2,757,911.00 95% reimbursable from Bridge NY Funds. A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 9: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 212
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 10: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 212
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 214 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$445,470.94 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$445.5K with Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. to expand the scope of engineering services agreement for the replacement of the Shawangunk Kill Bridge to include construction inspection services. 95% Federal, 5% County. Amd. Term 6/1/21 – 12/31/22

Motion No. 11: Motion to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 214
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 215 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,312,440.00 Entered Into By The County – ING Civil, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$2,312,440.00 with ING Civil, Inc. for construction services for the replacement of the Shawangunk Kill Bridge. 95% Federal, 5% County, Term 6/1/21 – 6/30/22.

Motion No. 12: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 215
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 13: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 215
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 550 for Fairground Improvements for design services for the development of a disinfection system for the fairgrounds sand filter waste water discharge as required by NYS DEC in the amount of \$14.5K. Total project cost \$132.9K, A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 14: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 216
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 15: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 216
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves an increase in funding for the design and construction services of campus-wide HVAC installation upgrades campus wide at SUNY Ulster. \$801K Total, State \$400.5K, County \$400.5K A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 16: Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 218
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 17: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 218
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 587 for county technology upgrade infrastructure that has reached the end of support services. \$785.7K, A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 18: Motion to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 223
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 588 for personal computer replacements technology upgrades \$185K, A Bond resolution will be required.

Motion No. 19: Motion to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 225
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 227 - Amending Capital Project 568 - Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project—Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Amended Customer Project Commitment With New York Power Authority And Amending Capital Project 568- Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 568 for the Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project with NY Power Authority to reflect a change in the amount of \$501.6K to include an adjusted site layout and considerations for future transit fleet electrification. A Bond resolution will be required. NYS Reimbursement \$394,924.00

Motion No. 20: Motion to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 2
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Voting In Favor: Legislator Fabiano, Greene, Cahill, Heppner, Litts
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

New Business

- American Rescue Plan Funding – (See transcript)

Old Business None

Adjournment

Chair Fabiano asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved: June 2, 2021

Ulster County Legislature
Public Works and Capital Project Committee

Meeting Transcript

May 5, 2021

Chairman Fabiano

I'd like to call the meeting to order of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic and j for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chairman Fabiano

Thank you. Has everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes from last month's meeting? If so, I'll entertain a motion to move the minutes as written.

Legislator Litts

I'll make a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts. Do I have a second?

Legislator Greene

So, second.

Chairman Fabiano

Second by Legislator Greene. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion. All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you. We'll go into resolutions. Resolution Number 206. Establishing Capital Project No. 592. Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, fire alarm and heating cooling controls upgrade, Department of Public Works. This is for \$600,000 capital project.

Legislator Heppner

I'll move it.

Legislator Cahill

I'll second for discussion.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay. Anybody want to talk on it? Okay, if not, I'll entertain a motion to move it.

Legislator Heppner

I believe that's already been done Mr. Chair.

Legislator Cahill

I'll second.

Chairman Fabiano

You made the motion to for discussion, right? I'm asking for a motion to pass it.

Legislator Cahill

I'll make a motion to pass it.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Seconded by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Motion carried.

Legislator Litts

I will abstain.

Chairman Fabiano

Abstention due to work related employment. Alrighty. Resolution No. 209. Approving the execution of a contract for \$208,300.

Legislator Litts

Dean you skipped over 208.

Chairman Fabiano

Excuse me? I did I'm sorry.

Nettie Tomshaw

Thank you, Herb.

Legislator Litts

No problem.

Chairman Fabiano

Approving the execution of a contract for \$357,624 entered into by the County- ADT Commercial, LLC D/B/A Red Hawk Fire & Security New York, Department of Public Works.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Chairman Fabiano

For discussion. A second for discussion.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay. Anybody want to talk on it? Alrighty. I'll entertain a motion to pass it.

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Second by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Motion carried. Resolution No. 209. Approving the execution of a contract for \$208,300 entered into by the County - Eastern Heating & Cooling Incorporated. Department of Public Works.

Legislator Cahill

I'll move for discussion.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Cahill second by Legislator Heppner. Brian, you got something?

Legislator Cahill

Yeah, real quick. Is this for a specific building or is this a contract that covers - a just like maintenance and things like that.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

This is resolution 209. Right? It is just for Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC.) It is for the heating and cooling modules in the building.

Legislator Cahill

We just, we just passed one to control that to update the controls, right?

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

This is the contract for that capital.

Legislator Cahill

Oh, so there's no money associated with 206. I got it. Okay.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Yeah, you're just approving the budget.

Legislator Cahill

Got it - thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

Any other discussion? I'll entertain a motion to pass it.

Legislator Heppner

Moved.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Heppner moves it. Do I hear a second?

Legislator Greene

Greene.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Greene seconds it. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed? Motion carried.

Legislator Litts

I'll abstain, purposes of employment.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Litts abstained due to work. Resolution No. 212. Amending Capital Project No. 530. Excuse me?

Legislator Cahill

210. We need 210 Chairman Fabiano.

Chairman Fabiano

Resolution No. 210. Establishing Capital Project No. 569. Purchase of county fleet vehicles, Department of Public Works central garage. Move for discussion.

Legislator Greene

I'll move it for discussion. I'll move it, move it.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay motion made by a Legislator Litts. A Manna Joe did you want to just talk on it?

Legislator Greene

No I really like to just ask Sajaa if she wants to summarize, so that everybody understands. We've talked about this I believe in Energy and Environment and all my questions are answered but others may have some questions.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

And I believe this is the capital for county fleet vehicles not for UCAT.

Legislator Cahill

Not buses.

Legislator Litts

This is for DPW fleet vehicles not the buses.

Chairman Fabiano

Correct. Okay, so a motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Greene. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed? Motion carried. Resolution No. 212. Amending Capital Project No. 539. Shawangunk Kill Bridge rehabilitation in the town of Shawangunk. I can never say this.

Legislator Litts

Shawangunk.

Chairman Fabiano

PIN number 876 2.16 to increase funding for construction bridge, New York service certifications or reimbursement request for federal aid on behalf of Ulster County with the New York State Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works highways and bridges. I'll entertain a motion.

Legislator Cahill

I'll move for discussion.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill

Question Chairman Fabiano.

Chairman Fabiano

Go ahead.

Legislator Cahill

So this came up in the chairs meeting last week and the people from that area don't even know what bridge this is. Could somebody identify the exact location of this bridge and what road it's on or whatever?

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

It's on County Road 18. Um, and that's what I have in terms of location.

Legislator Cahill

So you don't know where it is either then I'm just kidding.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

I'll look it up for you while we're talking.

Legislator Cahill

No I mean that that came up. Everybody's like, well, I don't even know where this bridge is. The bridges on that road looks pretty good to me, you know. So yeah. So we I want to bring it back to our caucus Don when you get an opportunity. You can just

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Absolutely.

Legislator Cahill

All right thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

Any other discussion? Okay, I'll entertain a motion to move it.

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Chairman Fabiano

Moved by Legislator Litts. Second.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Second by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye, Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay. Is Commissioner Jackson with us tonight?

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Um, he unfortunately could not make it tonight.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay, thank you. Resolution No. 214. Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$445,470.94 enter into by the County- Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. - Department of Public Works

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

You moving it for discussion Herb or?

Legislator Litts

I mean, it is the inspection contract for the Resolution No. 212.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Right.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay, so motion made by Legislator Litts seconded by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Motion carried. Resolution No. 215. Approving the execution of a contract for \$2,312,440 entered into by the County - ING Civil Incorporated - Department of Public Works.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts for discussion. Do I have a second?

Legislator Heppner

Second, Heppner.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay Legislator Heppner seconds it.

Legislator Cahill

(inaudible)

Chairman Fabiano

Any questions for

Legislator Litts

Yes, can somebody explain the contract?

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

My apologies. I was looking up the info for Legislator Cahill. Is this resolution to 215?

Chairman Fabiano

That's correct.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

This is for the construction of the Shawangunk Kill bridge. The replacement of it.

Legislator Litts

Oh, this is the contractor.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Yes, sir.

Legislator Litts

Very good. Thank you. I'll move it.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay. Motion moved by Legislator Litts. Do I hear a second?

Legislator Heppner

Second, Heppner.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Heppner seconds it. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Okay. Motion carried.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Chairman Fabiano

Resolution No. 216. Amending Capital Project No. 550 fairground improvements amending the 2021 capital fund budget Department of Public Works Building and Grounds. I think this Motion made by Legislator Litts.

Legislator Cahill

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Second by Legislator Cahill. All in favor.

Legislator Cahill

Okay can I ask a quick question though.

Chairman Fabiano

Yes, go ahead.

Legislator Cahill

Yeah, so does this now the fairground improvements. Does this include all the water stuff that we were talking about last fall and all through the beginning of the year? Or is this something specific another project that doesn't include that?

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

So that if I may, sir,

Chairman Fabiano

Yeah, go ahead.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

So this was the project we had last year for the improvements we talked about, including the northern campgrounds. But what we're asking for now is the DEC came in and said we needed to make improvements to our wastewater, otherwise our (inaudible) permit can be in question. So this additional money now is for the design for that wastewater system.

Legislator Cahill

Okay, I'm just looking so that, the bonding for that isn't in here yet right? Or the money for that isn't allocated anywhere yet? I don't see it.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

So we're asking for \$14,500 for that in this amending of the capital project.

Legislator Cahill

Okay.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

We had money for both the northern campgrounds and the water improvements. Brian.

Legislator Cahill

Got it. Thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

So I'll entertain a motion to pass it.

Legislator Greene

No, I if I may.

Chairman Fabiano

Yes. Legislator Greene go ahead.

Legislator Greene

For wastewater, I see a couple opportunities. One is that it be done. Of course, as with as much attention to energy efficiency as possible. But (inaudible) treatment system with and I'm wondering if this has been considered for I'm sorry, I'm walking on the title. I know the concept is where you're using reedbeds. For water purification, constructed wetlands is the term road is looking for. Has that been considered? I'm wondering a little bit more detail on what the form of improvement to the wastewater treatment system is proposed.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

So from my understanding is the requirements came directly from the DEC for this. I don't know what exact system. I believe, Rob, do you remember if it was a chlorination system?

DPW Deputy Comm. Robert Parete

I'm not, I'm not entirely sure.

Legislator Litts

Isn't this the funding to do the engineering so

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Correct.

Legislator Litts

It hasn't been determined yet. I mean, right? We have no design yet.

Legislator Greene

So that's, an ideal time to request that. That energy if there's a vast amount, I sit on a Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition and the water group has been focusing on water and wastewater treatment systems. And those two suggestions should be included in what the engineers look at. Energy efficiency and the potential for being constructed wetlands, especially at the Ulster County Fair because, unless some place that a lot of people come through, and the staff for people that are interested, could showcase that. I know that Zumtobel Lighting in Highland is using that system and others in the county.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Um Dave Gross, which is our project manager. I will certainly pass all that along to him and then we'll have a discussion in house to see if we can incorporate any of that.

Legislator Greene

Great, thank you.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

You're very welcome.

Chairman Fabiano

I'll entertain a motion to pass it.

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Legislator Greene

I'll second.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Greene. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Motion carried. Resolution No. 218. Approving an increase in funding for design and construction services of campus wide HVAC installation related to Capital Project No. 542, HVAC upgrades campus wide and amending the 2021 Ulster County capital fund Ulster County Community College. Any discussion?

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Legislator Heppner

Second, Heppner.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Litts, and second by Legislator Heppner.

Legislator Cahill

Jamie, so is this is an increase of how much?

Jamie Capuano

This is an increase of about \$800,000 for the next phase of the project Legislator Cahill. So this will include design and construction of a new HVAC system for the Hardenberg building will be where we start. And then we'll be looking at other HVA systems for upgrade.

Legislator Cahill

So this is an increase of the overall project of \$800,000 or is it allocating previously approved capital project for the college.

Jamie Capuano

So the capital project has already been included within the capital within the five-year capital project listing. This is an increase for the next phase of the project, but it's already been included within the capital improvement plan for the county.

Legislator Cahill

So it's not an additional \$800K.

Jamie Capuano

Correct.

Legislator Cahill

Okay, thank you.

Jamie Capuano

Correct.

Legislator Cahill

That's was trying to get. Thank you.

Jamie Capuano

Thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

So I'll entertain a motion. Oh I'm sorry. Thank you, Jonathan. Legislator Greene.

Legislator Heppner

I believe Legislator Greene has her hand raised.

Legislator Greene

Yeah, I just want to double check that the improvements are along the line of beneficial electrification and not utilizing fossil fuel in the HVAC system.

Jamie Capuano

Yes so, we'll be oh go ahead Manna Jo, sorry.

Legislator Greene

I'm done thanks.

Jamie Capuano

Sorry so we will be through the design work we'll be working with DASNY to ensure that we're using all of the best energy efficiency upgrades that we can. These units are very old. Some of these are original units to the facilities. So it'd be definitely improvements on energy efficiency through the design process with DASNY.

Legislator Greene

Okay, and I but I do have is specific question that you don't have to answer right now. But perhaps you get back to me about fossil fuel. For example, at the law enforcement center, we're hoping they would

go directly to a ground source, heat pump, you know, powered by solar. And it wasn't feasible at that time. So more fossil fuel will be burned in a pipeline extended to the jail, it was determined that that was the best that could be done at that time, but given CLCPA, and that, you know, we'd be moving to renewables and significantly reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency is a significant part of that. But I'm specifically asking about whether or not any fossil fuel will be utilized in this upgrade.

Jamie Capuano

Yeah, so we'll get back to you on that Manna Jo. At this point we don't have other infrastructure available. But we'll certainly get back to you with that regarding the usage and potential reductions in fossil fuels, and work with DASNY also through that process, and I'll get back to you on that Manna Jo.

Legislator Greene

Thank you.

Jamie Capuano

Absolutely.

Chairman Fabiano

I'll entertain a motion to pass this.

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts.

Legislator Heppner

I'll second.

Chairman Fabiano

Seconded by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed? Motion carried. Resolution No. 223. Establishing Capital Project No. 587. Technology upgrade infrastructure, Department of Information Services.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Anybody have any questions or concerns?

Legislator Cahill

Yeah, I do have a quick question. So this came up in our committee too. So we saw a big request for replacement of personal computers in the sheriff's department as well this month. So is this all part of the personal computer replacement that we talked about during the budget cycle just actively taken place now?

IS Director Alan Macaluso

That is in Resolution 225.

Legislator Cahill

Okay,

IS Director Alan Macaluso

This is specifically for the network, hardware upgrade, like switches, firewalls, routers, things like that, that are reaching end of life.

Legislator Cahill

Got it? And then, so 225 is the sheriff's department one, right?

IS Director Alan Macaluso

It's a bulk of it is the sheriff's running on Windows 7 devices, which are - no it was a toss-up between continuing to pay through the nose for extended maintenance, which really doesn't get you much versus just doing the upgrades and getting those risky. I mean, they're their cybersecurity liability, you know, so the goal would be to get them off our network as quickly as possible and that's part of it to some of it's in the sheriff's office and others are distributed around the county to other departments.

Legislator Cahill

Okay, thank you.

IS Director Alan Macaluso

That's 225 for that one.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay, so for 223 All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Motion carried. Resolution No. 225. Establishing Capital Project No. 588, personal computer replacements, Department of Information Services.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed? Motion carried. Resolution No. 227. Amending Capital Project No. 568. electric bus charging infrastructure project authorization of the Chair of the Legislature to execute an amendment customer project commitment with New York Power Authority in amending Capital Project No. 568. Department of Public Transportation, Ulster County Area transit.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion made by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Heppner. Do we have any discussions or questions? Okay, bearing none. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

All opposed. Motion carried.

Legislator Greene

I raised my hand late that it was to approve.

Chairman Fabiano

Correct? Yeah.

Legislator Cahill

You got off easy in this meeting Sajaa.

UCAT Director Sajaa Ahmed

I just wanted to quickly Legislator Fabiano and this whole committee I don't often come to this committee but thank you for approving the resolution.

Chairman Fabiano

You're welcome. Okay, under new business, we have the American rescue plan funding, it's \$34 million, that in the near future we're supposed to receive from the federal government for things that caused us problems during COVID-19 period of time. Most of it, I'm sure. And I'm sure most of you got the email from Chairman Donaldson who would like suggestions of what you areas that you feel that might be able to use some of this money. So what I'm asking is, before the next meeting, if any of us have anything you want to put in writing, and submitted to Nettie, we can get it on next month, next month's agenda, and discuss it. Um, does anybody have anything they want to say on it now? Yeah Legislator Litts go ahead.

Legislator Litts

Okay um, I don't know. I know, Brian heard this last night. But, um, improvements to infrastructure gives us the best bang for the buck. Our economy runs on our infrastructure. If our infrastructure is not good or economy's not good, because you can't get your products to and from where they need to be. So I have a suggestion that this committee write to the Ulster County Transportation Council. And ask them to send a letter to the cities, towns and villages in the county, asking if they have any projects, bridges, culverts, whatever infrastructure needs to be improved buildings, um, that they send those into the Ulster County Transportation Council in a priority listing, so that the council can flesh those out, and also report it to us. Because I, depending on how the money, I mean, about 17 million is going to go towards paying off our bills with COVID. Another 17 point something million is going to be for projects. In my lifetime I've never heard of having money given to us - free money. So we should use it wisely. It's a one shot deal. And I think it should go for infrastructure. And there's a lot of things in our infrastructure that we can upgrade, replace, I mean, we have deficient bridges in this county, by the dozens. And we can also tie that in with the new Green Deal. And make things energy efficient. I know there's a lot of buildings around the towns, counties, cities, even the county that need to be upgraded, that need to be replaced. And for years and years that's been postponed. And we've closed bridges because we didn't have funding to do it. The first time in my lifetime, we're being given funding free.

Chairman Fabiano

Right.

Legislator Litts

And we should utilize it wisely.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay now, Herb, would you be able to put some of that in writing for next meeting? Um Nettie would that

Legislator Litts

Well, I think we don't want to wait till next meeting because every committee is putting in their wants and wishes. And if we come in next meeting, we're going to be in last place. I mean, I think if this committee reached out to the Ulster County Transportation Council and asked them to send a letter to all the contact people they have for the cities, towns, villages, and I'm sure the counties already doing this. I mean, on the DW side. I know Don's probably over there rubbing his hands together on what money he can get.

Legislator Cahill

He spent it five times.

Legislator Litts

Listen, \$17 million sounds like a lot of money.

Legislator Cahill

Not in this business.

Legislator Litts

We probably got a half a billion or maybe a billion dollars-worth of deficient infrastructure in the county that needs to be replaced. And it's not a roads, bridges and buildings. There's water systems, there's their sewer systems. I mean, look at Kingston, the Broadway project is under construction. The Rotary is under construction. And, and in the middle of it they have, I don't know 800 or 1800 feet of sewer that was added by emergency because it's collapsing under the new construction.

Chairman Fabiano

Right.

Legislator Litts

I mean, we don't want to build something new and then go back and dig through the pavement to replace it. So it's got to be done now. So Kingston floated a bond or whatever. But my point is, is there's a lot of things out there that need to be fixed. And they always get pushed aside, especially in the towns and the villages - they don't have the money. Even if it's an 80/20 match job, it's tough for a town to come up with 80% of a \$5 million, or excuse me, 20% of a \$5 million bridge project, or even a million-dollar bridge project. So this is history.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Cahill you had your hand up?

Legislator Cahill

Yeah, real quick. So I agree with you 100% there Herb.

Legislator Litts

Thank you.

Legislator Cahill

You know, one of the things like I've been pushing for a project along Lucas Avenue, for some sort of pedestrian walkway there, there have been people hit by cars and killed there. A lot of people use that thoroughfare to walk to synagogue on the weekend. And the children use it to go back and forth to Bailey school, and Edson school, and there's no sidewalk. And one of the things that I've been pushing for is to try and get something there. I think for me, you know, this is a perfect opportunity to include that in that infrastructure list that you're talking about. And, you know, I will add that as from this committee, that will be something that I will be submitting, that we try and get some sort of pedestrian walkway. I don't even care to just paint the road yellow in that spot to provide some sort of protection for pedestrians on Lucas Ave. there. Thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

Anybody else have anything?

Legislator Heppner

Yeah, Mr. Chairman, and I totally, I just want to highlight a point that Legislator Litts made because of those who have gone through the packet that I believe that went around from Senator Schumer's office that listed the different municipalities in Ulster County. Because the municipalities themselves also going to get some specific number of funding and I think what Legislator Litts is spot on in terms of resources, you know, any proposals in terms of matching, if they plan on, you know, they might have the ability to for "x", and they might just need, you know, for us to add the "z". You know, any, you know, the highlight any type of creativity, a thought, like that, I think could be, you know, just a wise use of, you know, the resources because, like you said, 17 million, you know, is good.

Chairman Fabiano

Sounds like a lot.

Legislator Heppner

But it's not, yeah.

Chairman Fabiano

But it's not in today's world, right.

Legislator Heppner

But starting with talking different projects and adding together, some things can become more plausible.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay, so, Nettie, this letter should come from the legislature or this letter to the transportation council should it come from the county executive's office?

Legislator Litts

It can come from this committee.

Chairman Fabiano

It can come from this committee, okay.

Legislator Litts

And Manna Jo has her hand up.

Chairman Fabiano

Who's that?

Legislator Litts

Manna Jo has her hand up.

Chairman Fabiano

Manna Jo go ahead.

Legislator Greene

Yeah, um, I would like to see a carbon analysis for the projects that are proposed, and I think that the Department of Environment has been doing that for their greenhouse gas inventory. They have a protocol that they're, you know, able to use to see whether the proposals you know, whether they're going to add to greenhouse gases or reduce greenhouse gases. For example, for sidewalk projects, the climate smart committee has had a couple of presentations on low carbon concrete. So if a project included that it would be a better investment than one that didn't, and it would be technology forcing. So while I absolutely support the concept of utilizing funds to improve in infrastructure, I want to be sure that, you know, we're doing it in a way that really is beneficial in the full lifecycle analysis. And I'll give an example folks know that the main reason that there are other reasons as well but the main reason I opposed the Kingstonian project is that I thought it was a vast overuse of resources to build that walkway, when we have a perfectly good road that, you know, could have been made walkable, and yes, people would have to cross the street. They do that all the time, and they do it safely. So I would just really encourage that every bit of infrastructure moving forward, consider the climate crisis in our analysis, and I don't want to make more work for a very busy department. But I do think for, you know, maybe Robert and Don can bring that aspect of the discussion back to the executive branch who have come out with a wonderful Green New Deal, but we've really, you know, just got to be thinking of it. As, as much as we are trained to automatically think of dollars, we have to sort of force ourselves to automatically think about, you know, carbon and greenhouse gas emissions and, climate solutions in as we do this investing. And so that's my request.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

I can assure you that DPW has definitely the green mindset. In fact, we're meeting with the Department of Environment tomorrow to align ourselves to the Climate Action Plan and the green new deal a little bit and push ourselves in the right direction and everybody to get on the same page.

Legislator Greene

Thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

Nettie?

Nettie Tomshaw

Yes.

Chairman Fabiano

Yes, do you think that you could draft up a letter for the Transportation Council on what we talked about tonight?

Nettie Tomshaw

Sure.

Chairman Fabiano

Okay, okay, thank you.

Nettie Tomshaw

No problem.

Legislator Litts

If Nettie you need any help with that, please reach out to me.

Nettie Tomshaw

Okay I will, thank you.

Chairman Fabiano

And Herb you got a really good idea tonight. That's awesome. Really.

Legislator Litts

Every once in a great while Dean.

Chairman Fabiano

If it comes to fruition.

Legislator Litts

You know how they say you know, even a blind nut, or even a blind squirrel gets a nut every once in a while.

Chairman Fabiano

Um, anybody else have any new business?

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

Legislator Fabiano if I may I just want to answer Legislator Cahill's question before?

Chairman Fabiano

I'm sorry yes.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

It's the Brunswick bridge carrying County Route 18 over to Shawangunk Kill River in the Town of Shawangunk, in which I believe is sorry, memories, a little gray in that area sometimes. It's the Hoagerburg Road in the Town of Shawangunk. If you would like us to get a map, I can talk to engineering and see

Legislator Cahill

There's actually one associated with the resolution. I looked during the meeting myself. And I see where it is now. Thank you very much. Yeah, I mean, actually, if you look at the plans, they're going to do a nice thing. They're going to take a bend out of the road and put the bridge straighten out that road quite a bit as well, which is a good thing. You know. There'll be a good place for me to take my car and a nice sunny weekend. In three years.

Chairman Fabiano

I had some new business myself, but being Commissioner Jackson's not here is Marc Rider with us tonight. He's not there either.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

No, sir. But I can send anything information you would like to go to the commissioner. I'd be happy to relay.

Chairman Fabiano

Well, I don't know this might even be old business. I'm still been getting complaints from Foreman's and Section Foreman's in the county DPW, that they have a major shortage of help. They have some good people that are leaving, because they feel that the proper pay they can go do better in other townships in Ulster County. Um, and I know there without a contract at this time. Are we going to be looking down a road to do any more hiring or maybe help out with raises to keep the interest there. So we don't lose these. I understand we just lost a heavy equipment operator within the past week or so who was very very good because, you know, \$17-\$18 an hour just wasn't cutting the mustard where he can go to Woodstock or come to Saugerties or wherever and pick up \$23-\$24 an hour.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

The average salary difference between us and the local municipalities is about \$7 an hour. Yeah. So I can tell you yeah, we certainly have turnover at DPW. We're constantly filling positions. I don't want to say we're understaffed. Will we be looking for additional positions in this year budget? Potentially, it's something we need to talk to with the highway Superintendent Brendan, and the county execs office. In terms of your questions about you looking for additional salary I, my understanding the union's in negotiations currently. There's only so much the county can do in terms of that. So

Chairman Fabiano

Because you know, I've been a legislator now for 16 years. And most of that time, I have been on this committee, and I can't ever remember hearing these complaints, pretty much on a steady basis, that they just don't know, these bosses, out in the field, how they're going to get a lot of this stuff done with the shortness of help and then especially with quality people not staying, you know. So I just hope that in the near future, we can really get working on this. So we don't start falling behind with road work and bridge work and things of that, that nature, hope they make that like a priority.

DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell

I can assure it's definitely on our radar. It's something that we talk about frequently. Because like, like you said, we want to make sure we can get the work covered that we need to for public safety.

Chairman Fabiano

We've always done good work. We've always done plenty of it in the years that I've been here. And I hate to see that fall by the wayside.

Legislator Cahill

Right.

Chairman Fabiano

Anybody else have any?

Legislator Cahill

I just want to add in there that I know that they're resuming contract negotiations with the CSA this week. And hopefully, they'll come to something that, you know, will help us along the way here. I mean, we can't expect people to stay here for substandard wages, we can't expect that it's foolish. Yes, they get, they get good benefits, and they have a good retirement plan, which some other jobs don't offer. That's part of it. And that's part of the trade off when you go to work for a municipality. But cash is king today, right? People need money, right? You can't eat your pension, when you're 30 years old, and you can't take your health care to the to the restaurant or to the gas station, right? So we really have to consider that right.

Chairman Fabiano

Like this \$15, \$16, \$17/hour. You're talking a \$100 a week.

Legislator Cahill

We're talking about paying people that work in McDonald's and grocery stores and department stores and you know, the same wages, right. So there's something wrong there.

Chairman Fabiano

You can go to McDonalds and make that, and that's why a lot of people are turning to the Department of Social Services, because they could make just as much on that. Were even, you know, more, right more, you know.

Legislator Cahill

So we just have to remember that Dean when the contract comes to us, and it's inflated and we say what the heck is this? But, you know, we really have to remember that, you know, the folks that are in our collective bargaining agreements have been, you know, working with really substandard wages for quite a while now. And it's really at a point now where it's a breaking point, you know.

Chairman Fabiano

Yeah, I agree. I agree. And sometimes you got to just bite the bullet and put your priorities in order and infrastructure, like Herb just said is a major priority for any local municipality. That's like the heartbeat the backbone of any community. So alright, does anybody have anything else? Okay, if not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

I'll make that motion Mr. Chairman.

Legislator Heppner

Second.

Chairman Fabiano

Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Heppner. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chairman Fabiano

Motion carried.

Legislator Litts

Good night, everybody.

Legislator Cahill

Take care. Bye