

**Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 9, 2022 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 824 3988 9723
By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Laura Petit
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo, Sr. Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan
ABSENT: Legislator Stewart
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Phil Erner, Comm. Brendan Masterson, Deputy Comm. Finance Dean Rylewicz, Deputy Comm. Capital Projects Robert Parete – Department of Public Works, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Dir. Veterans Services Agency Mark Cozzupoli, Cheryl Schneider, S. Deacon Bill Mennenga, Tanya Garmet

Chair Petit called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance

Motion No. 1: Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the April 5, 2022 Meeting of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes **APPROVED**

Resolutions for the May 17, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 252: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Cooperative Agreement With The New York State Department Of Conservation For The Implementation Of Environmental Benefit Projects On The Lower Esopus As Provided For In The DEC Order On Consent – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the NYS Dept. of Conservation for the implementation of Environmental Benefit Projects on the Lower Esopus as provided for in the DEC Order on Consent. Ulster County will act as the fiscal agent to implement the projects specifically the Lower Esopus Stream Mgmt. Plan. \$211K budgeted capital fund reserve dollars.

Motion No. 2: **Moved Resolution No. 252 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 252**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 255: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 528 - Veteran's Cemetery - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program amending Capital Project No. 528 for the Veteran's Cemetery located at 81 Plain Rd., New Paltz to include a pavilion, committal shelter, columbaria, access road, landscaping and other appurtenant infrastructure on lands on which the County has obtained the necessary easements and maintenance agreements with the New Paltz Rural Cemetery Association. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 255 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 5: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 255**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Motion By: Legislator
Motion Seconded By: Legislator

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 257: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,507,680.41 Entered Into By The County – OCS Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with OCS Industries, Inc. for \$2,507,680.41 for the expansion and construction of the UC Veteran’s cemetery located on 81 Plains Rd., New Paltz – Capital Project. 100% County, contract dates 5/25/22 – 11/1/22.

Motion No. 6: Moved Resolution No. 257 FOR Discussion
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 7: Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 257
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 262: Amending Capital Project No. 608 Bridge Street Bridge, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 608 Bridge Street Bridge, “Michael LaPaglia Bridge” in the Town of Shandaken to increase the funding available for design and right of way acquisition services in the amount of \$450K. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 8: Moved Resolution No. 262 FOR Discussion
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 9: Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 262
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 264: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,675.00 Entered Into By The County – SLR International Corporation – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with SLR International Corporation for design services for the replacement of the Bridge Street bridge – Capital Project. 100% County \$525.7K, contract dates 6/1/22 – 5/31/24.

Motion No. 10: **Moved Resolution No. 264 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 11: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 264**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 265: Authorizing Right-Of-Way Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For The Purpose Of Replacing The Samsonville Road Culvert, Town Of Rochester – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes right-of-way acquisition for the purpose of replacing the Samsonville Rd. culvert in the Town of Rochester if UC attorney negotiations prove unsuccessful. The project engineer has identified specific real property which the County shall need to acquire in fee or as permanent easements or as temporary easements in order to accomplish the project.

Motion No. 12: **Moved Resolution No. 265 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 13: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 265**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 266: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 633 Turnwood Bridge, Town Of Hardenburgh - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - 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 & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program, establishing Capital Project No. 633 Turnwood Bridge in the Town of Hardenburgh for federal aid on behalf of Ulster County with the NYSDOT. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 14: **Moved Resolution No. 266 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 15: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 266**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 268: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alleymor Inc., D/B/A Pestmaster Services – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K with Alleymor Inc, D/B/A Pestmaster Services for animal carcass removal from county roadways. 100% County, contract dates 6/1/22 – 5/31/24.

Motion No. 16: **Moved Resolution No. 268 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 17: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 268**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 269: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Kaatskill Development Holdings, LLC, For A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff's Office – Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizing the Chair of the UC Legislature to execute a 5-year lease agreement with Kaatskill Development Holdings, LLC for a sub-station in the area to provide patrol services and crime prevention activities. 2000 SF at an annual cost of \$7.8K to include all utilities, maintenance and taxes. June 30, 2022 – June 30, 2027.

Motion No. 18: **Moved Resolution No. 269 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 19: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 269**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 270: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program -Establishing Capital Project # 634 - Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Kitchen And Laundry Equipment - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project No. 634 for UCLEC replacement kitchen and laundry equipment. \$110K. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 20: **Moved Resolution No. 270 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 21: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 270**
Motion By: Legislator
Motion Seconded By: Legislator

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 281: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 627 - Digitization And Electronic Conversion Of Ulster County Clerk’s Land Records – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Clerk’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project No. 627 for the digitization and electronic conversion of the Ulster County Clerk’s land records and verification of indexes. \$607.5K A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 22: **Moved Resolution No. 281 FOR Discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript.

Motion No. 23: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 281**
Motion By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

New /Old Business: See attached transcript

Adjournment

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

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:51 PM

Respectfully submitted: Legislative Staff, Nettie Tomshaw

Approved: June 13, 2022

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Chair Petit

I am calling the meeting to order at 6:03 The meeting oops there we go got it of Public Works. Legislator Litts would you please lead us in the pledge to the flag?

Legislator Litts

Yes, I will. Thank you. I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chair Petit

Thank you. And legislative Clerk Tantillo Would you please do a roll call for us? Laura Petit here,

Fawn Tantillo

Laura Petit.

Chair Petit

Here.

Fawn Tantillo

Dean Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano

Here.

Fawn Tantillo

Herb Litts.

Legislator Litts

Here.

Fawn Tantillo

Kathy Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

Here.

Fawn Tantillo

And Eric Stewart is not with us yet. You have a quorum Madam Chair.

Chair Petit

Okay. Thank you very much. All right. First action is approval of the April 5, 2022. meeting minutes. Do I hear a motion for approval?

Legislator Fabiano

I'll move it.

Chair Petit

Legislative Fabiano. Second.

Legislator Nolan

Second.

Chair Petit

Legislator Nolan. Any discussion or amendments? Hearing none, I'll call the vote. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved.

Chair Petit

First up on our resolutions is authorizing the chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a cooperative agreement with the New York State Department of Conservation for the implementation of environmental benefit projects on the lower Esopus as provided for in the DEC order on consent.

Chair Petit

I hear motion to open for discussion, Legislator Nolan seconded Legislator Litts. I don't know too much about this particular part of the project. It's you know, being a secretary myself for the environmental board years ago, there had been a lot going on. Is anyone here with us who may be able to discuss it or are we ready to vote on it?

Deputy Executive Rider

It was discussed in the environmental committee, and I know Legislator Erner is here. But I believe this is a contract that's been ongoing, I believe and that. I thought planner Doyle would be here tonight, But I believe that we're just extending the contract.

Chair Petit

Okay. All right, Legislator Erner. Did you want to add anything or? No? Okay.

Legislator Nolan

I think this is is extending the contract, but it's a significant expansion for a project that the community in the lower Esopus is very strongly supports.

Chair Petit

Oh, good. That's what I was hoping to hear.

Legislator Nolan

It's not problematic at all.

Chair Petit

Okay, thank you. All right. So if there's no further discussion, I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? And we have one absent.

Chair Petit

Next resolution number 255. Amending the 2022-2027 capital improvement program, amending capital project 528 Veterans Cemetery amending the 2022 capital budget. You hear a motion for discussion?

Legislator Litts

So moved.

Chair Petit

Legislator Litts,

Legislator Fabiano

I'll second it.

Chair Petit

Alright, seconded by Legislator Fabiano. Marc, if you would like to say, Oh, I'm sorry, Legislator Litts you have a question.

Legislator Litts

No, just discussion. Actually, I think there's a typo in the fourth, whereas because I don't believe they're looking for \$18.4 million dollars. I think it's probably \$18,400. So I think that needs to be corrected. And also, I would like to be added as a sponsor on this resolution.

Chair Petit

I would too.

Deputy Executive Rider

We'll take a look at the at the whereas without seeing it. I can't speak to it right now.

Fawn Tantillo

Mr. Litts is correct. I believe it was corrected online. I don't know if Nettie reprinted it after it was corrected. But we'll double check that.

Legislator Litts

Madam Chair.

Chair Petit

Yeah, it's marked as Where's resolution 181 amended the capital project, including the cost of additional environmental services in the amount of 18,400,000. Bringing the total project cost to 170,400.

Deputy Executive Rider

So yeah, Legislator Litts is right? It's \$18,000.

Chair Petit

Okay. Do we need to take any action on that? Or will it be revised before it goes to the legislature?

Legislator Litts

Amend it.

Fawn Tantillo

Okay.

Legislator Nolan

Was it amended in housing? Or did we get the correct version in housing?

Deputy Executive Rider

I believe Fawn was saying it was corrected online. So this is just what you're reading from in the backup is just or what Legislator Litts saw was just an old copy.

Legislator Nolan

Right. This was what was circulated. So if what's online is up to date? I don't think we have to make a

Fawn Tantillo

I'll double check that while you're um.

Legislator Nolan

Right. So let's just make sure that and then we can just say that we're voting on the current the circulated updated circulated version.

Chair Petit

We can do that in caucus. Yeah. And I think I saw hands a Legislator Fabiano and then Legislator Erner.

Legislator Fabiano

Yes. Madam Chair, I would like to also be added on as a sponsor for this resolution.

Chair Petit

Thank you. Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner

Thank you. I'm just looking my- I'm looking online at I haven't seen it updated. I just went on where the public could see searching resolutions, it still says the 18 million? I don't remember us talking about that. And in the Housing Health Human Services Committee. Nobody noticed it there I don't think.

Legislator Nolan

If it wasn't corrected there, then we'll need to correct it on the floor to make sure that's correct. Because it already went through one committee in this version, apparently. May I speak on the resolution.

Chair Petit

Absolutely.

Legislator Nolan

There was considerable discussion of this resolution at the Housing Committee meeting. And I've just given a lot of reflection to it. And continue to feel, as I said, there that we've had this community come to us and has been coming to us over I think it's more than three or four years for this project. And really, in a very dedicated earnest way. Mr. Cozzupoli spoke at some length at the prior meeting. And so I feel like this is really just a question of whether we want to support the full project even during a difficult and expensive time. And my answer to that is yes. So I'm hoping that we will go ahead and vote this to the floor, and then let people who don't feel that way, have their, you know, their options right at that time.

Chair Petit

And I agree with you. There is funding now. There's ARPA funding, there's sales tax revenue that was unanticipated, we have funding now. If we wait 10 years, we don't know what our financial position will be. And, you know, I think it's very important as well. I appreciate the diligence in taking a look at possibly cutting certain things, but if we have the funding now, I totally agree we should just move forward with a full complete project. So and director Cozzupoli – alright, Legislative Fabiano and then Director Cozzupoli.

Legislator Fabiano

The only thing I want to add, madam chair is I've been a legislator now for almost 17 years. And I think in 17 years I've been there I think this is only the second time for that I can remember that this Veterans Administration pertaining to this cemetery has ever come to us for anything, so I think the time is definitely now. And there's no sense of wasting any more time.

Chair Petit

Marc?

Mark Cozzupoli

Yes, no, all I have to say is thank you all very, very much for your support, and your willingness to back this expansion. It means a world to us as a veteran community to know that we have our legislators behind us. So thank you very much.

Chair Petit

Thank you. So with that, I'd like to call the vote. All in favor.

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So, did anyone else want to add their name to this resolution? All right. Moving on to resolution number 257. Approving the execution of a contract for \$2.5 million entered into by the county with OCS Industries. A motion for discussion.

Chair Petit

Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

Move it.

Chair Petit

Second.

Legislator Fabiano

I'll move it for discussion.

Chair Petit

Okay. Legislator Fabiano. Director Masterson is this for the

Deputy Executive Rider

I can speak on this. This is for the Veterans Cemetery.

Chair Petit

This is for the veteran's cemetery. Okay.

Deputy Executive Rider

This is the contractor.

Chair Petit

That answers my question then. Okay. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved.

Chair Petit

All right, the next resolution is number 262. Amending capital project 608. Bridge Street Bridge. Town of Shandaken. Do I hear motion? You'll make that motion Legislator Nolan. Seconded by Legislator Litts. Any discussion on this any questions? We do have Director Masterson here we have Rob Parete. No. Okay. Hearing no hi. He's willing to talk. Maybe. Next one. All right. So hearing no discussion or questions? I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved.

Chair Petit

Resolution number 264. Approving the execution of a contract for \$525,675 entered into by the county with S L. R. International Corporation.

Legislator Nolan

I'll move it.

Chair Petit

You'll move it, Nolan.

Chair Petit

Second.

Chair Petit

Litts. Any discussion. And I'm assuming this one's the contractor, the engineer for the bridge?

Legislator Nolan

It is? Yep.

Chair Petit

Okay. All right. Hearing no discussion or questions, I will call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved. Resolution 265. Authorizing right of way acquisition of certain real property for the purpose of replacing the Sampsonville road culvert town of Rochester. Motion for discussion. Nolan second. Litts. Any questions? Okay, hearing none, I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved. Resolution number 266. Amending the 2022-2027 capital improvement program, establishing capital project number 633. Turnwoodbridge town of Hardenberg, amending the 2022 capital fund budget and authorizing the chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute agreements.

Legislator Nolan

I'll move it.

Chair Petit

Nolan.

Chair Petit

Second.

Legislator Fabiano

Second it.

Legislator Petit

Legislator Fabiano. This sounds familiar, any questions on this one? Where's this one located in Hardenberg?

Legislator Nolan

I'm not familiar with this bridge. So maybe the

Deputy Executive Rider

I'm hoping that Commissioner Masterson can jump on.

Chair Petit

He's fine.

Commissioner Masterson

Yeah. That's near the intersection with Beaverkill - where the fish where the fish hatchery is. It's a single span bridge. This is a bridge New York Award that we got.

Chair Petit

Oh, excellent. That's a hard one to get. Okay,

Fawn Tantillo

Madam Chair, just a housekeeping measure. I see (917) 533- 3208. Can I get your name?

Tanya Garment

Tonya Garment. Hi.

Chair Petit

Hi, Tanya. Thank you for joining. Okay, if there are any further questions on 266? Hearing none, I'll call the vote. All in favor,

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved. Resolution number 268. Approving the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 into by the county with Alleymor Incorporated, Pest Services, Pestmaster Services. Motion for discussion.

Legislator Fabiano

I'll move it.

Legislator Nolan

I'll second.

Chair Petit

Okay.

Chair Petit

You got that Fawn? Moved by Fabiano seconded by Nolan.

Fawn Tantillo

Okay.

Chair Petit

Okay.

Legislator Nolan

And I just want to say I've always wondered who did this. So let's keep doing it.

Chair Petit

We have a hand up with Deputy County Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, I just wanted to clarify something that came up in the committee chair meeting. I think it was a question by you. Chair Petit. You had asked about multiple contracts. And I think I had said that we have multiple contracts with Pestmaster. And that is right. But actually, what you voted on a couple of months ago, was just amending their current contract, which only gets us through May 31. And then this is for a new contract going forward that I believe was bid out. So I just, I misspoke in that meeting. I wanted to clarify that for you.

Chair Petit

So this is for the mortalities. And I thought I mean, there was some confusion with the last update we had on their contract. Excuse me, because I thought at one point it was because of the \$15 an hour. No, it wasn't a living wage.

Deputy Executive Rider

No, it was just adding the 15. It was adding the living wage language to the contract. Okay. It wasn't increasing it because of that.

Chair Petit

Okay. Legislator Litts.

Legislator Litts

Yeah, I would just like to know, is this a multi-year contract? I'm new year's is this contract for?

Legislator Nolan

It says a little strip 2024. Two-year.

Legislator Litts

Okay.

Chair Petit

Legislator Erner. Did you have a question?

Legislator Erner

Yeah. How does this work? And is this for just on county roads? And like, where do they take the carcasses? And do I call up and say I found a dead animal? And can you get it? Do I call the county public works and they call Pest master?

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, yep. There's a there's a dispatch number for public works. And you can call that number they will contact Pest master. Pestmaster has certain landfills and other facilities that they have to take it to by regulation. Anybody who does this work has to be licensed, I believe in or certified in animal carcass removal. So that's a requirement. When we go out to bid. We typically bid this contract every couple of years.

Chair Petit

Aren't most of them taken to Highland where they compost them.

Deputy Executive Rider

They might. There's a handful of facilities that they can take them to.

Chair Petit

Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner

Thank you for that. And is there a minimum size? Are there any laws that govern you have to call if this you hit you hit something this big, or this kind of animal?

Deputy Executive Rider

So this contract is only for county roads, it's for cleaning up? You know, and so you don't even necessarily have to hit it. I can defer to Commissioner Masterson or others who might know if there's size regulations on the animal. I know it's typically deer carcasses, or, you know, other small or big game like that, but I don't know the exact size limit.

Chair Petit

Commissioner Masterson could you clarify is it just deer carcasses or do they do.

Commissioner Masterson

It would be the mid to large size game, deer, coyote. Small animals like foxes or skunks or gopher's woodchucks, we take care of them ourselves.

Chair Petit

The squirrels are out of luck.

Commissioner Masterson

Squirrels are out of luck.

Chair Petit

We call a tire tag. Any further questions? Hearing none, I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? Thank you. Okay. Resolution 269. Authorizing the chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a lease agreement with Catskill Development Holdings LLC for a substation of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. Here motion for the discussion.

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Legislator Nolan

Legislator Litts.

Legislator Nolan

Second.

Chair Petit

Second Nolan.

Chair Petit

This is just one already in existence?

Legislator Nolan

I don't 142, 146, 152 Mount Pleasant Road, I think has this substation already, it's up past - up behind most of the buildings on Mount Pleasant Road. The sheriff's substation has been there for many years, I think.

Chair Petit

All right, I don't hear any other questions or comments. So I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? Next resolution 270. Amending the 2020 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program, establishing capital project 634, Ulster County Law Enforcement center, kitchen and laundry equipment. Do I hear motion?

Legislator Litts

I'll move it.

Chair Petit

A second.

Legislator Nolan

Second.

Chair Petit

Okay, Nolan.

Chair Petit

Um, no, I don't have any questions on this because we've been I've heard it in a couple of meetings. Anybody else? No. Okay. All right. Hearing no other questions. I'll call the vote. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? Thank you. All right. And the last resolution is to 281. Amending the 2022- 2027 capital improvement program, establishing capital project number 627, digitization and electronic conversion of Ulster County Clerk's Land Records. Motion for discussion. Nolan, second. Litts thank you. Deputy Rider, I had a question about whether or not you get grants for these because there's Sarah grants. And have you pretty much utilized what they have? I mean, there's not an unlimited amount of funding. But

Deputy Executive Rider

Yeah, I know Clerk Postupack does a very good job of going after every single one of those grants. I believe she's fully utilized what can be available, but I can make sure that she gets information to prior session.

Chair Petit

Okay, thank you. Okay, with that, I will call the vote. Yes.

Fawn Tantillo

I'm sorry. When you're done with the vote. I just wanted to go back to 255 for a second.

Chair Petit

All right. All in favor.

Chair Petit

Aye. Aye.

Chair Petit

Any opposed? So moved. Clerk Tantillo.

Fawn Tantillo

I just double checked with the clerk. And she did correct that resolution. That typo in the resolution on the fifth. So it has been corrected, although it wasn't posted that way online. Nettie had noticed it and brought it to our attention.

Legislator Nolan

And with that timing does that mean that was the version that was passed?

Fawn Tantillo

You voted on the corrected version.

Legislator Nolan

Okay. It previously in housing as well as in this committee tonight?

Fawn Tantillo

Yes, ma'am.

Legislator Nolan

Thank you very much. In regard to 255, if you would add that my name to that resolution as well.

Chair Petit

Okay, now, I'm working on the old agenda too. But so this go under old or new business discussion of connectivity for our public transportation system? I guess it doesn't matter, right.

Legislator Nolan

It's new in the sense that I don't think we've had a formal agenda item, but we have discussed it before. So your call on that.

Chair Petit

Oh, put it under old business. So I would like to open it up for discussion transportation, as well as housing and with new housing projects going in of course, we need transportation to and from them in a very large county. We've been meeting. Yes. Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

Well, I don't want to interrupt you. Just when you're done, I want to say something about this as well.

Chair Petit

Absolutely. Okay. All right. So I would like to establish a temporary subcommittee to address the or to get input from the public and to address some of the connectivity that issues that I've come across. I would like to look at it as broader scale of course, that's the will of the individuals involved in the discussion and creation of recommendations and or resolutions to include intermodal, you know, to look at our biking and pedestrian and trail system? And you know, can it connect to UCAT buses. But I guess I'll leave it at that. But that's the intent of this. There's some short-term goals, which we may even be able to discuss with Director Johnson, to see if the changes could be made directly. But then as far as planning and vision goes, that's where we need more of our public input, especially from those more well versed with the public transportation system. So Legislator, Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

So thank you. And I appreciate the attention to this. Both for housing, especially as we have more low income, affordable housing, coming into the picture, I think it's really important that we have connectivity. But I, I guess I'm wondering where the right place for this is. And it might be that a subcommittee here would be helpful. What I've done, since I was elected four years ago, and then during the time I wasn't in office, as well as a little bit before then is I've reached out to UKCAT, about providing services to parts of my district, which district 22, which are quite remote and Denning is an area that doesn't have UCAT service us on a regular basis only has it once a month. And that isn't always on the schedule. So part of it was trying to get it back on the schedule. And the prior directors at UCAT offer the explanation, they didn't fully have drivers for all the routes. So I think a lot of this is with UCAT. There are some other issues. UCAT has been extremely receptive to putting bike carriers on their buses. And at the last time that I was informed all their buses had bike carriers that could carry at least two bicycles, which was great. And they responded very quickly when we asked for that, and did that. The new efforts to increase connection through micro transit has raised the question for me. Would we be able to make sure that our micro transit vehicles would also have bicycle carriers? And then we have the question of routes. And there had been some considerable discussion about having the Z bus which goes to the west end of the

county, through my district, stop at the Catskill Visitor Center. And I think it did for a while but didn't have much use. So I'm not sure that's been maintained. So I would just suggest that before we jump into form a committee and state what our goals for the committee are that maybe we do have a full committee discussion with Director Johnson. He's new to us and I think it'd be very helpful to just find out from the new director, what the scope of services is envisioned. So we know - I don't feel that I have a really tight graft on the baseline right now, of the services the county is providing, and where some of those prior requests that I've had, have gone. So I did ask at the last meeting when Director Johnson was here about recruitment and bus drivers, and he felt very optimistic. So I think we need an update on that because we, you know, we have full staffing, then I think we have options that we may not have, and we can spend a lot of time designing nice routes that we like, but if we don't have staffing, and when we don't have buses going there, it's not going to be very useful.

Chair Petit

Well, I would like to, you know, defer to Legislator Erner at this point about, you know, if buses are at this, you know, juncture are serving all of the public. And we've had a meeting with Director Johnson. It's my understanding he's out of town. I believe he'll be back in tomorrow. But you know, it's City of Kingston transit rider's group. Is that correct? Cheryl, nod if I'm close.

Cheryl Schnieder

Transit riders and friends.

Chair Petit

Okay.

Cheryl Schnieder

We're expanding, I believe.

Chair Petit

Okay, Legislator Erner. Oh, I'm sorry, Tanya.

Tanya Garment

Sorry, Kingston, public transit riders and friends. mainly focused on the City of Kingston. But uh, Also, we don't know of any other groups around the county. So we are game to hear from other townships and villages, but we are mainly focused on the City of Kingston and also, connections to other places from the City of Kingston. Kingston public transit riders, and friends, and we've got a Facebook page.

Fawn Tantillo

Thank you, Tony.

Chair Petit

Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner

Thank you. Yeah. When that, so when that community group got off the ground, I was there in 2019. And that was when the county was absorbing the city bus. So that was a, an effort that lasted the rest of that year and started into 2020. And then we hit the pandemic, and, and transit really became a difficult situation for folks. Both taken UCAT and Trailways. And any other kind of transit you can imagine. So yeah, thank you for, for having me in this part of the discussion. I want to respect what Legislator Nolan what you were saying that meeting with the director, I think is great. And with a previous director, we, you know, as a community member at the time, we had a, we found we were really able to work together as, as residents with the administration to make some improvements that we saw. And I'm hopeful about that. At this point, too. I would like to support if this committee is going to move ahead, I'd like to be a part of the transportation, whatever you're going to call it subcommittee and lend my experience, having previously been an advocate as having continued as a rider. So I believe I have some knowledge to share with how things have been going and are going in the system. And also welcome that we have. We have members of the public here also coming from that point of view. And I've I'm although I do represent a part of the city of Kingston, I've said publicly in our in our legislature already that I do have a vision of transit accessibility throughout the county and we pay for county roads to be built, maintain, snowplowed and so forth and we should have equity of access on those roads to for all kinds of users. And I'm personally very interested in in ways to, to get all over the county, and even more connections beyond the county. We're actually ahead of our neighboring counties in terms of providing connections across county lines, maybe we could look to ways to partner more with Orange and Dutchess and Sullivan, and Greene and Delaware and see who else wants to team up with us there.

Legislator Erner

I have ideas about getting the state involved. We have plenty of state highways going through our county and we're the size of Rhode Island. Well, the state of Rhode Island actually has a statewide transit system for that matter, New Jersey, which is much bigger than our state, our county rather has, has a State Transit System. So what would it take for something like that? It would, besides housing, provide connectivity to work and deal with our need to cut back our energy consumption, for transportation for climate justice reasons. And I'm very excited about all these developments. And I'm very enthusiastic. I just want to finally point out that what we did in Kingston with advocacy group was very specifically, there were a couple of couple of routes that the city service had served and that the county had, had plans to modify or possibly cut off a couple of neighborhoods. And I think that hearing from the folks who had used those was very helpful for them to understand why those routes need to be there. I know that historically in the county. We had the G route going to Marlboro and I spoke with Legislator Corcoran last week, who told me he's in the process of reinstalling bus stops basically in each of the hamlets in Marlboro. So like one idea is, well, he's clearly preparing for his community to get service restored. Were had been for a long time formerly in the G route. I know we had had service also between Woodstock and Saugerties. So if we're talking about that, restoring that sort of thing, I think that would be a great a great place to start and

bring the county together on both quite literally connecting these places as well as on how we collaborate to improve transit for everybody. Thank you.

Chair Petit

Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

Yeah, that's helpful and clearly the Friends of the Kingston routes have a focus that is in addition to the ones that I was bringing forward so it's an important topic and I attended some of those meetings for the uniting of the Kingston service with the city best service with UCAT. And some of the issues do overlap, because things like providing a bus pass of some sort that could be either bought or given to residents, I think is something that I would certainly support. My question would be whether we need a subcommittee, and this would depend upon how the other members of the committee feel. And the chair, I think that these discussions are important enough for the committee that to bring them in, devote some portion of our agenda in meetings every couple of months to it, but be a be more efficient than having a subcommittee where there'll be, you know, members of this committee doing the work in the subcommittee and then bringing it back to this committee and doing it again. So I'd prefer that we do it this as a working group of this committee, and the working group could meet outside the committee if need be, but I'm happy to participate in whatever structure we feel will be most useful.

Chair Petit

And I mean, it's a broad subject, because it's, you know, it's ironic, you mentioned Rhode Island, that's where my mother is now. And from what she's telling me, it sounds like there's a micro transit, that helps the elderly get to their doctor's appointments. You know, personally, my vision for the bus would be more workforce oriented. You know, we have this great divide the mountains, on either side of Ulster County, which makes it difficult. I don't believe there's any transportation directly across 44-55 or, you know, and then Legislator Uchitelle had said it would be nice if we also had a weekend to some of our beautiful tourist spots, like Minnewaska. I guess what did he say, he took a cab up there, and then they couldn't get a cab ride back. So they ended up hitchhiking. But you know, it's a challenge to get through the county. And we could again intermodal, if people come up from the city on the train, they ride their bikes as far as they want to along the trails, they could either pick up a UCAT bus or I don't know, hop on the CMRR and get back up on the Shokan trail and then go up to the rail explorers. I mean, there's just a lot of potential including, you know, I'll go back to a property owner on bass and road, who would love to set up a comfort station and turn it into the great hub of all the transportation that we have within Ulster County. So I just think it opens us up for a lot more possibilities and being just a unique and safe way to get the public in and out of the county, to things besides doctor's appointments, you know. Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner

As we're talking about the intermodal, it also occurs a lot to me that a lot of the discussion around public transit tends to be around passengers and stuff you would do in a in a private little car if you had one. But

we also need to be thinking about commercial use of transportation and I've been meaning to get back in touch with this is some these folks in Rosendale, who have this idea for freight and restoring more, more low, low carbon ways of doing commerce, like buy sailboats and stuff and we do have rivers that historically and could still accommodate that sort of thing. And so just to put that on the committee's radar as well getting transporting goods and services in other ways than the way that we've been conventionally doing it for a while could also be something we look at.

Fawn Tantillo

Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

Thank you. One other point I would make is that the Ulster County Transportation Council discusses all these issues. And I've attended their meetings for decades, and it's the place where the metropolitan transportation unit organization, Ulster County has long been the chair of that. It's where we have the regional connections with Orange County and with Dutchess County. All of that is coordinated at the federal and state level with the county. So a lot of these kinds of discussions can happen there. Not so much the city bus and the inner workings of UCAT. Because that is handled by UCAT, but some of these bigger questions about transportation around the larger parts of the county and into neighboring counties take place there. So I would just encourage people to get on that mailing list. And it's a good place to learn what's available, what's being done.

Chair Petit

Thank you, Cheryl.

Cheryl Schnieder

Thank you, um, I, the Ulster County Transportation Council isn't really necessarily the place for community input. I mean, from what I've seen. I think what possibly is being proposed is a subcommittee within this committee to have citizen participation. And then things could be brought to the Transportation Council. But to talk, I think, on a more, you know, feet on the ground and user perspective input panel. And there's some really smart people who've thought about this and see it in a bigger context of wellness and viability for most of the people in the county. And this all fits within that too. And I don't necessarily think that that's the perspective of those who hold seats on that other council. So we're just trying to.

Legislator Nolan

I would agree with that I

Cheryl Schnieder

Go up and down. Yeah, that's all

Legislator Nolan

That's more a place to learn. There is a public comment period at each meeting. But I think that things to be brought forward there. And to a certain extent, I would say to this committee, as well need to be more fully formed in order to ask for a next step to be taken by an empowered body. So in that sense, the subcommittee makes sense. And so since we're just talking about how to do it, if we want to just set up a subcommittee, start it and see if that works. That would be fine with me, I again, like to be a part of it, and hope there would be others from this committee that would as well.

Chair Petit

So I think the best way to move forward would be, you know, some suggestions about not just the concerns, but the categories that you'd like to look at. I mean, we were discussing, you know, there's major hubs within the county, there's Ellenville, there is Marlboro now and of course, city, Kingston, and someone had mentioned in another meeting Saugerties. They have a large population, even though they've got a larger area. But I don't think I think they're a little underserved up there. Because again, most of the jobs, the opportunities, the doctor's appointments, whatever in the City of Kingston. So we may want to look at the hubs and see how we could - in tying it into the micro transit, how we could better serve that group.

Chair Petit

But also, another question would be how do we serve the incoming projects, the housing projects, Golden Hill and Silver Hollow? And what else have we got going on? I mean, I think it's the city Kingston has three or four alone. And I mean, transportation has changed, because we have had that great exodus from New York City when people came up here, and many of them don't own cars. You know, and it would be nice if they didn't have to, if we could turn this into a more public transit-oriented area. So we may want to address that too. And then you know, the smaller things like a discussion about getting the routes out. In Rockland County, I was looking at their bus stops, they did have information on the inside, and they were all very uniform. So that was pretty cool. But that's something you know, a smaller issue that we could discuss with the director. And we're looking at setting short, long, short, medium and long term goals to so it would be safe for streets. I've been asked by I don't know if you know Michael Reid, who's been very active with it, but he said that the City of Kingston just pass legislation and the state did too, which I guess is a sidebar from this, but you know people have to feel safe riding their bikes. I'm not that good on a bike, I don't think - part of that trail is on 32, which is kind of odd.

Chair Petit

So again, it's connectivity keeping people off the main grid, non-motorized transportation, we could look at the waterways. I mean, ideally, even to come through Esopus, let's get some people through, they're coming through Black Creek and Burroughs, that I think the only way you could do that is intermodal, and then pick up the shop and (inaudible) trail from there. So, you know, but it has to be effective. We need to bring them to destinations, whether it's a tourism site, or we can get them to work. And I think if you're looking for more users on our public transportation system, we really have to look at the workers.

I mean, I would do it I had I had a blast with Abe Uchitelle and Phil Erner taking the bus down to Ellenville. You know, it was a nice use of my time without having to worry about traffic and, you know, spend \$4.60/gallon on gas. A Legislator Erner did you have your hand up?

Legislator Erner

I did. But nevermind. Thank you.

Chair Petit

Oh, Legislator, Nolan.

Legislator Nolan

So as we're putting this committee together, I think we might also want to have somebody from the existing trails committee, they've done quite a bit of work on the intermodal aspect and interconnections. And there's a new member of the committee there who is a delegate to the county's Transportation Safety Council - it may not have exactly that name. That's essentially what it is. Lou Clutner, I think is his name. Okay. And so he would be an ideal person, I think, because I think the safety considerations would be central in in making this intermodal.

Chair Petit

Great. Alright, so I'll ask Nettie. Is Nettie coming back this week?

Fawn Tantillo

She'll be back for session, but she's not going to be she's not coming back till next week. Okay.

Chair Petit

All right. I like to get an email out while it's fresh in our minds. I will forward it to you, clerk Tantillo, just to make sure I have everybody on the list and don't leave anybody off who's in this meeting right now. You know, just for some thoughts about the best ways to move forward. I mean, yes, we should stay, you know, have Director Johnson come every couple of months and give us updates. He was good enough to do his 100-day vision. You know, but also, we need to get a little bit more direction. I think. I mean, I think I know where I want to go. But I'm also not a regular user of our public transportation system. And it's only because I find it very difficult to figure out and it doesn't get me where I need to go. You know, when I had to go from Port Ewen to New Paltz for work. I had switched buses three times, and it took about an hour and a half, two hours to get to New Paltz. And the quickest trip I had is when I flagged down a Trailways bus. But it's also expensive. They stopped for you. But all right. Okay, any further discussion? Any other new / old business? Hearing none, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

I'll make a motion for adjournment.

Chair Petit

Thank you.

Legislator Nolan

Second.

Chair Petit

I have two seconds. All right. Thank you very much, everyone. I look forward to seeing the emails. All those in favor say aye.

Chair Petit

All those in favor say aye.

Chair Petit

All those if favor please hit leave.

Committee Members

Stay healthy. See you next week. Have a good night. Bye, bye.