

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

**DATE & TIME:** February 1, 2022 – 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 842 6503 5678  
By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Petit  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Tomshaw, Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Chair Bartels, Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Stewart  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci, DPW Comm. Brendan Masterson, DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell, DPW Deputy Comm. Capital Projects Robert Parete, Director Planning Dennis Doyle, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly, CEO RUPCO Kevin O’Connor & Emily Hamilton, Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin & Project Mgr. Ashley Long & Asst. to Dir. Molly Scott, S. Deacon Bill Mennenga Redeemer Lutheran Church New Paltz

Chair Petit called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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**Motion No. 1:** Moved to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the December 1, 2021 Meeting of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Minutes **APPROVED**

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Resolutions for the February 15, 2022 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 29:** Funding Capital Project No. 601 – ARP Small Business And Economic Recovery – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2022 Capital Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to fund Round 2 of the “Ulster County Small Business Assistance Program”. Funds are designated for use as follows: \$850,000.00 for Direct Assistance to Businesses; \$100,000.00 for Program Delivery; \$50,000.00 for Program Administration.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved Resolution No. 29 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 29**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 30:** Funding Capital Project No. 599 – ARP Non-Profit, Youth and Community Programs – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2022 Capital Fund budget in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to fund a grant program created by the Department of Finance for non-profit organizations who have faced economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved Resolution No. 30 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 30**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 31:** Funding Capital Project No. 602 – ARP Infrastructure and Trails – Department of Finance, Division of Recovery and Resilience

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2022 Capital Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to fund an extension of sewer and water infrastructure under the New York State Trhuguay in the Town of

Ulster to benefit a planned redevelopment of the vacant Quality Inn & Suites hotel site into supportive homeless housing.

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved Resolution No. 31 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 31**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 33:** Amending Capital Project No. 577 McKinstry Bridge, Town Of Gardiner – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends Capital Project No. 577 McKinstry Bridge, town of Gardiner – amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to increase funding available for construction and construction inspection services in the amount of \$2,883,835.00 for a total project cost of \$3,003,835.00. A bond resolution will be required.

**Resolution No. 35:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$199,434.10 Entered Into By The County – Creighton Manning Engineering, L.L.P. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 for \$199.4K with Creighton Manning Engineering, L.L.P. to expand the scope of services for the Engineer on the McKinstry Bridge replacement project to include construction inspection services. 100% County, Amended Term 3/1/22 – 12/31/22. Overall total Amount \$312,434.10.

**Resolution No. 36:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,434,400.00 Entered Into By The County – ING Civil, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$2,434,400.00 with ING Civil, Inc. for construction services for the replacement of the McKinstry Bridge. 100% County Contract Dates 3/1/22 – 12/31/22.

**Motion No. 8:** **Moved TO BLOCK & ADOPT Resolution Nos. 33, 55 and 36**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Motion No. 9:** **Moved to Adopt Blocked Resolution Nos. 33, 35 and 36**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 37:** Establishing Capital Project Nos. 619 & 620 DPW Large Culvert Program – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project Nos. 619 & 620 for the DPW Large Culvert Program. 619 = Olive Rd. Culvert #2 \$64K, 620 = Marlborough Rd. Culvert #4 \$78K. Large culverts can span anywhere between 5-20 feet. A bond resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved Resolution No. 37 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 39:** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend An Agreement With The New York State Unified Court System – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair of the UC Legislature to amend an agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for reimbursement for cleaning and for minor and emergency repairs of the court facilities. \$383.7K/year NYS revenue dollars. Term 4/1/21 – 3/31/22.

**Motion No. 11:** **Moved Resolution No. 39 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 40:** Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 617 - Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles — Department Of Public Works (Central Garage)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project No. 617 for the purchase of (26) county fleet vehicles – ten for criminal division, three for DSS, three for probation, one DA’s office, three for OFA, six for buildings and grounds. \$1,600,000.00 A bond resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 12:** **Moved Resolution No. 40 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 42:** Establishing Capital Project No. 618 - Purchase Of Highway Equipment –Department Of Public Works (Central Garage)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 618 for the purchase of highway equipment (see backup for detail) \$3,240,000.00 A bond resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 13:** **Moved Resolution No. 42 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 44:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Geostabilization International, LLC – Department Of Public

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**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract for rates anticipated exceeding \$50K with Geostabilization International, LLC for slope stabilization and soil nailing. 100% County Contract dates 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 45:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K with Gorman Bros., Inc. for asphalt reclamation services. 100% County, Amended term 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 46:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gorman Bros. Inc. for road crack sealing. 100% County. Contract date 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 47:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contact for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K with Highway Rehabilitation Corp. for hot-in-place asphalt recycling. 100% County Contract dates 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 48:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Callahan Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K with Callanan Industries, Inc. for in-place asphalt paving. 100% County, Contract dates 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 49:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #3 with Seneca Pavement Marking anticipated to exceed \$50K extending the term of agreement for pavement marking. 100% County, Amended Term 3/31/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 50:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Sullivan County Paving & Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Sullivan County Paving & Construction, Inc. for anticipated rates to exceed \$50K for in-place asphalt paving. 100% County. Contract dates 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 51:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Peckham Road Corp. for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K for chip seal services. 100% County, Contract Dates 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Motion No. 14:** **Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51**

**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Motion No. 15:** **Moved BLOCKED Resolutions FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 52:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$10,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$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 amendment #4 for \$10K causing the aggregate contract plus amendment amount to be in excess of \$50K with Alleymor, Inc. D/B/A Pestmaster Services for animal carcass removal and add language related to the Living Wage Act. 100% County. Amended term 12/1/21 – 5/31/22.

**Motion No. 16:** **Moved Resolution No. 52 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 53:** Establishing Capital Project No. 616 - Axon Body Camera Purchase, Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program, And Amending The 2022 Capital Project Fund – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 616 with Axon Body Cameras to upgrade the body camera equipment due to the increase of use for discovery and storage on the server and the current system is no longer under warranty, and too costly to repair and maintain. \$558.5K – 5-yr. plan of \$117.7K per year. A bond resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 17:** **Moved Resolution No. 53 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 55:** Amending Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends Capital Project No. 482 for the Countywide Radio System to make necessary improvements and provide for sustainment of Land Mobile Radio Systems supporting interoperability, continuous training and sustainment and further development of the governance structure. \$540.6K. 100% NYS Reimbursed. A bond resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 18:** **Moved Resolution No. 55 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 57:** Establishing Capital Project No. 621 – Voting System Replacement – Board Of Elections

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 621 for the replacement of the existing voting systems. BOE requests approximately 140 voting systems, with a minimum of 100 having accessibility, and 2 workstations for creating ballots. \$1,400,000.0 A bond resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 19:** **Moved Resolution No. 57 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 59:** Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Fund The Ulster County Transportation Council With The Ulster County Planning Department As Host Agency

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the UC Executive to execute an agreement with the NYS DOT to fund the UC Transportation Council with the UC Planning Dept. as the host agency. If funding for the program is eliminated the UC Planning Dept. will no longer continue to act as host agency.

**Motion No. 20:** **Moved Resolution No. 59 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**New /Old Business:** None

**Adjournment**

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

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 7:22 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Legislative Staff, Nettie Tomshaw

**Approved:** March 1, 2022

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Chair Fabiano called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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**Chair Petit**

Okay, thank you very much. All right. So we'll call the first meeting of our 2022 Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation to order. If you would all please rise to the pledge to the flag. Mr. Legislator Litts. Thank you. Thank you.

**Legislator Litts**

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 Nettie, if you wouldn't mind doing the attendance for us?

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Okay, Chair Petit.

**Chair Petit**

Here.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Deputy Chair Fabiano.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Here.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Here.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

Here.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

And Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

Here.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Okay, everybody's here, Chair.

**Legislator Petit**

Very good. Thank you. So with that, what I'd like to do we'll do the approval of the minutes and then we'll get into some introductions since we have some new people and new faces and a whole new mission for this year. So may I have a motion to approve the December 1, 2021 meeting minutes.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll move it.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second it.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, Legislator Fabiano. Okay Legislator Litts made the motion and Legislator Fabiano second it. So I would like to welcome everyone. This is

**Legislator Nolan**

Are we going to call the vote on the minutes?

**Legislator Litts**

All those in favor? Yeah,

**Legislator Petit**

That's a good idea. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any noes. Okay, very good. Thank you. Thank you, Legislator Nolan. So I would like to welcome everyone. We have actually a, you know, very busy agenda. But there is a lot going on in the county as we continue to recover from the pandemic. And so far skirted around some economic crisis, but it's also led to, you know, housing instability and food insecurity. And, you know, there's just quite a bit on the table right now. So if we could, we don't have a lot of folks here. If you could all introduce yourself. We'll start with the legislators, just to kind of get an idea of where you're at and what you're interested in. We'll start with Legislator Fabiano.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you, Chairwoman Petit. Yes, Legislator Fabiano. I represent parts of the town of Saugerties, town of Ulster. I represent District 3. I've been on this committee for quite some time. I've chaired it for six years. And I'm looking forward to work with Chairwoman Petit as her vice chair, and to assist her in any possible way I can to make her job easier. Legislator Petit and I go back a long way. And I'm just looking for the challenges that are coming ahead, up ahead in the next two years. And I think especially for a new legislator that's here and Legislator Nolan who's been here, you'll find that this is a very or should be a very nonpolitical committee. It's about keeping our highways and bridges safe, and provide the highway commissioner's office and his staff with the resources they need to do so. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Now I'm just kind of picking folks as they appear on the screen. So Legislator Nolan, would you like to introduce yourself?

**Legislator Nolan**

Yes, thanks. I represent District 22, which are the four western most towns of Ulster County, Olive, Shandaken, Denning and Hardenberg. It's the largest district geographically of any of the districts in Ulster County, and quite rural with a very sparsely divided out population. And I enjoyed serving on this committee four years ago when I was in the legislature. I'm happy to return. Nice to see the Legislators Litts, Fabiano and Petit and Greene, I guess who were here at that time and Chairwoman Bartels as well who often was in our meetings four years ago as well. So nice to see you all.

**Legislator Petit**

Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

Hi, I'm Eric Stewart. And I represent District 18, which is portions of Marbletown and portions of Hurley. And prior to my election in November, I served on the town board in Marbletown for four years, which was a great experience. And I was working with Rob's brother. So it's nice to see Rob. This is actually my first committee meeting. So I'm looking forward to working with you all.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Um, I represent District 9, which is western Lloyd and eastern Plattekill. I've served on this committee, I guess for a few terms. Looking forward to a bright future.

**Legislator Petit**

And we do have Legislator Greene. I know you're not officially on this committee, but she's very committed to it. And she wanted to make sure she was here with us. Okay, while we're waiting, I'm sorry. Okay.

**Legislator Greene**

I'm sorry. Manna Jo Greene. I represent District 19, which is Rosendale and the other half of Marbletown. And, um, you know, I kind of feel like Public Works is where the rubber hits the road. So I'm going to spend as much time as I can, here, and I do chair Energy and Environment and sometimes the resolutions go to both those committees. Thank you.

**Legislator Petit**

Okay, and Chair Bartels.

**Chair Bartels**

Thank you. I'm Tracy Bartels, I represent District 16, which is all of Gardiner and portion of Shawangunk. And I just want to thank each of you for agreeing to serve on the committee. I'm really looking forward to this session. And I know we have a great team here today. Like welcome also all the executive staff. I'm going to have to jump off shortly, but I'll be back and forth. And thank you, thank you all for agreeing to serve on this important committee.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you. And I'm Laura Petit, I represent District 8 in Esopus. I had also served at the same time that Rob Parete was serving the legislature. It's nice to see you here. And I mean, I have some background. Unfortunately, I didn't get to build my first bridge till about four or five years ago, when I wrote a grant for Mike Calfaldo here, but it was it was very interesting to see. You know, he was very concerned about the 100 year floods. And you know, making sure that it was no longer - I guess it was more of a covert pipe than anything else. So technically, since it was going to be over 25 feet, it turned into a bridge, it was just, it was a pretty neat process so. I have a lot more learning to do so that there'll be a, hopefully a more narrow curve. But so with that, we should start opening up the resolutions for this next...

**Legislator Litts**

Laura, you build one, you build them all. (inaudible)

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

That's true.

**Legislator Petit**

I didn't get the grant though. And that bridge is still yellow flagged.

**Kathy Nolan**

Would it would it be okay if the members of the executive team introduce themselves because there's some that are new

**Chair Petit**

That's a good idea.

**Legislator Nolan**

to me and they may be all new to some of the people here.

**Legislator Petit**

Okay, so who have we got first? Well, we have Marc Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

I've already talked to most of you. Deputy County Executive, I oversee public works as one of my departments in the portfolio, happy to be here and assist the committee in answering questions and supporting the work of roads and bridges and buildings getting built.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. And Deputy Executive Chris Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Good evening. I'll be a little less talkative. I'm a bit under the weather this evening. But three weeks into the job, I'm having a blast already working with all the legislators. Tonight. I'm here for ARP. But you'll also be seeing me quite a bit in terms of UCAT and that stuff and I can say that roads and bridges are near and dear to my heart because I come from transportation side working from the state for the bridge authority for several years. So I'm well versed in that area and level the work that our team is doing. So, look forward to working with everybody.

**Legislator Petit**

And how does the committee feel about meeting our representatives here from public works? Yes. Okay. So, Don, you're in the top corner here.

**Deputy Commissioner Quesnell**

Hi, Don Quesnell.

**Chair Petit**

You're the numbers guy right?

**Donald Quesnell**

I'm one of the deputy commissioners of public works. I do a lot of their numbers. So because of that, I'm involved with both highways, engineering and the buildings and ground side of the house.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you, and Brendan Masterson, our Director of Public Works.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Hi, I'm Brendan. Recently been confirmed by you folks. Thank you very much. I'm privileged and happy to be serving for you guys as your Commissioner.

**Legislator Petit**

And Rob Parete.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Robert Parete**



Hi, everyone. It's good to be back. I happen to be working for the commissioner. And in my role as Deputy Commissioner handling contracts and capital projects and it is good to be here with all of you.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Introduce the ARP team really quick, Laura.

**Chair Petit**

Oh sure.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

If I can introduce myself, Legislator Petit. I'm sorry to jump in. But there's a whole new division and my name is Nate Litwin. I'm the director of recovery and resilience. It's a pleasure to be here tonight. If we got another minute, Molly Scott and Ashley Long are also with me and are also part of my team.

**Legislator Petit**

Would you like to be introduced Ashley?

**Recovery & Resilience Project Mgr. Ashley Long**

Hi, I'm Ashley. I'm the recovery and resilience project manager.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you, and Molly.

**Recovery & Resilience Asst. to Dir. Molly Scott**

Hi, I'm Molly, and I am the assistant to the director of recovery and resilience.

**Legislator Petit**

Okay. It's nice to meet everyone. So there (inaudible), Legislator Stewart there's new things going on for me too. So. All right. So now we'll get moving on to our resolutions.

**Chair Petit**

We have Resolution No. 29. Funding Capital Project No. 601. The ARPA small business and economic recovery. Do I hear motion to open it for discussion? Legislator Nolan and Legislator Litts a second. Okay. Small businesses. That is...

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

So I'd be happy to discuss.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, thank you.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

This is a project that is the ask is for funding is \$1 million. It is a it was done previously. So this is a grant that has been administered once before for the amount of \$1 million. And that money came from the Cares Act. And now they basically the economic development team and department handled that successfully. And they have more applications than they were better qualified than they were able to award and they are wishing to continue the program. There has been a bucket created for small business, which is in the 2022 capital projects budget. That's for \$2 million. And they're asking for half so that they can basically do a round two for this grant program, which will be - forgive me I'm memory serving here, but it's I believe maximum of \$35,000 which would go to qualified small businesses in Ulster County.

**Legislator Stewart**

That was gonna be a long sorry, I don't know what the proper format is. Do I raise my hand or do I just blurt out a question?

**Legislator Petit**

Oh, well, we had Legislator Litts, and then we'll have you Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

Thank you. Okay, sorry.

**Legislator Litts**

Actually, actually, Eric, if you go down there where it says reactions, there's a little bar there, you can raise your hand.

**Legislator Stewart**

Oh, that's how we prefer to do things. Okay. Great. Thank you.

**Legislator Litts**

It makes it easier for the Chairwoman.

**Legislator Petit**

Or flail so I see ya. Flailings good too!

**Legislator Litts**

My question is, it going to be administered exactly the way it was for round one Cares Act? Because part of the vetting of the applications they are sent to the state and approved prior to the contracts being administered through the EDA.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

But I'm happy to take that one. Since this is not state pass through funding, we're applying the same criteria, but the state won't have a say in the preapplication process.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Locally administered.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay, so they will be

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Same criteria, but (inaudible)

**Legislator Litts**

Same criteria. The only difference will be the state will not be receiving them, the state does not have to approve them. Are they still going to be vetted by county council? And are they going to be approved by the EDA by vote?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yes, yep. That's why we're doing the same contract. And it's the - essentially the same scope of services within the contract, as it was with the Cares Act.

**Legislator Litts**

Cool. No problem I just wanted it in writing in the minutes.

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

So my question was, I mean, who determines eligibility? That's the state. And I guess it's sort of along the lines of what Herb was asking but, who determines who is eligible to receive those qualifications that they have to meet?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

There's a bunch of different criteria that was included with the package. I'd be happy to get you the specifics. I think they were probably provided to the committee.

**Legislator Stewart**

My apologies if I didn't see that. Thank you, though.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

I know we so just other point of clarification, when we met with the ARPA team, or the ARPA special committee. There was a series of questions posed that we just received today, similar to this, that we'll also be submitting to that committee, just on those specifics, but I'm sure I can get you that stuff earlier as well.

**Legislator Stewart**

And I was also curious, like, what is the definition of a small business for this program?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

25 or less on this program.

**Legislator Stewart**

Thank you.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

You're welcome.

**Legislator Petit**

So Legislator Litts. Um, Legislator Greene, and then Nathan, did you want to respond to one of the questions first?

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

Yeah, just a follow up comment. Which is that, from my perspective, and grant administration, it made sense that, yes, this is not CDBG Cares Act funding. It is ARPA funding, but they have the applications already. They just - were so successful and have so many applications that the idea is to reach those applications that are in the possession and eligible. And therefore, I thought, my thinking is that with the Cares Act criteria, the same as much as possible, although a different source of funding. That's fairness. And that's, I think, proper grant administration in this case.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Nathan, very well done, you've answered the question that I was gonna ask.

**Chair Petit**

All right. And Legislator Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Um, I just wanted to know, if when the questions were sent from ARPA, to the executive branch, if it included a question about climate impact, and my feeling is that if there's no impact on climate that is apparent. Or if it's part of a climate solution, then we should be funding it. But at this point in time, if there is going to be a net negative impact. I would not favor you know, funding a specific project. So was that one of the questions that we've sent over?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Thank you I'll take that. I will take a look at the questions sent over by Deputy Clerk Amber Feaster, but I do hear your comment, Legislator Greene and it's something you brought up just with regards to all the projects we're discussing. I think that I don't want to speak for that specific program because it's an existing application but I do think it's something we have to consider as we're entering into contracts for these projects. I mean, certainly the county executive, as part of the green new deals wants us to incorporate this within our thinking, but also our planning and projects. So yeah. Your concerns heard loud and clear on this. And we need to have that discussion when we're formulating these applications for both this and the other projects going forward. So I'd be happy to follow up with you on that one.

**Legislator Greene**

Thank you.

**Legislator Petit**

Legislator Litts did you have another question? And then following up with Chair Bartels, okay, thank you.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay, I was able to attend the ARP meeting that was held the other night. And all of those resolutions, the five, I believe they had, they took no action because they want to discuss it in two weeks, and they want to get more information. And they may want to change the resolutions. To my understanding, that is a special committee. And this is a standing committee. It has to be voted on and move to the floor from a standing committee. And whatever we vote on tonight, if we move it to the floor, that ARP committee can do whatever they want and change whatever they think they're going to change on resolutions. But that's not what's going to go to the floor unless somebody amends it on the floor. Somebody should clarify that with them.

**Legislator Petit**

Chair Bartels?

**Legislator Bartels**

Well, first of all, I mean, it's not what I intended to speak on. But when we created the special committee, we imbued it specifically with all the powers of a standing committee, said it in the resolution that created this special committee. So the special committee has all powers the standing committees have. So I'm not sure that what you're saying is correct Legislator Litts because it's called a special committee, but it has the powers of a standing.

**Chair Bartels**

My comment, and then I'm going to have to jump off and I'm going to try to come back. But you know, my comment two things. One is, if this would not normally be a resolution that would come to this committee, it's coming to this committee, because it's, it's being run as a capital project, I think it's safe to say we probably all agree that it's not a capital project in the strict sense of capital projects. And that's an ongoing reporting question that's happening, that we're continuing to be open to discussing with the executive's office. But our rules require that capital projects come to this committee. So this and the next, ARPA project are both here, because they're being positioned as capital projects.

**Chair Bartels**

I just want to say, you know, I also attended the ARPA meeting. My biggest concern with all of this is that, you know, we have a certain amount of funds, \$34 million, and we have more need than we have money. And, arguably, we have more projects proposed than we have money. We haven't, you know, we're expecting from the executive's office, you know, an analysis of all the legislative proposals from both caucuses from the last term that fell outside of those projects that made it into the discussion. But, um, you know, I feel a real as one legislator, I feel a real pressure to kind of do, as Legislator Criswell said, a kind of zoom out, to make sure that we're not just doing first come first serve on these projects, but we're actually agreeing to those projects that we think are most valuable are going to have the biggest impact. And those are hard decisions to make. So that's the metric that I'm using, as I approach all of all of these.

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Executive Rider, would you like to respond to that or, and then we have Legislator Litts.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

The only thing I wanted to add is that this is one of three standing committees that these resolutions are in front of. So there's going to be plenty of opportunities that you know if the ARP committee makes any recommended changes to also make them in a standing committee. Although as Chair Bartels pointed out you gave that committee the powers of standing committees.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts then Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, I mean, there are three committees that are going to vet this or you know, go through this. What are we voting on tonight? I mean, we have a resolution in front of us that most likely is going to be changed by one of those committees. So are we going to have a special committee meeting to vote on a resolution after it's changed? Or we're going to push this to next month, and then vote on it next month? I mean, we're moving pretty quickly here. And we're looking at a resolution that's written before us. And before we even have the discussion and going to vote on it, it's most likely going to change. So are we moving too fast here? You know, or are we just gonna take this resolution and put it to the floor and vote on it the way it is? I don't know.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you. Um, I take a slightly different perspective on this. I think that I viewed this resolution as this is, is \$1 million, the right amount for this package of projects. And I know out in my district, people are asking, you know, they had a we had a full year, last year of looking at taking in applications having public hearings, a very long process. And my constituents are saying, When are the projects going to be funded? So I feel more of a push to get the process going. And with multiple committee reviews, I do think that if there's a big problem, we'll have an opportunity to see it and weigh in on it. And I I haven't been seeing that. I haven't seen that they're controversial aspects of the project so that people are concerned that the wrong things are getting funded. People just want to see everything that's been said so far. Go ahead, move forward. So I'm, I think we can really, you know, hold back the relief that this money is intended to give people and I'd rather see it out there doing the good.

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Executive Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

So I certainly echo Legislator Nolan's comments. We received this money nearly a year ago. We've gone through a deliberative process, for since June of last year, when the plan was first presented. The legislature also approved the buckets, which small business relief, nonprofit relief, housing, all of those were a part of it. We also then approved these in the 2022 Capitol program. There is a demonstrated need in the community for additional assistance, not everyone qualified for all of the protection loans, or some of the more complicated programs that got sucked up by much larger businesses in a much quicker fashion. These - this program is means tested, it's not for large businesses. A lot of sole proprietors out there that need this assistance. And that's why we currently have a backlog. We have applications ready to be funded that are worthy of this assistance. I think if you reach out to the chamber or to other business organizations throughout the county, they will tell you that they're still struggling. Delta hit, then Omicron hit. This thing has not, it's not over. And the business community is certainly still suffering. In terms of changes. I do

hear what you're saying Legislator Litts, but what I'm talking about changes in terms of the discussion of incorporating climate change into an application, that doesn't change the funding ask, that's not a fundamental change to the resolution, or what we're asking that would be us in discussions with the ARP committee or with you all on this committee and others of making sure that the applications that we're going to be sending out to whether it's not for profit business whoever, fit the community need based on your feedback, as well. So I do think the asked for a million is right. And I think the timing is more than right. We have been waiting. It is February, and we have to start showing our community. The executive feels very strong about this, that this money is going to start hitting them and helping them now.

**Chair Petit**

I'll have Nathan and then Legislator Litts.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

Yeah, I just wanted to provide some details of the federal rules and how this funding source works. And I won't be very long but this does come from the US government through US Treasury. There is a regulation document called the final rule. What I think it's important for this committee to know is that there is a timeline with the funding. So it does need to be obligated, which is essentially in contract by the end of 2024, which may sound like a long time away, but with \$34 million to obligate that can come quick. And then it needs to be expended by the end of 2026. My second point is that small business, nonprofits that have been impacted by the pandemic are specified directly as beneficiaries of this funding. So it is in the regulations and it does spell out who should receive this funding and they are designated as recipients, not recipients I'm sorry, but as beneficiaries.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts and then Legislator Fabiano.

**Legislator Litts**

I don't want to give anybody the wrong impression. I'm well behind this, I'm on EDA. A million dollars is not enough. I am a proponent of small business. That's the backbone of our of our whole country. I just want to make sure that the resolution we're voting on is proper correct. So it doesn't go backwards instead of forwards. But I am all for this. And I will vote yes on this resolution. But if wholesale changes are coming about, I always have the opportunity to vote no during session.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Yeah, I, I pretty much want to echo what Legislator Litts said. My concern here is that, if this special committee is going to conduct themselves like a regular committee, why do they have to come to us at all? Why can't they just move their resolutions to the floor? I mean, to me, it's like it to me, it seems from



Chairwoman Bartels and the executives people, what they're going to do in this committee is pretty much already engraved in stone. Or they should just simply send a recommendation to this committee and let the decisions on what how the resolutions will read come from this committee. It seems here like we're taking a - talk about slowing things down, it seems to me like we're taking that an unnecessary step by coming to this committee and like Legislator Litts said, you have the opportunity to debate and vote on it on the floor. I mean, I'm supportive of this. Absolutely. I just don't know why if this special committee has this much authority, why does it even have to come here? Why can't it be debated on the floor and voted on the floor?

**Legislator Litts**

Because they made it a capital project.

**Chair Petit**

Yeah, so I get oh, I was gonna call you county executive deputy.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

That's one three-week promotion right there huh. So yeah, to both Legislator Litts and Legislator Fabiano's points. You know, I think that the legislature is trying to feel their way through and find the best way to give the best proper vetting to these projects. I mean, I can say certainly not that I don't love spending time with y'all every couple night's or twice a night sometimes. But I'm sure there could be in a more efficient way. And I think we'll get there. I know, there's an active discussion going on between our staff, legislative staff, and Comptroller Gallagher regarding just some of the structuring of the projects. We went in with the best intention, then we thought it was the best organization. And I think over time, we may find that we will pivot on that not to avoid this great committee. But it may not always be appropriate to talk about it here. And then in an hour, we're going to be talking about some of these and economic development and then twice a month and ARP special, and I don't know I'm sure there's others Nettie could remind me of that'll be coming at some point. So certainly, we're open for us. It's just making sure that we provide you all with the proper information and answer all of your questions in a timely manner. Right now feels a little scrambled, but we're doing our level best to get you guys everything and we'll continue to do so.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

One last thing. The reality of the situation is, the amount of applications that the EDA received and have vetted and quasi approved well exceeds this million dollars. So, I mean, it's done. I mean, we already know who is going to get money, because they've already been vetted. The County. Our council, county lawyers have already checked all of this out. Contracts are ready to be signed, all we need to do is get the money and hand it out. So that's the reality of the situation. The process has been there, we received close to 300 applications. And with the Cares Act only able to, you know, fund maybe, I don't know, what are

we up to 35 -42 out of the 300. So, and some of the applications are deemed informal or non-complete, but completed applications that are worthy of this process or this funding way exceeds an extra million dollars. So we don't even have to worry about the process. The process is done. We just need the funding.

**Chair Petit**

And I listened in on the ARPA meeting as well, and there were some good points taken. But you know, after many phone calls, you know, including I mean, I had asked why can't it go through the Department of Economic Development, and I was told clearly why so, I mean, my questions have been answered as well. And, and I do agree, we need to start moving. I've been, you know, complaining myself that, you know, we've been sitting on this money since June or July. And we really do need to infuse it back into the local economy. So what is the pleasure of the committee then? Should we call the vote?

**Legislator Litts**

Call the question. I'll move it.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. All right. So with that, Resolution No. 29, Ayes?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Is there anyone opposed? No, so it passes unanimously. Okay. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

The next Resolution No. 30. Funding Capital Project No. 599. ARPA not for profit, Youth and Community Programs. Can I hear motion to open it for discussion?

**Legislator Stewart**

So moved.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Motion by Stewart, second Legislator Fabiano.

**Legislator Nolan**

Chair, it didn't occur to me until rereading this as we were getting to it that I may have a conflict here. So I'm gonna recuse myself out of an abundance of caution. It would be my role as a volunteer but in a

leadership role with a nonprofit in Ulster County. So I'll mute myself and turn off my video during this discussion.

**Legislator Petit**

That's actually a good question. We don't have legal counsel here. But I mean, I'm on a not for profit as well. Do we need to all recuse ourselves if our application hasn't been submitted? Or would that be saved for the actual vote?

**Legislator Petit**

Nathan, while we're contemplating that, I see your hand is up.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

Okay, I'm just letting you know, I'm available to speak on this. If the committee is ready for me to go forward. I presented a PowerPoint at the ARP committee. I know there's a large agenda tonight so I'm not planning to do that tonight. But um, as far as the broad strokes of this funding, the funding ask is \$1.5 million. The parameters of the grant are that is for Ulster County nonprofits who have faced and then impacted by the pandemic by lost revenue. Or there's a second application pathway, which is they have seen an increase in 13 areas for community services. It should be in the packet what those areas are, but if needed, I could list them. The idea is that nonprofits who have been impacted by the pandemic are beneficiaries under ARPA funding, and this is an opportunity to provide that to our county's nonprofits so that they can hopefully assist this county well into the future. And that's the purpose of it. I do have a lot of the details as far as what we're asking in the applications, what we've created and written in the instructions. So there is process created as far as what people will submit to us, and what the oversight will be, as far as we have worked. And when I say our, our division has worked to make this as flexible as possible, knowing that there is administration in handling grants and reporting, and this is going to beneficiaries. So we have tried to make it as accessible as possible, while still having the appropriate amount of oversight to make sure that the funds are well used. That said, we know that the smaller the nonprofit is, the harder it can be to administer. So if there are nonprofits that fit our criteria, who apply for less than \$10,000, then that money will go to them. They will still have reporting requirements, but they will receive 100% upfront. The grant can be between 5000 or just under 50,000. So if there is someone receiving a grant over \$10,000, they would receive 50% then be required to submit all expenditure documentation, and then they would get the second 50% and also be required to submit documentation when that's expended. So I hope that gives the general parameters of this I'm happy to answer any other questions.

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Executive Rider on the question of recusing because I mean, I'm on and not for profit. We weren't planning on putting in for any funding, but should I recuse myself as well and turn it over to my Vice Chair Fabiano?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

So I'm not your counsel but

**Chair Petit**

Yeah.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

I think that as you know, Legislator Litts recuses himself on specific projects, right. Oftentimes.

**Legislator Litts**

Right.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

If he were to have to recuse himself on every Bridge New York program or other things, I mean, that's the same scenario here. This is just funding a project for nonprofits. If your nonprofit either a.), is not planning on submitting, or it's early in the process to even say that, then I think that's a different scenario. I also have texted legislative counsel to see if he's willing to jump on. So, he said he's free for a call. I'll see if I can get him on here.

**Legislator Petit**

Okay. All right. So I guess we'll move forward with questions Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, I mean, I was just gonna say, in my opinion, if you - this is to produce funding, you know, a federal funding program. If you currently have an application in as a non for profit, then I would think you would have to recuse yourself. If you do not, this is just a pot of money.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Right.

**Legislator Petit**

Okay. Very good. So do we have any other questions or comments on Resolution No. 30. Deputy Executive Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

So I just wanted to say we did undertake an effort to try to understand some of the not for profit world, just from a grantor experience, because that's not typically the seat that at least we've set in, we're usually the ones getting the money from others. So we did reach out to the Dyson Foundation, United Way Community Foundation's, Arts Mid- Hudson, just to get a sense of how to shape this program properly, and to really address need. A lot of these organizations have been forced to either close their doors, limit

programming, but in a lot of circumstances, what you've seen is expanded programming based on expanded need during the pandemic, especially when you're talking about institutions that are dealing with youth that are dealing with higher incidences of mental health related issues anxiety. Or just you know, I when I talked to a Legislator Corcoran about his involvement down in Marlboro in youth sports, just how that is provided, one of the only needed outlets for kids during this so we took a lot of the feedback that we heard from a lot of the legislators over time including the spreadsheet that I know was circulated last year, and to try and to make this program broad, still within the guidelines that are called for in the interim final rule for this funding, and then also less burdensome. And I think Nate hit on this is this, these programs are not supposed to be difficult for people to apply to. That was a often a problem when you're dealing with state or federal funding is you have to jump through tons and tons of red tape. And for smaller not for profit or for small businesses, they often don't have the resources or expertise. This is supposed to be lightweight, able to connect with the organizations that are doing important work. And yeah, we hope that you guys support this one.

**Chair Petit**

I'm sorry, Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you. I found the comments by Legislator Litts and Council and Deputy Director Rider very helpful. I see that Legislative Council is going to try to join. I'm sorry, I've kind of stirred things up.

**Chair Petit**

No that's good.

**Legislator Nolan**

It's good being able to participate. But if Legislative Counsel clarifies things further, and that changes, then I can go back. No nonprofit that I worked for currently has an application in for any of this funding. So I think that's probably a good cut point.

**Chair Petit**

I agree. Now, I was on this when we had the workgroup set up. This was a committee that I had been assigned to, to look at, not for profits. And we, you know, we were hoping that it wouldn't be all of the usual suspects, that there would be funding open and available for some of these smaller organizations that have been struggling. You know, one happens to be an American Legion, and because they couldn't open didn't have the bar open, they couldn't open the venue, you know, they really have had trouble, you know, meeting their operation needs. So, I mean, after asking a million questions and listening in to the ARP meeting, he's smiling. Because yeah, but I'm a little more comfortable with it than I was before for sure. So Deputy Executive, oh, you moved Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

I was just letting you all know that Legislative Counsel was in the waiting room, but he's now joined, so.

**Chair Petit**

Good.

**Counsel Ragucci**

Hi.

**Chair Petit**

Hi. So Counsel Ragucci, we asked the question, as we're discussing in this particular case, it's the ARPA funding, but we do have - I am on a not for profit, Legislator Nolan is on and not for profit. Do we need to recuse ourselves or since we don't directly have applications in for our organizations can we have open discussion during this committee?

**Counsel Ragucci**

I mean, as you can have open discussion, I would say as a general rule, I defer the ethics questions, conflict questions, generally to the ethics board. But in this instance, it doesn't sound from what you're saying that there's a direct pecuniary benefit to you or any of your family members. So I would, base on, you know, based on what you're saying, I think you're okay to proceed.

**Legislator Litts**

Right.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you.

**Counsel Ragucci**

Sure my pleasure.

**Legislator Petit**

Nathan, you have your hand up?

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

Yes. I'm just wanted to make a few points after your last comment Legislator Petit. First, just this nonprofit is defined as a charitable organization, a 501(c)(3), and also recently was expanded to include 501(c)(19)s, which are veteran services organizations. So that's when we talk about nonprofits. That's who we're talking about. The other piece is that we also have tried to put some effort into making this so that not just the largest nonprofits who probably have gotten some type of funding get this. They're certainly welcome to apply. We will certainly review. But we have put some criteria. And specifically, there is some consideration given to if a nonprofit hasn't received any funding from Ulster County within the last five

years. And there is some consideration given if we are looking at an application that is from a geographic area of Ulster County where we have received no other applications. So two things that we wanted to be sensitive to and we put into our documents.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. So I mean, there were more questions at the ARPA meeting, then they're going to be getting together again soon. I'll ask a Legislator Litts has his hand up, and then we'll call the question or, you know, see how the committee wants to move forward on this.

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah. I mean, I was just going to ask, is there going to be a question on the application which states, "have you received any funding from any other federal, state or local program for these funds."

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

And I'll respond. I don't have it directly in front of me. We do have the applications written. And they we do look for other funding that has been received.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay. I just don't want people double dipping. That's all.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

Yeah understood.

**Chair Petit**

That question did come up with the chair meeting and Deputy Executive Kelly, the response was that the question would be asked, Is that where we were moving forward with that, but it was, yeah.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

So, it was more about we had a question in there. And what I think it was Chair Bartels was asking if we could narrow it. Because the question was more broadly construed to cover all funding streams, in terms of Novo came up or other not for profit organizations that are typically funders. And what we were looking at is more in terms of other federal programs for the same purpose in terms of how we frame our questioning. So that's the double dip to us. But we, you know, I haven't had time to connect with Nate and the team, and in last 12 hours yet on that question, but we will certainly answer it to the other committees as well.

**Chair Petit**

So how is this committee feeling right now? You're ready to move forward and we'll call the vote.

**Legislator Litts**

Call the question.

**Chair Petit**

Okay.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll second it.

**Chair Petit**

So all in favor of Resolution No. 30.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Dean?

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'm a yes - aye.

**Chair Petit**

Yes. Okay. So it's unanimous. I guess I still have to say any knows, but all right, thank you. The next one. The Public Works, folks, should we skip over this next one because these have been very involved conversations, or should we stay in order? And then I believe all the other resolutions are theirs.

**Chair Petit**

I'm sorry. Yeah. Deputy Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

I mean, we just have one more and then we can get the ARP team out of here. So why don't we do this one and then...

**Legislator Fabiano**

We're gonna move on anyway to the floor.

**Legislator Litts**

One and done.

**Chair Petit**

Okay.



**Kathy Nolan**

If Dean is making a motion, I'll second it for Resolution 31.

**Legislator Petit**

Okay. All right. So we'll open that one up for discussion.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

And I'd be happy to present and give some broad strokes on this as well.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you.

**Director Recovery & Resilience Nathan Litwin**

So this is asking for funding for 2 million which would be used to extend sewer and water under the New York State Thruway so that it can reach a piece of property, which everyone may know because it is the site of the old Quality Inn structure and property. So that is a large, existing building, which is currently vacant. It has been sold in the sense of it's in a purchase and sale agreement to REPCO. They are actively looking to develop as permanent housing for homeless and as far as how it fits into use of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act. It is a use of funds that would definitely provide a service to impacted individuals homeless and low income people are identified as populations that have been very vulnerable in this pandemic. So we see that as a good outcome. There also is infrastructure specifically stated, including water and sewer stated in the American Rescue Plan Act. I'll stop there.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. A Deputy Executive Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yeah, I turned it on. A Kevin O'Connor, I believe just signed on from RUPCO and Emily Hamilton is here from their team. So I was hoping that they could give a bit on the project as well.

**Legislator Petit**

Sure. And we also have Dennis Doyle here. So, Kevin O'Connor, would you like to introduce yourself and, you know, give us an overview of the project.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

Sure thank you, Laura. Kevin O'Connor, CEO of RUPCO. I'm joined by Emily Hamilton on my team. I'm not sure if anyone else is here. But so we see the opportunity to purchase the Quality Inn to take what was 140 some odd room hotel and create about 80 apartments. A mix of studio one, two and three bedrooms to create permanent supportive housing for the homeless. We're partnering with Family of Woodstock and

Catholic Charities on this project. We have already secured an Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative Award to provide significant operating and supportive service dollars indefinitely for the project. So we are now looking to pursue some of the capital funding to help us to acquire and adaptively reuse this property. We've hired Mass Design, which is one of the or the largest nonprofit architectural firm in the world, with an office in Poughkeepsie. Mass brings trauma informed design, compassionate care design are a leader in that field so that really all things into design are going to help to create a sense of wellbeing for the people that we're serving. Light, airspace, color, indoor -outdoor stuff. We hope to transform the hotel, again into the 80 apartments. But to make it stop looking like a former hotel. We intend to keep the pool. We're going to have service space, we hope that daycare on site. We'll purchase a bus to provide transportation. We know there's a couple of other motels currently operating out on the 28 corridor, and we see some people walking so we'd like to have our own bus transportation. An array of services for that are, you know the money is committed. And so we're excited about that. The restaurant space, the former Roudigan's Steakhouse we're putting out to potential restaurant franchise use or potential social service type of use, we're really looking at the full gamut of potentiality for the restaurant space. And if I didn't mention it, we do intend to keep the pool as a therapeutic element in the housing. I think that by providing 80 units of homeless housing at this location, permanent supportive, will be able to save the county, countless dollars in terms of emergency placement and other costs associated with folks become homeless and when folks are not receiving some of the services that they need. We have already had a commitment for tremendous operating support through the Empire State supportive housing initiative, as I've mentioned, and we're going to be seeking about an additional \$20 million in capital. So I think we're meeting tremendous need, saving the county money, attracting and leveraging other dollars. And I know the town is interested in their desire to see the water and sewer go beyond this location, but to bring it to that side of the Thruway will offer additional benefits. And so that's the project in a nutshell. I'm happy to answer any questions.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes, thank you. Um, I realized that the county is putting up the money ARPA funds to construct the water and sewer. I'm going to assume that the maintenance and jurisdiction going forward would be the town of Ulster? Can somebody say yes for the record?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yes, for the record. I can give you just a little more context.

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Executive Kelly, Deputy Executive Rider, and Dennis Doyle all said yes.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

So just a little color to that is, we've been a I know Kevin just directly with Supervisor Quigley and then myself and Dennis Doyle. We've all been engaged with him for more than six months now, just to understand the project and we'll be partnering with him on the water. County typically doesn't get involved in owning water systems. So the supervisor is certainly going to be taking on the Water and Sewer District. And then it'll be, you know, fee for service for the use to the district.

**Chair Petit**

I have a feeling Legislator Greene is going to ask my question. Legislator, thank you. We're here, right. We hear you.

**Legislator Greene**

I'm sorry, I'm having trouble with my cell phone. Um, why don't you ask your question? And if it's not the same I'll follow. In the meantime I'll get my computer working.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Okay. This is another project, I had many questions that I did ask, I did hear back from Director Iapoce, who mentioned that we have 55 families in temporary housing, that's about 180 individuals altogether. So this project will make another big impact as far as our housing unit shortage in the county. But to follow up on that, I did have two questions. One is the \$2 million that the ask is, it says approximate. So what would happen? Should it go over that 2 million? And then of course, I mean this is a RUPCO project so I probably don't need to ask, but the capital projects? Per Nettie, I think that was Resolution 558 from last year, but there should be a component of green within that project. And I believe many of your projects do already include solar and geothermal. But would you be able to address that a little bit more?

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

Yeah, we are seeking both some construction drawings from the architect and looking to make application for a couple of different funding sources. We'll be going to New York State (OTDA), Office of Temporary Disability Assistance for their homeless housing assistance program that provides capital dollars and HCR for a couple of funding programs that a... And yes, we, in addition to a compassionate care design, we hope to, again, transform the space both the physical indoor, the cladding, and also add, you know, green elements to the outdoors. And we will be looking to do, you know, as much of a green envelope as possible in terms of the HVAC system and tightening the building envelope to make it as energy efficient and sustainable. Haven't gotten down to, you know, final decisions yet with the engineer, we're still a little short of that. But we're committed, you know, we've been a member of the US Green Building Council since 2006. We just completed the first net zero for housing project in the affordable housing realm with Energy Square. And, we're going to look to try to bring those elements as well. But it's a big task, and we're not fully through design yet, but we can certainly keep everyone informed of how that progresses. And that's where we want to go.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so we have Legislator Greene, then Legislator Stewart and then Deputy Executive Kelly. Oh, Manna did we lose you? Oh there you are.

**Legislator Greene**

Um, when we talked about this before and believe it was in ARPA. I specifically asked about, you know, if I could get some details on green building and renewable energy and solar. I haven't received anything and I guess that's because it's still in the planning stages. But I also want to be sure that it is absolutely important to do a deep energy retrofit on the building so that we're not wasting whatever heating and cooling source that the building is, well insulated, but I also want to be sure that if it is that healthy home standards are applied, so that we're not trapping mold and mildew and, you know, other sources of indoor air pollution that would, you know, reduce indoor air quality. So, I would like to see whatever specifications are already in place or being considered. We have had cases, including at least one case that I'm aware of, with REPCO, where there was an indoor air quality problem. And I, we don't need to go into that. But I just want to be sure that whatever information is available on green building, solar and ensuring healthful air quality in this renovation. I'm very interested in seeing that information. I had raised before and didn't hear anything back.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

I'd like to respond if I make.

**Chair Petit**

Sure, I'm sorry.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

So I think you're referring to a week ago when we appeared for the ARPPA. So we're simply not there yet Manna Jo. We have, on pre-development stage. But we are committed to explore a very green approach to the project. But of course, we have to seek capital dollars as well. And just want to clarify, I think you're referring to a section eight situation where a landlord had with a tenant that was receiving federal section 8 had an air quality, currently not and one of REPCO's owned and developed buildings. So that was a private landlord situation that I think that you're referring to. And just wanted to clarify,

**Legislator Greene**

You're correct, thank you. But I am concerned about the vagueness of the other two issues that I raised, and, and also, um, you know, just moving forward for the families that are going to be living there. That, that healthy home, indoor air quality is absolutely protected.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

Yeah, that's part of why we're here. As you know, REPCO responded to the situation in some of the boarding homes to create and develop a landmark place. The reason we're here today is because we have seen the horrendous conditions that people are living in hotels and motels and, and some of the boarding homes and things. And so we were all about trying to create a very compassionate care design that is going to be as green as possible. There's no vagueness only that, you know, this is a capital project for that we're estimating somewhere between 20 and \$30 million. And, you know, if, if someone wants to step up and commit dollars, then you know, then we can commit our design. But we will definitely share the desire, we'll open it up or it was a lot of stakeholders. And I think that we absolutely share your concern for sustainability, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, and a total health package. Compassionate Care design, in totality to bring. That's where you have a very high aspirational goal here. And I think, be happy to stay in dialogue, as we have the opportunity to develop are still just a little premature Manna Jo, but we're going to get there.

**Legislator Greene**

Okay, thank you.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

Thank you.

**Legislator Petit**

Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I had raised my hand initially to ask if you were planning on installing solar panels and that sort of thing on top of the roof. And I think we've kind of gone over that already. I just think this is a very exciting project. And, you know, wow, it's desperately needed. I also want to say that I think it's really great that you're planning on keeping the swimming pool there, which I think is a wonderful thing for recreation and health purposes. And I believe there are plans for community gardens with this or they're not.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

Yes, we hope to. There's a green space and a lot that we're purchasing in between the hotel and the Thruway and we think that plus the parking lot in front is a little over done. So we think there's ample room to create some. Love to have a walking labyrinth growing of foods and gardens, that type of thing recreation, for children. And again, we're creating housing both for families and individuals. You heard the numbers that Laura mentioned, I believe earlier, the numbers are pretty significant. So

**Legislator Stewart**

Right.

**RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor**

So developing of the outer space is very important as well.

**Legislator Stewart**

Well, next, I think it's just very exciting. And this question is not really addressed to you so much as to other members of the committee. I was just curious as to, we're allocating \$2 million of ARPA funding to this. I mean, how much additional ARPA funding do we have? And all of this money is going strictly to water and sewer correct. And I was just curious, like how much additional funding we have for that sort of projects - for those sorts of projects?

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Executive Kelly has the answer for that.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

So in terms of the 2 million for water, and sewer, are you saying, are you asking for all other projects, or just water, sewer or housing?

**Legislator Stewart**

Well, like, for example, in my district, I mean, the town of Marbletown is looking to extend municipal water lines from SUNY Ulster to 209. And, you know, I was wondering, like, how many how much additional funding would be available for additional projects? Aside from, you know, this great thing that RUPCO was doing?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

I think that's a fair question. I think, based on our, you know, I will say this, that, when we had our discussions over the past, I guess, nine or so months, we didn't have all of the great ideas on our table on our plate at the time. So certainly, the buckets that were designed, I think, are still a good framework that we've all been working in, but in discussions with Chair Bartels, and with Legislator Criswell who's chairing the ARP special committee, I think there certainly has to be a relook at how we're allocating funds and where we are. So we can have that level set. I've had Nate and the ARP team begin to kind of look at that as a whole so we can get back down to what's left. And then I think it's up to all of us to say, what's next. Right. I think housing projects is certainly addressing a desperate and high need throughout the county. So I think that that's, that's something that we should all be very excited and committed to. Water and Sewer is certainly one of the four called for uses within the legislation. It's not something that traditionally the county jumps in, in, but it's not unheard of. We've done it through community development funds that we've done through capital, I believe up on Kings Highway. So for me, it's let's have that conversation. And let's see what the real need is and what the projects are that fit the criteria for good sewer and water. And then we can design that program as well, because that's what we fully intend. We've certainly heard from legislators and municipalities in our separate conversations, that that's something that everybody's looking to undertake. And maybe we can catalyze our funding with some of the state infrastructure and transportation money that is, you know, supposedly coming down so we can

kind of build bigger projects. I just wanted to also answer Chair Petit's question regarding something near and dear to my heart as a recovering budget analyst. What happens if we go over budget? Well, then I have to have lots of hard meetings with the ARP team and the engineers on the project and figure out why we're over budget. The pricing that's come from Dennis Larios, who's well known good engineer within this regard. So we have a good level of confidence like we would that anytime an engineer of his expertise gives us the estimates. But in the case that something comes in higher. I'll be coming back. I mean, I think that's the case with any capital project. But we've we felt solid that this estimate has stayed consistent throughout our conversations.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Deputy Executive Rider did you want to go ahead of Legislator Greene to respond to another question?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

(inaudible) Chris got it at the end there. But just to highlight and clarify, we have to come back here. So if it's over 2 million, we're coming to you with 2 million. If it's over 2 million we have to come back for your approval to spend more than 2 million. That's the key part.

**Chair Petit**

As long as we didn't spend it all already. Legislator Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Yeah, I wanted to stress what Deputy Kelly said is that there is infrastructure money coming. And it's from the federal government through the state. So there is going to be another pot of money. And I think that's one of the challenges for ARPA for the special committee is to figure out, you know, just tonight, I believe we went from 34 to 33. And now down to 31. If these projects that we've been discussing are approved, so you know, how to prioritize what needs to come out of ARPA funding, and what can be put into a new set of projects that are for infrastructure, and, you know, it would be helpful to keep us posted as to where things stand with infrastructure funding. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

So I think out of all the ARPA resolutions, this is one I had the most questions on but I'm, I'm also the most comfortable with moving forward on it. So what is the pleasure of the Committee? Should we call the vote?

**Legislator Nolan**

Call the question please.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so all in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

All right. Any opposed even though five of you said I, okay. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Moving on to Resolution 33, 35 and 36. I believe they're all for the McKinstry bridge. Could we make a

**Legislator Nolan**

I make a motion to block those three resolutions.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Nolan. Do I have a second?

**Legislator Litts**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, all in favor? None opposed? So, make a motion to - I guess we're opening up the block of resolutions for discussion.

**Legislator Nolan**

Yeah, I make a motion that we approve the block. And so that can open that for discussion.

**Chair Petit**

Okay.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll second it.

**Chair Petit**



Okay. All right. Now we're ready to discuss. Do we have any questions since we still have the Public Works team hanging in there.

**Chair Petit**

No questions?

**Legislator Litts**

Call the question.

**Chair Petit**

Call the question. Okay. All in favor of, okay. I'm sorry it's been a long day.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Fabiano? Aye.

**Chair Petit**

All in favor? None opposed. All right. Well, that that one was easy. I'm moving on.

**Chair Petit**

Yes.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Laura.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

It's Dennis. I'm going to ask a favor of the committee. I am scheduled to go to the Economic Development Committee at 6:30.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Okay, it can't happen until after this. I just.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Never mind. Thank you.

**Legislator Litts**

Dennis. I'm going with you. I'm on that committee.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Just work through this as quick. Yeah.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. All right. So we have Resolution No. 37. Establishing Capital Projects 619 and 620. Large covert program.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll move it.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Seconded by Nolan. Do we have any questions on this one? Legislator Litts?

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah one question. This is from materials only. So I assumed that DPW was going to do the work in house.

**Deputy Commissioner Quesnell**

That's correct.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart did you have a question?

**Legislator Stewart**

I did. I know that the DEP at least I believe it's the DEP and Manna Jo might be able to answer this if I'm incorrect, is about to do a survey of culverts throughout the county. And I was just wondering like, are is this work going to conform to those standards? Or I mean, I guess my question is, whose standards are these culverts been built under?

**Commissioner Masterson**

(inaudible) from the DEC. We have to apply for permits for them and they review our

**Legislator Stewart**

So it is from the DEC okay.

**Legislator Stewart**

Correct. Thank you.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

DEP.

**Legislator Stewart**

Oh DEP excuse me.

**Legislator Nolan**

No the DEC permits. So Legislator Stewart's question I think is more about coordination with DEP with Ulster County DPW. And does that take place is there overlap on who has management of these various culverts. Is that your question?

**Legislator Stewart**

That is my question and thank you for clarifying my own question.

**Legislator Fabiano**

But excuse me, what

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano and then Brenton Masterson.

**Legislator Fabiano**

DEP is City of New York. What do they do with culverts throughout Ulster County?

**Legislator Stewart**

They don't. I thought someone said I thought someone said DEP and I was repeating that so.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Oh excuse me. Okay now I understand.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Okay, my apologies.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Throughout the county, we have to coordinate with the DEC for classified streams, we have to design and conformance with that. If we're working within the Ashokan Watershed, we have additional requirements that we have to meet with the DEP.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Correct.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts did I see your hand? There you go.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, I was just going to a point of clarification for Eric. They're designed by an engineer to current engineering practice standards. The inventory you're talking about earlier is just to identify the culverts and what condition they're in. And that list will generate a priority listing of what culverts need to be worked on next. But this particular resolution is for two particular culverts that are named and we know they have issues and problems and need the work done. And this is to buy the materials so that DPW can perform the work in house, thus saving us money rather than going out to contract.

**Legislator Stewart**

Awesome. Thank you for that.

**Legislator Litts**

You're well.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so if there's no further conversation, I'd like to call a question. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Any opposed? No. Okay, that passes.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution No. 39. Authorizing the chair of the Ulster County Legislature to amend an agreement with the New York State unified court systems. Motion for discussion.

**Legislator Nolan**

I move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan.

**Chair Petit**

Seconded by Legislator Litts. Do we have any questions on this one? Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

It appears that this is to pay for the cleaning, or reimburses for the cleaning from April of 2021 to March of 2022. Is that correct?

**Deputy Commissioner Quesnell**

That is correct. We are at the liberty of the state giving us the contract.

**Legislator Litts**

But I mean, this is an extension of an agreement we've had for years. Why are we asking to get paid at the tail end rather than extending the work on the front end?

**Deputy Commissioner Quesnell**

Historically, the process behind it is we have to work through the state court system in order to get our reimbursement. The contract comes from them. We get it? Probably we got it about a month ago, we got to two as quickly as we could.

**Legislator Litts**

So I'll suggest we put in for the next five years today.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

So typically, the bigger fish gets to decide the contract requirements, and in this case, unfortunately, the State of New York trumps the County of Ulster, so we're kind of left to what the court system wants to do when they submit the contract to us. When we work with other municipalities or other, you know, then sometimes we get to dictate those. Not in this case.

**Legislator Litts**

It's just that they're giving us a contract for work that we've already done.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Correct.

**Legislator Litts**

That's kind of backwards, but I understand. I work in government.

**Legislator Nolan**

It would be even worse not to get paid for it.

**Legislator Litts**

Well we haven't gotten paid yet.

**Legislator Nolan**

Let's pass this resolution.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll call the question.

**Chair Petit**

Call the question. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? All right, so moved.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution No. 40. Amending the 2022 -2027 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project 617 purchase of county fleet vehicles.

**Chair Petit**

We have moved for discussion?

**Legislator Stewart**

I'll move.

**Legislator Litts**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart, seconded by Legislator Litts. And this one I've been - gotten quite a bit of information on. I'll probably turn it back over to Brendan Masterson. But, you know, we are looking at a policy with our climate smart pledge to increase the hybrid and EV vehicles that we have within the county. And we have some good news as far as this purchase goes. Brendan.

**Commissioner Masterson**

So with regard to this capital, not including the sheriff's vehicles, we have 13 out of the 16 are going to be an alternatively powered hybrid vehicle. We understand where the leg is coming from. And we're on board, and we're trying to meet the goals that you guys have set forth.

**Chair Petit**

Any other questions, comments? Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. All right. So I'll call the question.

**Legislator Stewart**

Actually, I had a question. I just can't seem to get my hand up in time. I'm sorry.

**Chair Petit**

You have to flail.

**Legislator Stewart**

So, you know, I think it's awesome that we're, you know, moving over to electric vehicles. I was just curious, like funding for additional installation of additional EV chargers? I mean, is that to follow or I mean,

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Yeah, we have projects, and that typically comes out of Department of the Environment, because they're constantly seeking NYSERDA money. And where a lot of the money that's left with NYSERDA on EV infrastructure is in the site work, not so much in the purchase of the equipment. But we're continuing - we have phases that the Department of the Environments working on, you know, making sure that we have the EV chargers, in strategic places for the fleet, first and foremost, secondarily, meeting the demand of putting EV stations where it makes sense as far as the Ashokan Rail Trail at some point, and other uses for the public as well.

**Legislator Stewart**

Right. Because obviously, it's difficult to have a electric fleet if there's not enough chargers around.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Correct. Go ahead. Sorry.

**Legislator Stewart**

I'm sorry. One other question too. And I was wondering if the bus - I understand there's three new UCAT buses that are electrified. Are they included in this 26 vehicles? Or is that a separate thing?

**Commissioner Masterson**

That's separate.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Yeah, typically that's federal transportation money. So that's done on a separate capital than the fleet. Okay.

**Legislator Stewart**

Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

I just wanted to add one thing that Commissioner Masterson said, which was, you know, he said, taking out the sheriff's vehicles. But even with the sheriff's vehicles, we're purchasing 10 for them, and three of them are hybrids. So we're still meeting even in those purchases, we're meeting the goals set forth by the legislature, even in the more aggressive goals that you'll be taking up this month.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts and then Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Litts**

And Eric in the infrastructure, federal infrastructure bill, I believe, don't quote me on this, but I think it's \$14 billion for electrical charging stations.

**Legislator Stewart**

Wow.

**Legislator Litts**

So there should be some money coming, filtering through the state down to us to put in additionally.

**Legislator Stewart**

Well, that's great to hear. Thank you. And my other question was, so what's the problem with the vehicles going to the Sheriff's Department? I mean, why aren't those electric as well?

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**



I can defer to Chris, but it has to do with pursuit ratings, and depending on what they're using them for. There's not a lot of EV or hybrids that are on the patrol site. Yet there's a Ford. And I know one agency has a Tesla, but they're not, they're not abundant out there yet.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

I'll just add a little to that. And in discussion with the sheriff. He's also got an aging and kind of, it's the most heavily used part of our fleet next, I'm sure Brendan's vehicles in DPW. So he has a need and right now we're dealing with a kind of a purchasing issue where last year I think we ordered two or three of the Ford hybrid pursuit rated vehicles and we're still waiting. And I think that's pushing into about a seven month, eight-month lead time because these are built to spec. So what the sheriff is trying to do in order to replace fleet vehicles that are no longer serviceable is get some of the Durango's that we're not crazy about but they are on lot because somebody went through from another municipality and purchased more than needed. So they exist out there and they won't take eight months to get. There is a severe backlog on certain vehicles right now that is just a challenge but I can say in terms of the sheriff is there wasn't a resistance on this. You know, I do want to talk to him. I think it was Chair Bartels maybe last night on another meeting, we were talking about a Tesla. I know there's a Mustang. I think it's a Mach E, you know, they're a bit expensive. They're fully electric. We have to be careful about how we deploy it because there's not full charging infrastructure on the western and northern part of the county. But it's certainly something that we're, we would be excited to pursue at some point.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll volunteer to road test.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

I'm with you.

**Chair Petit**

Especially that Mustang, huh?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yep.

**Chair Petit**

There's no other questions. I'd like to call the question on this resolution. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Any opposed? No. That passed unanimously.

**Chair Petit**

We have Resolution No. 42. Establish a Capital Project 618 purchase of highway equipment. Motion to bring it for discussion.

**Legislator Litts**

So moved.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan. I don't suppose they have electric loaders.

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah, they do.

**Chair Petit**

Yeah Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Trap Rock used electric loaders since the I think late 50s, early 60s in the quarry over in Dutchess County. But anyway, that's off the topic. Um, do we have a list of equipment that we're going to replace?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yeah that was submitted as the backup.

**Legislator Litts**

No, because I didn't get the backup.

**Chair Petit**

Would you mind just going over it real quick? I think there were what nine?

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

Yeah.

**Chair Petit**

More than that.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

Brendan, do you have it?

**Commissioner Masterson**

Yeah, I got the list in front of me. Four tandem snowplows, four crewman trucks, three of which we've lost due to accidents, not our fault over the past two years. Two more dump trucks. Three parking lot pickup trucks with plows and sanders. Too many excavators. Three more heavy duty single cab pickup trucks for patrol. One more hot box trailer, which we had bought two last year to extend our cold patch season which is working out really well. Replace one of our older Bobcats with buckets and forks. We need a new tree truck for the Kingston unit our biggest truck and need to start cycling out our chippers. we're looking for one chipper.

**Legislator Litts**

Thank you.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Yes sir.

**Chair Petit**

Alright, if there's no other questions, I'll call the question on Resolution No. 42. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Right so moved. The next resolutions are all contractual. So I, if it's alright with the committee, if we could bundle resolutions. Oh, wait a second. Did I miss one? Can we do 44 through 51, or is 44 different? Deputy Executive Rider is that yeah.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

I think it's okay. They're all slightly - so 46 through 51 are all different paving processes that went out to bid. 44 as geo-stabilization. But if you want to, if you want to bundle or block them all together, I think that would be fine.

**Chair Petit**

Did anyone have specific questions or are you okay with bundling these?

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll make a motion to bundle them from resolution 44 through 51.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll second that.

**Chair Petit**

Second. Okay. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

None opposed. Okay. Now the next do we actually have to make a motion on this to open it for discussion?

Okay, so motion to open up the discussion on bundle 44 through 51. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

So moved.

**Chair Petit**

Okay.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan. Do we have any discussion? Yes, Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes. A couple of questions. We're amending these contracts. Is this an extension of last year's contracts?

Or are we increasing the funding for what reason?

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

So if you don't mind, Marc if you want to, sorry.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Okay, almost all new contracts and they went out to bid over the winter. We typically hit these each year.

For most, sometimes we do multi years but not very often.

**Legislator Nolan**

Think one of them...

**Deputy Executive Rider**

And we also don't have specific (inaudible) yet because for many of these, we wait until what the winter damage has done before we choose the roads - a few of them we might know which roads we're doing.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Follow up question. So these are not from the OGS contract list? We went out to contract on these. Did we compare them to the OGS?

**Commissioner Masterson**

In general, we come in cheaper, we're more competitive.

**Legislator Litts**

I just want to make sure we do come in cheaper, because if we're paying more money than we can get it on OGS state contract, I don't think we should be doing that. And I still want to know, why are we, alright. Most of these are executing a contract to exceed \$50K. That part I understand. But

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Legislator Litts, if I could, the reason their rates over 50,000 is because we don't have an exact not to exceed yet, because we don't know exactly which roads, which processes will be done on. So we come to you in two different ways. If we know that we're going to spend more than 50, but it's just a rates contract, set out by the bid, we will come to you. If we know the exact - almost the exact numbers and roadways, then we would come to you with a not to exceed contract. We're not doing that in this case.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

And to add on to that how these are funded are typically through Chips Pave New York and EWR with the exception of the capital project we have for various roads, which will also be brought to you when we have the list of roads ready for you.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay, so once they're designated, they'll come back for a vote from the legislature.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

No not necessarily, but we cannot we cannot exceed the funding that you have provided to us.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

Right.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, I understand. But it says this is an amendment for the rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000. So are we voting to exceed the \$50,000? Or are we holding it to 50. And you have to come back when it goes over 50. This resolution says we're authorizing you to go to beyond \$50,000.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

But we also have, we have a budget that you have funded for these various projects. So these contracts all go, we have 40, we have 1, 2,3,4,5,6, 7 projects, that, as Don said, have about four pools of money that we have to get them funded from. We cannot exceed those four pools of money with these contracts in totality. If we need to exceed that amount of funding, we have to come back to you.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

So and to elaborate on that a little bit. The budget you passed was funded based off of CHIPS and PAVE New York, as of last year. We'll be coming to you when we get our official letter for you to increase that amount based off of any increase in that and the EWR funds, and will also be coming to I believe next month, as long as everything pans out for the various roads capital, which will be the other side of this for the funding. So while the contracts themselves don't have a not to exceed, we are capped by those dollars that you approve.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay. But the EWR and the CHIPS funds are going up quite a bit, hundreds of millions of dollars.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

Correct. And so we'll ask for, I'm sorry

**Legislator Litts**

I said we should all be happy.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

Absolutely.

**Chair Petit**

I think I had asked the same question you did about what roads? The geostabilization that's for Route 28. That's one of the slated locations.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Yeah, currently, we've identified that one's one spot on 28A. We use this outfit quite a bit for our unique topography that we have. And I believe I have another sight preliminary identified in your town. So we've come in to see you.

**Legislator Nolan**

Resolution No. 45 is an extension it appears to me of term, but all the others are new bids.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

That's correct.

**Chair Petit**

So are you okay Legislator Litts to move forward or

**Legislator Litts**

Call the question. Call the block.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Call the block. Okay. So on. block No. 44. through 51.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Thank you. I gotta move my screen down.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution No. 52. Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$10,000 causing the aggregate contract plus amendment amount to be in excess of 50,000 entered into by the county Alleymor Inc., and Petmasters. Motion to discuss?

**Legislator Litts**

I'll make them motion to discuss.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Did I say alleycat instead of Alleymor? Second.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

I see this as an unintended consequence for the Living Wage Act.

**Chair Petit**

Yeah.

**Legislator Litts**

When we passed that act, we said there's actually no cost to the county. It's \$15 an hour, and there's no cost to the county. And unfortunately, this is going to be a \$10,000 increase cost to the county, because this money is (inaudible) paid \$15 an hour. And unfortunately, when we pass that there were other unintended consequences. We have youth programs that are back funded by the federal government. Federal government's not giving any more money. So what's going to happen is we're going to employ less youth this year, by a third or maybe a half. So the whole program is to develop work ethic in our youth. But what's going to happen is we're going to develop a lot less because of an unintended consequence.

**Chair Petit**

And to follow up on that Legislator Maloney and I had submitted another cost of living increase, and I spoke to comptroller Gallagher today, because we have several resolutions coming before us in Health, Human Services and Housing, because of the increases, and they're almost doubling the contract. So we're gonna have to revisit that. I'm still a firm believer that even at 15 an hour, it's not enough to live and certainly not thrive in Ulster County. But and I mean, that says a lot also for what some of our contractors are paying their employees. You know, maybe we should take a look at hiring more county employees and paying a better salary and giving them you know, state retirement and health benefits and all that good stuff. So, but yeah, point well taken Legislator Litts. So with that, if a Legislator Stewart,

**Legislator Stewart**

And I just had a quick question. So this is strictly related to hourly wage as a - or living wage issues as opposed to an increase in animal carcasses. I thought maybe this was because of that illness that affected deer and there was like such a massive deer die off. Yeah, that has nothing to do with it.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

If I may. This is a rate contract that's based off of per diem for animal carcass. So the original contract was for \$21,000. We've amended it three times since then, and 2019 to add additional funds simply because of the amount of carcasses we've had to remove which in to Legislator Stewart's part has been in part due to the deer problem we're having. This \$10,000 is just an increase per that per animal increase.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

If I could clarify, and it may help on this amendment, but it'll help on a lot of other amendments you see, going forward, the living wage law requires us to anytime we amend a contract or have a new contract, to have the living wage language inserted, just because that language is added in here doesn't mean the



increase of the contract has to do with the living wage. So here, you see it. But again, it has nothing to do with living wage because it doesn't affect this contract. Because the contractors are already paid over the \$15 an hour. Any of the social services contracts that you'll see this month, have that language in it. But again, it may or may not affect the overall rates, depending on what they were paying their (inaudible).

**Legislator Stewart**

Just to clarify the increases because of the increased number of dead deer.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

Right.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

It's partially, it's extending the contract, correct Don?

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

That's correct.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

We're adding another year. So we have to add more money. And we've also exceeded the amount. As I was, so Legislator Stewart as I was saying, on the other contracts, we often come to you with not to exceed contracts. Once we come close to exceeding that amount, we have to amend the contracts to increase the money. So sometimes it'll be adding a full year term, just extending a contract term and adding a year's worth of money onto it, which is what we're doing here.

**Legislator Stewart**

Great. Thank you for that. And thanks everyone for their clarifications to my questions. This is kind of intimidating, just you know, as my first meeting so thank you all for helping me out.

**Chair Petit**

If there's no other questions, I will call the vote. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

All in favor? None opposed? Any opposed? All right, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Next, we have Resolution No. 52. Nope, we already did that one.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution No. 53. Establishing Capital Project No. 616. Axon body camera purchase amending the 2022-2027 capital improvement program. Did you get that Nettie, Legislator Nolan moved and Legislator Litts second. Do we have any discussion on this because there's quite a bit of discussion last night at the chair committee meeting. Deputy Executive Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

I'll just say that the sheriff did show up at the committee chair meeting last night and is bringing an Axon representative to the Law Enforcement Committee on Thursday to go through all the details on this project. And this was also part of the 2022 approved Capital Program.

**Chair Petit**

And the comment was that we had purchased the previous body cams only about three years ago, but they were analog. And of course, those were antiquated and outdated before I guess we even got them on our officers. So these are digital, they will go into the cloud. They are nearly immediately accessible, you know, in the event that they need the backup documentation. And I also believe they said the older units will be passed along to the CO's until they're ready to replace those. A Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I'm just curious. Like, this seems like an unusual thing to be coming before us. I was just curious why that's the case.

**Chair Petit**

Again, and I okay. Deputy Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

It's a capital project. So anytime we bring - anytime we're bonding funds for a purchase or a project, um, it has to come before this committee.

**Legislator Stewart**

Thanks.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so with that we'll call the vote. There's no further questions. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? All right, so moved.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution No. 55. Amending Capital Project No. 482. County Wide Radio System, Department of Communications, but to move it for discussion.

**Chair Petit**

Move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan motioned, second by Legislator Litts and Fabiano. Any discussion on this one? Again, it was brought up at the chair committee meeting last night that this replacement is an ongoing project. But I think it's gone over the 20 million that we had allocated. Has there been any information on that? Or was the other funding was allocated for other, you know, projects within this communication? Deputy Executive Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

So I think, so this is all state funded. This is 100% funded through state revenues. Much of this project will be as well. This has been ongoing for years. Dennis, I don't know if you can, Dennis, you've been quite a bit more involved than I have if you wanted to take some questions on this. But I also with the chair of Law Enforcement. Legislator Uchitelle has requested is just basically a timeline of where we started, where we are today and what next steps are for the entire county wide interoperable radio system. So I've been bugging my department head, Evert Erickson and we plan on producing that as well. But Dennis I'll defer to you since you've been part of this project as well.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

No, I think it's safe to say that it's been around for a while and it is fully state funded and in addition to this, we're also doing a lot of work to move our analog system of communication into a simulcast system and erecting additional towers and this legislature did approve the construction of an additional radio tower in Saugerties. And we're currently analyzing an RFP to reconstruct a tower we have on Tonshi mountain and we have another three or four more towers that we have to sight.

**Chair Petit**

Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

At one point in the capital program, this was a 40 million or 39 to \$40 million project. So, I mean, yes, we're coming up on 22 million, but some of the work that has been identified is going to be about 18 to \$20 million in savings from what was at one point anticipated as a \$39 million project.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, and what about the - is there an end in sight? Because I, I think when I was a legislator back in 2008, we had been discussing the replacement of emergency communications. And I'm also on the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, and they'll hold up their radios like Laura, do you hear this and it's all garbled, and staticky. And when they're up in Denning, they have to use certain cell phones, because the radios don't cover it all. So is there an end in sight?

**Legislator Fabiano**

Oh, boy, when they open up, they're going to be beautiful.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

So as you can, with respect to the tower facilities, as you can understand they are a bit of an unwanted land use in many instances. So we run through a lot of local opposition. And we have to be careful where we cite him because the towers have to talk to each other. So we have identified locations and in Shandaken, and we have identified locations in Rosendale. We're currently doing some preliminary past studies, then we'll do an alternatives analysis, etc. But we're in the process of hiring one consultant, and then we'll go out to bid for the rest of an RFP for the rest of the rest of those towers. So is there an end in sight, I would say within a two-year timeframe, we should be well along in terms of having the communication systems equipped. And then those communication systems get put into something called a new government operation center. So it all becomes operable at the same time.

**Chair Petit**

Are there any other questions? Because so with that, I'll call the question on Resolution No. 55. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Legislator Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, so moved. Two more to go.

**Legislator Petit**

Resolution No. 57. Establishing Capital Project No. 621. Voting System replacement. Motion for discussion.

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano. Any discussion on this? It was a I think we had asked again at the chair committee meeting if they're or IS or the Board of Election IT had weighed in. And we were told that this is a pretty standard model for voting machines. It's used throughout the state. Deputy Executive Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yeah, I have an answer on that. So as the state is in charge, the state board of elections is in charge of certifying all voting machines. And what happened so in 2006, seven and eight, when they switched from lever voting machines to the ballot devices, they basically told the counties that you could select from two or three machines. And that's what happened. The same process is ongoing now. So the price that the commissioners gave us is based on their known system produced by Dominion. So they suspect that it'll come in they and they also suspect that that'll be an approved voting machine. So we'll have to see what the state ultimately selects. And then we get to pick from those.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I assume? Well, at least I hope that these voting systems will have a paper ballot backup, so that there's a paper trail that can be checked. Is that correct?

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

To the best of my knowledge that those were the only ones that were certified in all of New York State. When I worked for elections, it was the same machine that had the Dominion voting machine that's being used today. So I don't think I get the sense in conversations with either Commissioner that that's going to deviate. But I would encourage you guys to follow up with either Commissioner Quigley or Dittus.

**Legislator Stewart**

Because if there's not a paper ballot that you can check, it's a real problem in my book.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Yeah.

**Legislator Nolan**

That's been a key criterion for at least one of the commissioners for the past decade or more. So I think we would be hearing about it if any of the alternatives did not offer a paper trail. But we should follow up. It's a great question.

**Legislator Stewart**

Excellent.

**Legislator Litts**

Will they be preset for outcome?

**Legislator Nolan**

We've also had that for decades. The outcome will be

**Chair Petit**

Been on to long everybody's getting a sense of humor.

**Legislator Nolan**

The outcome will be the person who has the highest number of votes.

**Legislator Litts**

Not if they're preset.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so with that I'll call the question All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Very good. And Legislator Stewart, I'll check on that tomorrow and I'll shoot an email out or I'll get it to our clerk.

**Legislator Stewart**

Excellent thank you so much.

**Chair Petit**

Final resolution No. 59. Authorizing the Ulster County Executive to execute an agreement with New York State Department of Transportation to fund the Ulster County Transportation Council with the Ulster County Planning Department as host agency. Motion to discuss.

**Legislator Litts**

I will move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Nolan**

Delighted to second.

**Chair Petit**

Okay Legislator Nolan, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

I did have questions. It's significant. Is this pass-through money is well? It's a \$7 million contract.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Actually, no, it's not pass through money. The Federal government creates something called an MPO which means Metropolitan Planning Organization. The governor authorizes those to be established in areas where there is a metropolitan area greater than 50,000. There is one and Ulster County it's basically the City in Kingston and Environs. We also serve the we also serve the entire county area as well as responsible for planning in something called a TMA, which the Transportation Management Area which includes the counties of Orange and Dutchess. And by putting it in as a host agency, the county is pledging a match for this. We have a 5% match of the total amount of money in the state match is 15%. So if you look at the federal dollars, they're slightly less. But there are two planners in my office that essentially do nothing but transportation planning. And the agency essentially has its own set of bylaws, its own set of its own set of responsibilities. So you are literally acting as a quote "host agency" with respect to that, and the county does provide the necessary match. And that match is not \$1 amount, it's literally the wages that are paid to the current planners that are working there. So literally you get about almost somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$707 million for a match of about \$400,000. Over the course of 10 years. This is a 10year program. We programmed somewhere in the neighborhood of about 700,000 about \$600,000 a year in federal money to do unnecessary studies around the county and to do community work associated with transportation issues.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Examples I would give you as the recent study that we did in terms of road safety resulted in a traffic signal being able to be responded to relatively rapidly for a horrendous intersection in Gardiner at the corner, Brunswick Road and 44-55. The council's done studies that we pride ourselves on the fact we're doing studies that result from plans to projects.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

So the new modern roundabout in Kingston was one of our studies that we did in 2009. We are currently involved in working with the town of Ulster to improve the Boices Lane railroad crossing that was a study. If you've noticed the disappearance of traffic lights in uptown Kingston, that was a study that the council

did to convince the city to remove traffic lights. And I can go on and on with respect to the studies that we've done. We're also responsible for programming federal money that includes all the FTA funding, as well as, as well as FHWA money for highways. So if some of your bridges are - if you see a tip number of Transportation Improvement Program on your bridges, those monies were programmed by that by the council. We program somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$78 million over a five-year period through the Transportation Council. And that's on the Federal Highway side. It's somewhere in the neighborhood of about 20 to \$25 million on an annual basis with respect to transit funding that comes through the county. So as an active organization, we have a great responsibility and I think outreach program with respect to local elected officials. And we operate on consensus so that we're not taking majority votes. The council members essentially have to agree on consensus in order to move projects forward. And the council has permanent members and it also has rotating members. The permanent members are literally the urbanized areas within the county. And the rotating members are essentially those folks that are more urban within the county itself. Legislator Litts is one of the members that regularly attends. In addition, we have nearly all of the chief elected officials in the various towns and villages attend as well.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Legislator Litts, your hand is up.

**Legislator Litts**

First of all, I have to unmute. Um, the work that the Ulster County Transportation Council does is phenomenal. Great group. I can't give Dennis more accolades. Um, just one quick question. Dennis is this new or we've gotten this funding before through the DOT.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

We have - this is a new host agreement, the one runs out in March, at the end of March. There is a little bit more money but not a lot. There's about 60,000 or \$70,000, more on an annual basis that gets programmed with respect to the Infrastructure and Jobs Act. So the funding stream itself is not new, the amount of dollars is up, and which is why it's here a little late in terms of where we want it to be, because the state kept amending the amount of money that we're going to get in putting it in the host agreement. So the short answer is, is that no, the funding stream hasn't changed. The amount of dollars have gone up.

**Legislator Litts**

Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, I don't see any hands up for further discussion up. Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I'm sorry. I have another question. So, with the Green Fleet funding come under this or is that under some other program? I'm sorry?



**Director Dennis Doyle**

Um, no, the short answer is, is that vehicles that are used for general purposes would not, however, the funding that is used for transit vehicles does. So we program a lot of money. I shouldn't say a lot of money. We program money for a bus replacement program.

**Legislator Stewart**

So this - so buses would. This affects buses.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Yes, buses would.

**Legislator Nolan**

Dennis, it is a lot of money.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Well, it is. But I mean, I'll give you an example that in terms of the amount of dollars that we're dealing with. The Cares Act money when it was originally when it was originally passed, the region which is Orange, Dutchess and Ulster, in terms of the amount of transit funding that was provided was in the neighborhood of about \$86 million. So it takes three counties, three county pre-transportation councils all coming together to agree how that money can be used.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so with that, I will call the vote on Resolution No. 59. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, so moved. I mean, I had hoped to have some discussion on new business and old, but I'm not. We've gone way over and I'm sure legislator Cahill would love to get started on his Economic Development Committee meeting.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll make a motion for adjournment.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, do I hear a second?

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

I hear three seconds. Okay. All right. Thank you, everyone.

**Legislator Litts**

Off to the next meeting.

**Legislator Stewart**

Thank you all so much. Have a good night.