

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

**DATE & TIME:** March 1, 2022 – 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 815 9106 9728  
By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Laura Petit  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Stewart  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator’s Phil Erner, Manna Jo Greene & Joe Maloney, Comptroller March Gallagher, Comm. Brendan Masterson, Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell, Deputy Comm. Capital Projects Robert Parete – Department of Public Works, Director Dennis Doyle - Planning, Deputy County Executive’s Marc Rider & Chris Kelly, Director Nathan Litwin & Asst. to Dir. Molly Scott – Recovery & Resilience, Acting Director Loren Johnson – UCAT, VP Administrative Services Jamie Capiano – SUNY Ulster, President Ernest Hunt – Catskill Mountain Railroad, Peter Karis – Open Space Institute Land Trust, Deacon Bill Mennenga - Redeemer Lutheran Church New Paltz, Steve Rice, John Grossbohlin, Kevin Smith, Meg Carey, Lee Kalish, Lou Klepner

Chair Petit called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance

Presentation – Ernie Hunt, Catskill Mountain Railroad (See attached transcript)

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

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Minutes APPROVED

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Resolutions for the March 16, 2022 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 96:** Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Amending Capital Project Nos. 597, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, And 604 Ulster County Recovery And Resiliency Projects – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the Capital Improvement Program to reallocate ARPA funding to Capital Project No. 604 for Water Infrastructure in the amount of \$22,424,000.00.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved Resolution No. 96 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No 3:** **Moved to Take No Action Resolution No. 96**

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano

**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:** **No Action Taken**

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**Resolution No. 97:** Funding Capital Project No. 602 – ARP Infrastructure And Trails – Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. As Sub-recipient - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution funds Capital Project No. 602 in the amount of \$2,100,000.00 for expansion of Ulster County’s trail networks to serve Ellenville, provide access to scenic views along the Rondout Creek, further complete a 29-mile rail trail from the City of Kingston to the Village of Ellenville, and to provide a direct feeder trail to the statewide Empire State Trail in the Village of New Paltz.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved Resolution No. 97 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 97**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Abstention:** (1) Litts

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

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**Resolution No. 98:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approve the execution of a contract with Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. from March 15, 2022 through June 30, 2024 for subaward of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funding for the purpose of improving or developing three sections of public outdoor, rail trail corridors for the mental health and outdoor recreation benefit of trail users and the economic benefit of Ulster County and local communities in the County in the amount of \$2,100,000.00.

**Motion No. 6:** **Moved Resolution No. 98 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 7:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 98**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Nolan, Petit, Stewart  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Abstention:** (1) Litts  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 99:** Amending Capital Project No. 597 ARP Housing - For The Purchase & Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street Group Home, City Of Kingston – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 597 for the purchase of 21 Elizabeth Street for improvement and continuance of operation as a facility to provide supportive housing as an “Unlisted Action” in the amount of \$700,000.00.

**Resolution No. 101:** Amending Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 21 Elizabeth Street In The City Of Kingston, County Of Ulster, In Order To Renovate A Group Home Facility, And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute, On Behalf Of Ulster County, Any And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the acquisition of 21 Elizabeth Street for the purpose of improving and continuing its operation as a facility to provide supportive housing as an “Unlisted Action”, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, and such other documents as may be necessary to establish the terms and conditions pursuant to which the County of Ulster shall purchase and take title to the property.

**Motion No. 8:** **Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 99 and 101 As Amended**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**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. 99 and 101 As Amended**  
**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 AS AMENDED**

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**Resolution No. 103:** Confirming Appointments And Reappointments To The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution confirms the appointments and reappointments (Sass, McCarthy, Peone & Catalano) to the UC Electrical Licensing Board.

**Motion No. 10:** **Moved Resolution No. 103 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**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. 105:** Amending Confirming Appointment Of Loren Johnson As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution appoints Loren Johnson as Director of the Department of Transportation (UCAT) amending employment date from March 1, 2022 to March 21, 2022.

**Motion No. 11:** **Moved Resolution No. 105 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 AS AMENDED**

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**Resolution No. 110:** Amending Capital Project No. 577 McKinstry Bridge, Town Of Gardiner – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends Capital Project No. 577 for the McKinstry Bridge, Town of Gardiner to increase funding available for construction and inspection services in the amount of \$206.8K for a total project cost of \$3,210,720.00. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

**Resolution No. 112:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,641,285.00 Entered Into By The County – A. Colarusso And Son, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves a contract with A. Colarusso and Son, Inc. for the replacement of the McKinstry Bridge. \$2,641,285.00 100% County, Contract Date 3/1/22 – 12/31/22

**Motion No. 12:** **Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 110 and 112**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**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. 13:** **Moved to Adopt Blocked Resolution Nos. 110 and 112**  
**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. 113:** Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 390 Sundown Bridge, Town Of Denning – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program – amending Capital Project No. 390 for the Sundown Bridge in the Town of Denning and amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget originally planned for in-house construction. Total project cost \$3,261,600.00 A Bond Resolution will be required.

**Resolution No. 115:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$250,800.00 Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 for \$250.8K with Barton & Loguidice to expand the scope of services for design services for the replacement of the Sundown Bridge to include preparation of an Asbestos Survey Report, analysis and assessment of detour structure placement, design of a southwest wingwall repair and construction administration and construction inspection services. 100% County, Amended Term 4/1/22 – 4/30/23.

**Resolution No. 116:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,646,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVB Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$2,646,000.00 with HVB Construction, Inc. for construction services for the replacement of the Sundown Bridge. 100% County Contract Date 4/1/22 – 12/31/22.

**Resolution No. 117:** Authorizing Right-Of-Way Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For The Purpose Of Replacing The Sundown Bridge, Town Of Denning – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the county to complete negotiations with property owners for the acquisition of property and to purchase and acquire the property on behalf of the County of Ulster for the purpose of replacing the Sundown Bridge in the Town of Denning. Should any negotiation prove unsuccessful, eminent domain proceedings for the purpose of acquiring this property will be required.

<b>Motion No. 14:</b>	<b>Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 113, 115, 116 &amp; 117</b>
<b>Motion By:</b>	Legislator Nolan
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Fabiano
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, Petit, Stewart
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0

<b>Motion No. 15:</b>	<b>Moved BLOCKED Resolutions FOR Discussion</b>
<b>Motion By:</b>	Legislator
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	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:** **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 118:** Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 595 Courthouse Fascia, Exterior Repairs & Roof Replacement – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program – amending Capital Project No. 595 for the Courthouse fascia, exterior repairs and roof replacement – amending the 2022 Capital Fund Budget. \$65K. A Bond Resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 16:** **Moved Resolution No. 118 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. 120:** Establishing Capital Project No. 622 – 2022 Pavement Preservation Of Various Roads — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 622 – 2022 for pavement preservation of various roads. \$650K A Bond Resolution will be required.

**Motion No. 16:** **Moved Resolution No. 120 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**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. 122:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.000 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K with Gorman Bros., Inc. extending the term of the agreement for paver placed surface treatment. 100% State, Amended Term 4/1/22 - 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 123:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.000 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed \$50K with Gorman Bros. Inc. for cold-in-place asphalt recycling. 100% State. Term 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 124:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.000 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 with Gorman Bros., Inc. extending the term of the agreement for application of a fiber-reinforced bituminous-membrane surface treatment. 100% County. Amended Term 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Resolution No. 125:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.000 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #2 with Gorman Bros., Inc. extending the term of agreement for fiber-reinforced micro-surfacing. 100% County. Amended Term 3/31/22 – 3/31/23.

**Motion No. 17:** Moved TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 122, 123, 124 & 125  
**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

**Motion No. 18:** Moved BLOCKED Resolutions FOR Discussion  
**Motion By:** Legislator Litts  
**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:** Resolutions ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 126:** Establishing Capital Project No. 623 – 2022 Bridge Flag Response — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)



**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 623 – 2022 for Bridge Flag Response. \$110.3K. A Bond Resolution will be required. There are (39) yellow, (2) red, and (2) safety flags based on the 158 bridges that undergo biannual inspections by NYSDOT.

**Motion No. 19:** **Moved Resolution No. 126 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. 128:** Authorizing An Amendment To A Grant With The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) For The Maltby Hollow Bridge Replacement Project In The Town Of Olive And Authorizing The Execution Of Any Associated Grant Funding Agreements With CWC – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes a grant amendment with the Catskill Watershed Corporation for the Maltby Hollow Bridge replacement project in the Town of Olive - available through the watershed's Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program (FHMIP). Amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 conditioned upon UC providing matching capital funding of \$1,441,507.98.

**Motion No. 21:** **Moved Resolution No. 128 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 22:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 128**

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Abstention:** (1) Litts

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

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**Resolution No. 129:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,280.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Eastern Heating & Cooling, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment #1 with Eastern Heating & Cooling, Inc. expanding the scope of services for preventative maintenance inspections and repair of the Automated Logic Web Control Equipment to include the removal of Delta Controls at UCAT including the extension of the existing facility-wide Automated Logic system. \$22.3K 100% County, Amended term 4/1/22 – 12/31/22.

**Motion No. 23:** **Moved Resolution No. 129 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 24:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 129**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan  
**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. 130:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$437,000.00 Entered Into By The County – T. McElligott, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with T. McElligott, Inc. for construction services in connection with the upgrade of the heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system upgrade at the Trudy Resnick Farber Building. \$437K, 100% County, Contract dates 4/1/22 – 3/31/23.

**Motion No. 21:** **Moved Resolution No. 130 FOR Discussion**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Nolan

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 22:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 130**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Stewart  
**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:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 131:** Establishing Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster – Children’s Center Renovations, And Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster for renovations to the Children’s Center and amending the 2022-2027 Capital Fund Budget. A Bond Resolution will be required. Architectural Services \$40K – 50% reimbursable from the NYS Dormitory Authority.

**Motion No. 21:** **Moved Resolution No. 131 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 22:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 131**

**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan

**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. 133:** Authorizing The Execution Of A Lease Agreement With The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. For Space At The Enterprise West Facility Located In The Town Of Ulster– Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes a lease agreement with the UCEDA, Inc. for space at the Enterprise West Facility located in the Town of Ulster. \$1.00 budgeted 2022 appropriations.

**Motion No. 21:** **Moved Resolution No. 133 FOR Discussion**

**Motion By:** Legislator Nolan

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** See attached transcript.

**Motion No. 22:** **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 133**

**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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**New /Old Business:** See attached transcript

**Adjournment**

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

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

**TIME:** 6:46 PM

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

**Approved:** April 5, 2022

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**Chair Petit**

Call the meeting of Public Works to order. Legislator Litts would you like to lead us in the pledge to the flag.

**Legislator Litts**

Sure. 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.

**Legislator Litts**

Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. With that, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1st meeting.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano. Do here second, Legislator Nolan thank you. Oh, you're muted.

**Legislator Nolan**

Sorry. I'm happy to second but maybe we should do roll call for attendance.

**Chair Petit**

Oh, I didn't have that on there. But. Okay, so we'll back up. We can we keep those two in queue though. Okay, all right. If you wouldn't mind clerk.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Okay ready?

**Chair Petit**

Thank you.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Alright, I'll do it. 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**

Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

Here.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Okay, five present zero absent.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Thank you. With that we have a motion and a second. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Opposed. Okay, so moved.

**Chair Petit**

We have a guest here tonight with us, Catskill Mountain Railroad. It is Ernie Hunt. As you know, the transportation policies have been moved out of the Economic Development Committee and moved into Public Works. We will be spending quite a bit of time looking at our rail and our trail and our public transportation system so that we can start connectivity and you know, get more public access and less cars on the road with any hopes but certainly, as we build our system up. So this will be the first several presentations. With that I would like to have Mr. Hunt introduce himself and we look forward to your presentation.

**Ernest Hunt**

Thank you, Legislator Petit. And thank you again for inviting me to attend the meeting and to share with you our presentation, which we shared with the legislative Track Committee last December about our proposed extension to reach Basin road in West Hurley. Currently the Catskill Mountain Railroad terminates in Stony Hollow. You know, as you know, we run a tourist operation between Kingston, Kingston Plaza and Stony Hollow New York right now. So Nettie, can you put up the presentation?

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Sure will.

**Ernest Hunt**

Terrific. And this is a slightly different version of the presentation. It's designed for zoom. So it's a little easier to see. The detailed version has been sent to you by Nettie separately. And this is the front page which shows a terminal that we're proposing for the railroad up at Basin road that is the basic focus of this presentation. But I know we're short of time, so I'm going to get into the presentation right now.

**Ernest Hunt**

The executive summary is that the CMRR is requesting permission to renovate and operate an existing 1.7mile length of railroad track from the end of his current permit in Stony Hollow to connect to the art at

Basin road. The track is in place and needs renovation to get up there. Extensional art will add station stops at Stony Hollow, Beesmer road and a connection to the art at base and rim. CMR estimates the combined attraction will increase the economic impact of CMRR and the art by over 50% and bring thousands of out of county visitors to the art and the towns of Ulster Kingston, Hurley and Woodstock as well as easily bring art patrons to Uptown Kingston. An expanded tourist's hub can be built at Bason road to add indoor bathrooms, parking and an event facility for both the art and the CMRR. The CMR estimates that replacement of cars with trains reduce GHD emissions by up to 81% from Kingston, West Hurley and reduced traffic on Route 28. The details of that in the more detail report. Towns of Hurley, Kingston and Ulster have all passed resolutions in favor the plan This is a this is a diagram that shows you the extension and where it goes from Stony Hollow up to West Hurley. Next page please.

### **Ernest Hunt**

The economic impact of this connection, we believe will recreate a highly marketable regional visitor draw for Ulster County tourism. It will bring CMRR customer base, which is 80% from outside Ulster County, to the art and the towns of Ulster, Kingston, Hurley and Woodstock, as well as directly connect arts customer based uptown Kingston. Our ridership was 23,000 in 2021, 13,000 in 2020. Those are down a little bit from COVID, 41,000 in 2019. CMR currently has an estimated economic impact of 5.6 million Ulster County businesses, of which 3.6 million is from out of county visitors and 2 million from expenditures of the CMR itself. Again, the details are in the detailed report. We estimate the art has an estimated economic impact of 5 million on Ulster County businesses from out of county visitors. We believe through our estimate, which is the detail package, that this will increase economic impact to 8 million per year and the art to increase its economic impact as least to at least 8 million for total 16 million or combined impact for both - an increase of over 50%. The next page.

### **Ernest Hunt**

CMR is existing terminal in Kingston is in Kingston Plaza near Westbrook Lane. Kingston Plaza is a longtime partner with the CMRR and is committed to using the CMRR at Kingston Plaza permanently. The plans with Kingston Plaza are to eventually construct a larger station closer to Fair street so our patrons can walk directly to Uptown Kingston without using their cars. Instituting shuttle service between Kingston Plaza and Basin road during peak visitor times. Essentially Memorial Day to October will allow visitors to combine the train, art and uptown Kingston into a single visit. The connection will allow uptown Kingston businesses to tap in the economic impact of the art by attracting visitors who might otherwise skipping Kingston altogether and drive straight to the art in West Hurley. CMRR can also offer free rides to the art for disadvantaged Kingston residents or those who cannot afford to buy a bicycle. Next page.

### **Nettie Tomshaw**

Please wait - I'm sorry. Hang on one sec - go ahead.

### **Ernest Hunt**

I think the next one is the town economic impact which is if you go back up a couple pages.

### **Nettie Tomshaw**

Hang on technical difficulty.



**Ernest Hunt**

If you use the page down sometimes that works.

**Ernest Hunt**

There we go.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Okay.

**Ernest Hunt**

Terrific. Thank you. The town economic impact for Ulster, Kingston, Hurly and Woodstock will add stops in those three areas to the CMR's existing train service which ends with no terminal in the woods just east of 28 and Stony Hollow. This will allow the visitors of Catskill Mountain Railroad brings to be able to get off the train and disembark in these three areas. Basin road which is you know, near Zena Road and 28 across from the Stewart's. Beesmer road which is about halfway to Stony Hollow. And then Stony Hollow we were planning to put a small historic district there and station stop as well. It's right adjacent to the Stoney Hollow commercial district. Next page.

**Ernest Hunt**

The connection the art is again, what is the key element of this plan and bringing thousands of visitors to the art from Kingston to the art through the towns of Kingston, Ulster, Hurley and Woodstock. Art users can leave their cars in Kingston, stop for lunch and dinner after their trip to the art allowing uptown Kingston a direct link to the economic impact of art visitors. The railroad can run shuttle service from Kingston Plaza the art on peak weekends when parking is constrained at the West Hurley Trailhead. Bicyclists can load their bikes in Kingston Plaza for a trip to the Art and back, avoiding the five-mile 2% rate. Rail shuttle service from Kingston to the new terminal will ease congestion on route 28, reduced parking needs to the art trailhead in West Hurley. Again, it can be offered free to disadvantage Kingston residents and those who cannot afford bicycles. It also will increase our non-polar ridership by giving passengers a destination connection to the art. next page. This is an example of a potential shuttle service arrangement which is done on another railroad. Next page.

**Ernest Hunt**

This is a diagram of the phase one. Phase one would involve building a small station up at Basin road to implement the connection quickly. next page. That can be done as soon as the railroad renovates the track up to Basin road. And we can build this on our own. We can allow rail passengers and bicyclists to disembark and implement shuttle service again as soon as the track renovations are complete. Next page. And this is the type of station we would build up there as a temporary station. Next page.

**Ernest Hunt**

This is a diagram of what a larger facility would look like. We've had extensive discussions with the property owner at Basin road who was very much in favor of this plan. And the property owner is the owner of the property just to the south of this Kingstown office park. next page. And again, this site would not be dependent upon the NYCDEP. It could be used as an alternate Trailhead when the DEP renovates the Woodstock dyke. It will create parking off of Basin road and you will not enter this from route 28 -

could incorporate a UCAT stop and also can be used as a hub for the Onteora Lake Trail network, and potentially a future trail to Woodstock along Zena road. Next page, please.

### **Ernest Hunt**

The facility which would be built here, in conjunction with the property owner would have the following uses, information for the art Ulster County tourism, public indoor bathrooms, which is very important in order to get on the attraction signs for the thruway. That's the key element that they need in order to do that. Commercial retail space, covered events area for both the art and the CMRR, a Ticket Office for the art and north pole for the Polar Express. We can also put in bicycle racks and electric car charging stations. And, again, the commercial event space could be quite useful for both the art and the CMRR. The Next page please.

### **Ernest Hunt**

This is a little quick diagram, it would potentially look like there are many different potential views. But again, something historic is what we're looking like. This is similar to the old station that was in Kingston adjacent to the Fair street extension. And next page, please. And that's another diagram of the station. Next page please. Again, Beesmer road is an area that we think could be a great stop for a potential railroad museum and a maintenance facility for the railroad. But it would require a right away from adjacent property owners. next page.

### **Ernest Hunt**

Stony Hollow which the land is owned by the county we could also build a historic district to enhance Stony Hollow as an attraction as well as a station stop. The next page. And again there's a there's a historic Madden house which is about to fall down but could be this the center of a historic district that could enhance this area and also give us connections to Stony Hollow through the trail network at Onteora Lake if we can cross route 28. Next page.

### **Ernest Hunt**

A sustainability, we've done quite a few estimates of how much GHG emissions would be reduced by using the train instead of cars. And with the 91,000 visitors to the West Hurley trailhead, we believe that 176 tons of CO2 every year could be saved just from using the train instead for cars. And that could be again up to 81%. Next page please.

### **Ernest Hunt**

And other areas that Catskill Mountain Railroad has been moving towards sustainability. We're putting solar chargers at our crossing, which you can see. And also, we've looked into, there is a clean diesel program that New York State has, that we can use to upgrade or trade in our locomotives for newer ones that burn much cleaner. So there's a lot of ways that we can move forward through grants from the state which are available to companies like ourselves in the railroad industry. And next page, please.

### **Ernest Hunt**

Just a little summary, we've been we put a half million dollars into the tracks renovating it since 2016. And New York State is also investing over a million dollars into two grade crossings at 209 and Washington Avenue. We also have additional funding available that's potentially available to renovate

the tracks. And also the railroad has paid its rent every year. It's paid \$270,000 in rents. Our new contract was signed in 2016. And we paid the full 50,000 in 2020 and 2021 despite COVID. Next page. Some pictures of our reconstructive work on the railroad. Next page, please. Another picture of work on the railroad. Next page. Rail with Trail - we believe that rail with trail is definitely feasible through here. And we believe that the county should look at starting an engineering study to determine how we can do rails with trails through this area. There are issues and especially at the Stony Hollow fill, which we have some discussion over the next page, but we believe it can be done. And again the Stone Consulting Report identifies the Stony Hollow fill as being a problem. We believe there's ways through boardwalk or other means to create a parallel trail so this can be done. Next page please. This is a picture of the boardwalk that was done for the art which is something we could look at, in adjacent to the Stony Hollow fill-up. Next page.

**Ernest Hunt**

Our conclusion is that we ask our landlord lengthen our operating permit an additional 1.7 miles. The extension requires no funds from the county and only its permission in cooperation. We believe the connection to the art would create a regional tourist attraction with a larger economic impact. The attraction can be by itself and allows the CMRR thousands of out of county visitors to visit the art and the towns of Ulster Hurley, Kingston and Woodstock.

**Ernest Hunt**

We want to make sure that this connection does not extinguish the trail communities dream that connect the art to the Empire State Trail by rail. A rail with trail engineering study should be commenced by the county. However, there's no downside to anyone to let the CMRR immediately start work to start renovating the tracks. We'd like to start doing that as quickly as possible. And that concludes the presentation. Thank you very much.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Mr. Hunt. Does anybody have questions on the Public Works Committee? Legislator Stewart.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

You're muted.

**Legislator Stewart**

My apologies for that. Mr. Hunt, I was wondering if any consideration or have been given to possibly having a stop where the tracks crossed 209. It occurred to me and also to Melinda McKnight, the supervisor in Hurley. That by having a stop there, you could conceivably link the O&W rail-trail with the Ashokan, which I think would be a pretty awesome thing.

**Ernest Hunt**

Yes, if there's a way to link them together, we could certainly put a stop in there. That's correct.

**Legislator Stewart**

So conceivably, someone could ride a bike say from the town of Rochester or from High Falls and you know, get on the train there, and then go up to the Ashokan Rail Trail.

**Ernest Hunt**

Yes, let's correct.

**Legislator Stewart**

I think that would be wonderful. Okay, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Legislator Nolan I thought you had your hands up -there you are. Okay. Sorry.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you Chair petit. Um, yeah, I have a lot of questions following this presentation. But I don't think tonight's meeting is the appropriate place for them. A lot of the questions have to do with the amount of scheduling and trips that could actually be run under some of these scenarios. So I think that these are ideas, and that the legislature does need to look at what happens in the corridor. I find it premature for there to be a request to use a section of the corridor that the legislature has not developed a policy for. So if the urging of the CMRR is that we look at developing that policy I agree. I think we should be looking at that. But there's no resolutions on this for tonight. And we've got a packed agenda. So I would suggest that we do more of this in the Trails Rail Advisory Committee, when that starts holding its meetings in this term.

**Chair Petit**

And we've also been held to that task through this committee as far as transportation goes. I would like to ask Mr. Karis from OSI to present next month, and perhaps UCAT in May. And I think at this point, if we had a subcommittee for transportation to just take a good look at everything that we have available within the county that we could all work together and make it just, you know, it's a good vision. So, okay.

**Legislator Nolan**

I would volunteer to serve on a subcommittee and I think that's a good way to bring things forward in a more developed status. Um, it'd be a better use of our time, I think.

**Chair Petit**

Yes. Okay. Well, thank you again, Mr. Hunt.

**Chair Petit**

With that, we'll move on to our first resolution. I'll entertain a motion to put Resolution No. 96 - Amending the 2022 -2027 Capital Improvement Program. For discussion. Do I have a motion?

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll move it for discussion.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Fabiano. A second?

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll second for discussion.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Nolan. So with that, Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

Yeah. So before - let me try to take these earbuds out. Before I ask for a postponement, as I did in ARPA, I would like to go over a couple of things again, dispel some things, clarify some others and. I have had contact from some supervisors, and some legislators from both sides of the aisle that are pretty into this overall idea. It's a matter of working out the kinks, which is why I put it in the way I did. It's a discussion for another day, but I don't think we're caucusing enough and getting together. I think when we meet in person, things like this will come along a little easier. I didn't mean to scare anybody, but we're not all speaking a lot. So I wasn't able to explain to some people that I had no intention on spending every last dollar. So although I have been contacted by some legislators that I think are ready to do that when it comes to sewer water infrastructure.

**Legislator Maloney**

So I'll be asking for, and I'll be making an amendment to add sewer and then I'll be attending both caucuses to see if we can find 12 legislators that or more that would put together. Get down specific to make this work. I think we have to decide how much. We need a basic criteria and description of uses, and then talk about certain towns by size and more water and sewer getting a little more than others and how to break that down. Otherwise, if you piecemeal it in, which is another way to do it, you risk really not- having more of a first come first serve certain towns getting something certain that don't. I would like to pass it along. That's basically all I have to say before I asked for a postponement, but I would and I will be adding sewer to it at the request of some legislators. I would ask Herb. I'd already given an example of Saugerties what Saugerties is going to do after talking to my supervisor what they wouldn't be able to do if we if we did something like this. It's not going to be anywhere near 22 million. It was a template and I thought it fine to start with a basic template with all the money. It's probably going to be between five and 12 depending on how we do it, but this is a body and I look forward to hearing from even more. But I would like to pass it along to Herb. I talked to Legislator Litts the other day and he gave me some great examples of some conversations happening over in Highland and Marlboro. I was kind of - I think I miss read a question from a legislator from the city of Kingston, Abe. And where I thought he was suggesting that we couldn't use the funds this way. I think he may have been looking for me to put some language in about, you know, like the trails do, it's great, you know, trails are great for COVID. No one would survive COVID without trails. So I could put some of that language in, I think that's what Abe was looking for. But when I was talking to Legislator Litts the other day, he gave some great examples of how water infrastructure, how important it is, even if for the underprivileged, and how you could tie it into COVID. And if Herb wanted to talk for a minute about that, and maybe give his examples from Lloyd and Marlboro and what it might enable them to do if we set some money aside and figure out a quick criteria, which I'll be talking about, like I said in a ...

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts didn't unmute himself. You want to turn the floor over. Okay, there we go. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Sure. Well, we had a brief conversation. I mean, we have a prime example right in front of the legislature. RUPCO is going to convert a hotel, the Quality Inn across exit 19 into homeless and low income housing. But in order to do that, they need to get the infrastructure over there. They need a water line. It's very difficult to build any kind of workforce or low income housing, outside of a water and sewer district. Once you get outside of the water and sewer district, it comes very expensive to put in package plants and water distribution systems. So I think it is kind of prudent to extend water lines and sewer lines into areas that could sustain workforce housing and homeless shelters and housing and low income. Because without that infrastructure, it's very cost prohibitive to try to build, you know, any of low income or workforce or homeless housing. And like I said, prime example is the RUPCO where we have a resolution to spend over \$2 million to get water to that property. And they'd be the first one to tell you with without the extension of the water that project would die. So I think it is prudent to extend our water lines and sewer lines into areas that you know, we could build those types of housing.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Stewart, and then we'll go to Deputy Kelly.

**Legislator Stewart**

Thank you, legislator Petit. I just wanted to basically second what Legislator Litts just said. I know that in the town of Marbletown I will soon be submitting a resolution to extend a water line that runs - that currently goes from the High Falls water district to SUNY Ulster. And the town of Marbletown would be interested in extending that water line down Leggett Road to 209 and Main Street in Stone Ridge. And aside from - one of the many benefits that would have, would be to allow construction of affordable and senior housing in the town of Marbletown. And so I'm like saying agreeing with everything that Legislator Litts just presented that has been one of the major stumbling blocks that we've encountered thus far. And so if we had municipal water in that area, the town of Marbletown would be very interested in building some affordable housing.

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Kelly.

**Deputy Executive Kelly**

Thank you Chair Petit. So I think I just want to say to Legislator Maloney, I think we're having some of the same overlapping conversations. I was in the town of Lloyd yesterday with supervisor Plavchak. And then last week I spoke to supervisor Corcoran in Marlboro about these projects. I think there's certainly an opportunity. I'm glad to hear you say that it's probably not going to be the whole 22 million, but I think there's certainly an opportunity for the county to participate in water and sewer. It is definitely one of the called for uses with ARPA funds. I also think that you know, it's not a traditional use of county resources and funds since we don't own water systems. But where it makes sense, I think is where it's consistent with county policy or priority in terms of affordable housing or, you know, building out core areas. I know the town of Rochester had some interesting ideas about building out that Accord area. I know that in Mount Marion with Legislator Fabiano him, and I passed again in the hallway today and discussed about

water needs out there. So I'm certainly interested in, you know, connecting on these projects and seeing what we can put together.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so with that clerk Tomshaw do we just not take any action on it? Is that the best way to do it or do we make a motion to postpone.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

The ARPA committee, I believe took no action.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. All right. So if that is okay, we will be taking "No Action" on this resolution. Okay, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

The next resolution, we have number 97. Funding Capital Project No. 602 - ARPA Infrastructure and Trails - Open Space Institute Land Trust as a Sub-recipient. Do I have a motion to bring this forward for discussion.

**Legislator Stewart**

So moved.

**Chair Petit**

Legislation Stewart and second.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan. Thank you. And we do have Mr. Karis here from OSI if anyone on the committee has questions. Oh, it's quiet. I do have questions. There's a significant administrative fee set aside in this, I think it's 10% of the total project. And for some clarification because you know I haven't done a lot of study on trails. We have many trail people here in this meeting tonight. What are we - is it to maintain all of those sections of trails? Is it a certain section and that's from soup to nuts? So you'll go out for the RFP's and you will have an organization come in and do all of that upkeep and maintenance? Have you on mute.

**Peter Karis OSI**

First, thank you for the question. I'm happy to be here. So within the proposal it's actually 5% is contained for project management on OSI side. So what we'll do is we come in as a sub-recipient, and we will project manage from front to back, the design, the bidding and the construction of these three proposed capital projects. OSI is also putting on the table in kind service to match that 5%. So we actually have financial interest in these projects to deliver these projects for the county. But therefore capital construction, not for maintenance and upkeep that will fall to the property owners, which right now are

the six municipalities that will be the beneficiary of these capital improvements. So essentially, the county is a funding agency, and OSI really handles everything from there through a contract.

**Chair Petit**

And okay, Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

Well, I would just add that I think that 5% is a very modest request. And that OSI from my understanding of prior trail projects in this county and other counties will end up putting in more than their 5% that they put on paper in order to manage this and bring it to completion. And my understanding is that if we are able to make decisions about that this month, that these trails could be improved and open to the public this year. So I tend to view what our standing committees should do is look at the contents of the project. And I'm hoping that we can leave most of the discussion of the funding of the project to the ARP committee because it's there specifically for that purpose. It but I think the question about, you know, how much management is required in a project of this size is completely relevant, but I think we've got a very good offer on the table with these two project areas. It's actually three projects and two project areas.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I was just gonna say that I've been involved pretty intimately with the O&W rail trail for the last four years, and I know that this connector in the town of Rochester, and also the town of Wawarsing has been something that they've been working on for at least four years, if not a lot longer than that. But at least as long as I was involved in the process. And I'm just saying that I'm highly supportive of these two resolutions, and I view trails as green infrastructure. That is more than just a place for recreation, although place for recreation is great, I don't mean to diminish that. But I think that trails should be viewed, like I say, as transportation infrastructure. And, you know, the more connective that these trails are to each other, and to our communities, you know the more people will be able to use them to get to work, to visit homes, to other people's homes to visit, you know, to go shopping, whatever, without having to rely on vehicles. So that's just my two cents. So thank you.

**Legislator Petit**

And I just, I've been keeping track of our expenses, the infrastructure and trails, we've put 2.1 million into REPCO, we have 2.1 here, there's money going into Elizabeth Manor. So we are spending down. And I'm hoping as we work out the details of the previous resolution, you know that, you know, my concern is it'll come up it only benefits one community. And I think as you know, Esopus is like this big void, everything seems to go around us, even though we have some beautiful waterfront here. So, you know, just a point of information, that I think we should be investing a lot more into infrastructure. And I'm just hoping that when future resolutions come up, we don't say, well, it's benefiting one community more than the other. And maybe Mr. Karis we can talk to see how we can get more trails connected here in Esopus.

**Peter Karis OSI**



Sure, we'd love to. Trails are one thing OSI does and unfortunately, there's not a rail line that goes through Esopus available for trails. That is one constraint that these rail trails have is.

**Chair Petit**

Yeah, we have the CSX though they go through a couple times. Alright, so with that, I'll make a ask for a vote. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Well, Legislator Litts are you opposed? Or was that a delayed response.

**Legislator Litts**

Sorry, I needed to unmute. I am abstaining.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Very good.

**Legislator Nolan**

On the basis of employment?

**Legislator Litts**

Yes, basis of employment.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, resolution passes four to zero. I'm sorry, I have to reopen my agenda.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution 98. Approving the Execution of a Contract for 2.1 million Entered Into By The County. I'll have a motion to move it for discussion.

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll move.

**Chair Petit**

Nolan. Second.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano. Any discussion or further questions? Okay, so with that, we'll take a vote. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Noes?

**Legislator Litts**

I will abstain.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you very much.

**Chair Petit**

Next resolution number 99. Amending Capital Project 597 ARPA Housing for the Purchase and Renovation of 21 Elizabeth Street Group Home

**Legislator Nolan**

I make a motion that we block this Resolution 99 with 101. I think it's several that we can do that tonight. If we can.

**Chair Petit**

Alright. Do I hear a motion to block Resolution No. 99 and 101.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano.

**Chair Petit**

Second. Oh, you made the motion. Okay. All right. Anyway, it is done. Okay. So I'm opening up the floor for discussion. I know I've gotten different phone calls so now we need to...

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Legislator Nolan**

Vote on the block.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, so we'll have a vote on the block. All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, so moved. Now, can we talk about it? A Deputy Rider you're unmuted. Would you like to - know? Okay.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Just ready for questions.

**Chair Petit**

Yes so should I kind of open it up? I mean, I've gotten multiple phone calls. I've done some background research. One is why are we paying so much? If the property is appraised at \$800,000. There's also a substantial amount of work that needs to be done inside. It historically was in a neighborhood where we had single individuals. Sometimes some of them were on the sex offenders list - it is right next to a school so. There's a lot of bad juju that we need to work on, as far as is that with neighbors. But as far as funding it. I mean, we again, we had a lot of discussion on this. The ultimate goal, of course, would be to make it into permanent housing. But I mean, other than my concerns tonight I'm confident that they've been addressed. Does anybody else have any questions? Legislator Stewart. I'm sorry, Stewart, Nolan and Litts.

**Legislator Stewart**

I was just curious as to how many families or individuals we think would be housed in this facility?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

About ten families, we believe we'll get about 35 individuals housed on a transitional basis. So the goal is for them to find permanent housing.

**Legislator Stewart**

Right. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you. I think this is a really excellent project. And I think that we should conceptualize it as part of the solution to our whole housing issue. It's not a complete solution. But it is a necessary piece of the puzzle. People, especially families who are displaced by changing rents, or changing employment and financial. If the families have to move outside the county, the likelihood that they will have trouble in a much longer ongoing way is much greater. And we don't have this kind of site currently available in a central location like this. So I think it'd be a big improvement for the neighborhood to have the Ulster County involved in this. And I'm hoping that we will support this fully.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Legislator Litts then Legislator Erner.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes, I just curious, are the taxes in arrears on this property?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

No, not that I'm aware of, not that I have heard. No the taxes are not in the arrears, as far as I'm aware.

**Chair Petit**

The property looks like it's owned by an LLC located in Guilderland. I mean, I didn't see any any arrearages. But we could check on that. A Legislator Erner.

**Legislator Erner**

Thank you, Chair Petit. This project is located in here in District 6, just up the street from where I live. And I'm very excited about it. I have been in touch with some of the residents who had lived there. And I'm interested in, you know, Deputy Rider, you and I have had a conversation. I also heard what you said back in the previous committee about it. And I guess we haven't committed necessarily to the type of housing or making it all one thing or another. But I know there might be some individuals who got displaced from their to another boarding house, that had a similar issue and got displaced again, who might be interested to move back. I recognize the school location does make a lot of sense for families. And I'm expecting that neighbors will find the county's work on upgrading the property to be an appealing thing for our neighborhood. I also just want to note the collaboration that our county is doing here, between the City of Kingston and some support from the state and federal as well. And then motivated, certainly by community groups that have been pointing to this as necessary. And we heard from some of them on the day of that announcement. And I would just like to encourage us as a county as we move forward with more projects hopefully, like this, that we also bring out the voices of the folks who themselves will live there like those who, whether those who got displaced, or those who may be the most housing insecure right now. Thank you.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Legislator Petit?

**Chair Petit**

Yes.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Can I just bring to your attention that I'm both Resolution 99 and 101 was amended this afternoon just for some maintenance on calling it federal aid versus revenue, serial bonds at the bottom. I had sent it to everybody, but it was late in the day.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you for that reminder.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Yeah, I just want to let you know that when you adopt it, it has to be adopted as presented or adopted as amended, either language fine. Adopted as presented sounds good. It's just a maintenance thing. Not a big deal. But

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll amend my motion here to state that I would move this to be adopted as amended.

**Legislator Nolan**

Can I get a second on that?

**Legislator Stewart**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Thank you. And then Legislator Stewart you had your hand up.

**Legislator Stewart**

I also just wanted to say sort of echoing what legislator mentioned that I think that this sort of transitional housing is desperately needed. In the city of Kingston, and actually, in many parts of Ulster County. And yeah, I, I think this is, I think this is a great thing. And this is especially true, because I think we're gonna see just a massive wave of evictions throughout the county, and, like, I just think it's desperately needed and I fully support this project.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, any other discussion? Okay, seeing no one's hand up. We will take a vote on the block of resolution number 99 and 101 as amended. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, resolutions pass.

**Chair Petit**

The next Resolution 103. Confirming Appointments and Reappointments to the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board. Do I have a motion to open this up for discussion?

**Legislator Stewart**

So moved.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Any discussion, questions? Okay. So we'll take the vote on this one. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Do we have Lauren Johnson here Nettie?

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Yes, we do and just one more note, this one is also as amended. And the only amendment that came out of this was his hire date -start date. And that's it.

**Chair Petit**

It's not March 1.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

It is the 31st or 21st. I'll have to look it up.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, thank you. Okay, so I'll move this resolution to the floor for discussion. Resolution number 105.

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll move it as amended.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Nolan. Second.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll second it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes. What will be this gentleman's tasks and duties. And who does it report to?

**Chair Petit**

Deputy Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Yeah, I mean, so the director of UCAT is a current position that exists. And so I would just, you know, the individual will lead Ulster County Area Transit and reports to as far as the deputy executive it would be Chris Kelly.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay, thank you.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

The start date is March 21st.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

And Mr. Johnson is here if you all have any questions.

**Chair Petit**

I don't see, I don't see your face. Would you like to say hi there? I'm sorry.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

He's with Chris Kelly.

**Chair Petit**

Oh, okay. Where's Chris?

**Loren Johnson**

He stepped out of the office for a second.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, would you like to introduce yourself, say hi to the group.

**Loren Johnson**

First and foremost, thank you, Chairwoman Petit for allowing me an opportunity to speak before you in the legislative body right now. I would just like to say that I'm excited to join in the team in the family of UCAT and most importantly, the (inaudible) work that County Exec. Pat Ryan and Deputy Chris Kelly here and really enjoy to bring my passion of constituent service to the area and more specifically focused on transportation and building out a diverse, equitable solution for all.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Lots of thumbs up. And applause okay. All right. So with that, I'll take a vote for this resolution. All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? I'm sorry, I have to ask. Okay. Thank you. Resolution passes five to zero. Welcome.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, next we have the McKinstry bridge, so can we block 110 & 112?

**Legislator Nolan**

I make a motion that we block Resolutions 110 and 112.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll second it.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Fabiano. Any discussion on these questions? Nope. Okay. It is - the price is going up because the previous contractor did not have an apprentice agreement with as part of his, you know, helped me out here, Marc. I'm looking forward as part of.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

As part of the bid.

**Chair Petit**

So it went to the next lowest bidder, you know, who has done work with in the county. But if I don't see any more hands up for questions, I'll call the vote. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Thank you. Next, we have resolutions. Let's see, 113 & 115 Barton & Loguidice, The Sundown bridge as well?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

116 and 117 as well.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, and 116 to 117. Okay, so we'll have a motion to block 113 through 117.

**Legislator Nolan**

113 to 117. I'll make that motion.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Fabiano**



I'll second it Laura.

**Chair Petit**

Second Legislator Fabiano. Okay. I don't know if that was a similar instance. But do we have any questions on this?

**Legislator Nolan**

Well, we should vote on the block, I think.

**Chair Petit**

Vote on the block. Okay. Thank you, Legislator Nolan. All right. So we'll take a vote on the block. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Thank you. We have lots of public works, guys here if you have questions about dollars and cents - jobs no?

**Legislator Nolan**

I would just make the comment that I sorry. Thank you. This is a very troublesome sort of area and bridge and really in an area that needs this as an essential part of being connected to the rest of the world. So this is an important project and really, really important for us to move it forward.

**Legislator Litts**

Thank you. Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I was just curious about the asbestos issue related here. Can someone explain to me what's going on with that?

**Chair Petit**

I'll call on public works for that somebody had an explanation for exactly that. Thank you for bringing it up. Deputy Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Or Don or Rob, either one of you want a. Oh Brendan's on.

**Chair Petit**

Brendan's here.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Sure. So, in the construction of bridges years ago, there was asbestos containing materials that will be used in various components of bridges. Commonly in these kinds of bridges, the bridge seats, of which the bearing seats of which the girders lay on top of, they had asbestos containing materials. So we have commonly had to take care of that and doing rehabs of this nature.

**Legislator Litts**

Also, typically, the back walls would contain some asbestos material or waterproofing also.

**Legislator Stewart**

And just out of curiosity, this so what sort of processes do you use to address that problem?

**Commissioner Masterson**

As part of the demolition, the contractor has to go through an abatement process similar as they would with a like a building demolition.

**Legislator Stewart**

Right okay. Thank you for that. I was just confused as to why there would be asbestos. So thanks.

**Chair Petit**

Any other questions or discussion? Okay, hearing none, I will take a vote on the block. All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, so moved. Let's see.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

118.

**Chair Petit**

118 okay, maybe 117 shouldn't have been in there it's a different bridge?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

No 117 Sundown - it's all Sundown bridge.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Resolution No. 118. Amending 2022 Capital Improvement for the Courthouse Fascia. Do I hear motion to open it up for discussion? Legislator Nolan, second Legislator Litts and Stewart. Any questions on this? Okay, I did bring up solar. I was told that the Department and Environment had conducted a study and didn't find solar to be a potential for this roof. I'm kind of surprised I thought it was a peaked roof and there's no trees around it. Um, Legislator Greene. You're on mute Legislator Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

I'm unmuting and I'm also there putting on my video.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you.

**Legislator Greene**

Um, I recall that the last we met before I would say budget in the holidays, and now a new session, there was concern that the form that is being used to analyze some of these projects is in controversy, let me just say it that way. And we we're going to schedule a meeting, I believe, with Tom Kacanvas to discuss the use of the form. So if you're using the form that doesn't, you know, that a form that was developed by an engineering firm a few years ago, and doesn't take everything into consideration, then the results um, I question the reliability. And I think we need to go back to where we left off, and revisit that. And this is not to, in any way, disparage the folks in Department of Environment who I think are doing a superb job. But if they're using tools that let me say, may have a built-in bias against installing solar on rooftops. And I remember that was something that was going to happen that didn't. And I think Deputy Rider might remember that as well. And I think we need to go back and revisit that.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Yeah, happy to do so. You know, our staff made several attempts to get that meeting scheduled with both yourself, and Mr. Kacanvas, and it fell flat. So happy to start that up again. But there were several attempts made by Natasha and others to get that meeting scheduled, and it never happened, so.

**Legislator Greene**

Thank you I really appreciate it

**Deputy Executive Rider**

So, but the bigger issue - go ahead.

**Legislator Greene**

I'll just be more vigilant in seeing that through.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

The bigger issue on this building is that it also has a historical context, and we do not have approval to add a solar array on to this facility from SHPO. So that's part of the bigger issue for here. Not that it can't be done separate and apart at another time when that approval is given. If it were to be given. I kind of doubt they would allow that. But, you know, it could be done separate and apart from this project.

**Chair Petit**

If I could just follow up before we go to Legislator Litts. Doesn't the Kirkland have solar on it? I mean, that's a historic building. So you think SHPO would be opposed? You don't think they have solar on it?

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Kirkland does not have solar.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

I just wanted to add that I believe one of the concerns here with putting solar on this building, I think it has a slate roof.

**Chair Petit**

Okay.

**Legislator Litts**

And it's very difficult to put in adheres. Solar to a slate roof and have it not leak.

**Legislator Greene**

Yes. If I made may my bigger concern is revisiting the tool to be sure that it doesn't have, and I don't think it was intentional, but it may have, inadvertently have a bias that prevents (inaudible) on building. I just wanted to revisit that. And definitely (inaudible)

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Legislator Nolan.

**Legislator Nolan**

If you would like to have a member of this committee work on that, I'd be happy to volunteer to work on that, looking at that tool and looking at way innovative ways to bring solar to some of our county properties when it can be done. And the slate roof is part of the historicity of this building. So I think it became very - would become very complicated, this would be the last one on the list to make this transformation. And there's no real area for ground mounted, because it's all used for parking. So I think this one makes sense. And we should look at the policy and I'm happy to be a part of that.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. We should put that on the agenda for next month. Okay, Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I was gonna say Manna Jo that I would be happy to work with you and Kathy on that as well. And Legislator Nolan just brought up the fact that there's a parking lot there. Perhaps we might consider putting solar panels above the parking lot and have above the parking spaces. So that's just a thought.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Greene.

**Legislator Greene**

Yeah, I do think we talked about that before in that particular parking lot. You know, when you put canopy solar, which I'm very supportive of. It takes up a little space. And every, if I'm not mistaken, every space counts at that particular lot. It's worth exploring, but just like this slate roof, um, the parking crunch in that

area of Uptown Kingston, you know, might disqualify that particular site. But we'll take it offline and you know, get a little more information. And I do appreciate every consideration and the good ideas.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. Do we have any other discussion? Okay, seeing none, we'll we will take the vote. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, resolution passes. Um, I wish I could make the print on this bigger.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution No 120? Yes. Establishing Capital Project No. 622. Pavement Preservation of Various Roads. I have a motion for discussion? Litts, second was Fabiano. Do we have any questions on this? No

**Legislator Nolan**

Deputy Executive Rider has his hand up.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Can I just make a recommendation that 120, 122, 123, 124, 125 all have to do with paving contracts and could probably be blocked.

**Legislator Nolan**

Is 120 Gorman?

**Legislator Litts**

I was gonna make a motion. Yeah, I was gonna make a motion to block 122, 123, 124 and 125.

**Chair Petit**

Yes.

**Legislator Litts**

But 120 is a general capital program for paving in various areas.

**Legislator Nolan**

So let's do 120 separately, and then we can block that.

**Legislator Litts**

We have a motion and a second.

**Chair Petit**

Uh huh. Sure. Any other discussion? Okay, hearing none, we'll take the vote. All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, so moved. So I will take that motion to block 122, 123 124 and 125.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll move it.

**Chair Petit**

Made by Legislator Litts. Seconded by Legislator Fabiano.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes, I would just like to know, were these contracts- were they pulled from the OGS state contract, or did we put out RFPs? For each one?

**Commissioner Masterson**

We put out these (inaudible.)

**Legislator Litts**

Okay, so they're county contracts.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Correct.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

And we also had one we approved last month.

**Legislator Litts**

And I was gonna say they compare favorably with the OGS bid.

**Commissioner Masterson**

They're always more competitive in region eight.

**Legislator Litts**

Lower?

**Commissioner Masterson**

Yes.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay. Thank you for the record.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, anything else? I was looking for lists, I did see lists that I went through. I don't have any other questions. Anyone else?

**Legislator Nolan**

Did we vote on the block?

**Chair Petit**

We probably didn't. Okay, so first, we will take a vote on the block, all in favor of 123 thru 125.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Opposed. Okay. And now on the block itself.

**Legislator Litts**

I'll make a motion to approve the block.

**Legislator Fabiano**

I'll second it.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you. All right. No other discussion? All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, now we have Resolution No. 126. Establishing Capital Project No. 623 for 2022 bridge flag responses. Have a motion?

**Legislator Litts**

So moved.

**Legislator Litts**

Legislator Litts. Second.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan.

**Chair Petit**

Any questions on this one? I actually do. We have 39 bridges yellow flagged, two red and to - and I'm not sure what it said flagged responses. That's the term I've never heard before. Are these bridges, at least the ones that are red flagged is that - just need repairs or do they need to be replaced? Is it something we're going to be seeing in our upcoming capital improvement votes? You know, because I think I saw 750,000 in here. But this resolution is only for 10.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

If I may.

**Chair Petit**

Yes.

**DPW Deputy Comm. Finance Don Quesnell**

The \$750,000 is for a grant for Maltby Hollow to recoup funds on the back end. This is a program that allows us to address bridge flags as they come up that need to be addressed in fiscal year 2022. The backup I sent you for this was what we spent in 2021 out of this program. The breakdown of bridge flags you have in the resolution is the number of flags that we did receive last year. Brendan, I'm sure can give a much better description on what flags are, but there's wide variety from something as simple as a sign being missing on a bridge to something much more serious.

**Chair Petit**

Does anyone on the committee need further definitions of what it is when they flag a bridge? Legislator Litts you know.

**Legislator Litts**

I was gonna help you with a definition.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, thank you.

**Legislator Litts**

All bridges are inspected at least a minimum of every other year. When they do the inspection if they see something that needs attention, but it's not critical they issue a yellow flag. If they issue a red flag when it's something that needs of immediate attention. And they'll also tell you whether you need to close the



bridge or you can make the repair and keep it open. But a red flag is something that needs immediate attention.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I was just curious. What do we know - the two bridges that received red flags?

**Chair Petit**

Mr. Masterson?

**Commissioner Masterson**

I know one of them was Pompey's Cave. I know we had a work zone there for quite a while on Lucas. That was a lot of work. The other one that might have been Meta House (inaudible).

**Legislator Stewart**

Okay, thank you for that. So we could probably expect to see resolutions coming up for those two bridges in the immediate future.

**Legislator Litts**

They should be fixed.

**Nettie Tomshaw**

Legislator Fabiano has his hand raised.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano. I was waiting for Commissioner Masterson.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Yes. I just wanted to this question is for Brendan. What is our manpower with the bridge crew now for 2022 versus what it was in 2021 or 2020? Did we increase the manpower on that bridge crew or decrease it?

**Commissioner Masterson**

We increased it, but they have a good contingency right now. When everybody is at work and healthy, they can put out two full crews. One to work on a project and one crew doing repair work.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Okay. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

That's actually a good segue into a text that I got from a newer employee. "Hey, Laura, I just wanted to give you a huge compliment on how well the county bridge crew runs. And the bridge crew supervisor,

Bob, and the whole crew is under such a well-oiled machine of fully talented individuals. And it's an absolute joy to work with that part of DPW." It's nice to get those kinds of texts.

**Legislator Fabiano**

They've been excellent for a very long time.

**Chair Petit**

Ah, okay. I see two hands. I see Legislator Litts and I see Deputy Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Those are clapping.

**Chair Petit**

Clapping okay. All right, thank you. Okay, so I will call the vote on this. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? All right, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

The next resolution we have is Resolution 128. Authorizing an Amendment to a Grant with Catskill Watershed Corporation for the Multi Hollow Bridge Replacement Project in the Town of Olive and Authorizing the Execution of any Associated Grant Funding Agreements. Can I have a motion. Legislative Fabiano, second Legislator Nolan. Is there any discussion on it? I guess the question I had was, you know, was the funding and I thought this bridge was done. And I believe, Mr. Masterson your response was it is finished.

**Commissioner Masterson**

That's correct. The they came in so far under budget that we needed to amend the agreement. So we kept the ratio of cost sharing, which actually gave us an additional -we were gonna get 653 now we're gonna get 750.

**Chair Petit**

That's always good to hear. Any other questions? Hearing none, we'll take a vote on the resolution. All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? And let the record show that Legislator Stewart is not in his chair.

**Legislator Litts**

And I will be abstaining.

**Chair Petit**

Okay. So three in favor, one absent, one abstention.

**Legislator Nolan**

Legislator Stewart returns, maybe we can get his vote.

**Chair Petit**

There he is.

**Legislator Stewart**

My apologies for that.

**Chair Petit**

That's okay. So we just took a vote on Resolution 128. How do you vote on that?

**Legislator Stewart**

I vote yes.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, thank you.

**Chair Petit**

The next Resolution 129. Approving the Execution of a Contract Amendment for \$22,280 Causing the Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount to be in Excess of 50,000 Entered into with Eastern Heating and Cooling. That is not part of the Trudi Resnick, no, this is for something totally different. Okay. All right Legislator. Nolan. You made a motion?

**Legislator Nolan**

Yes.

**Legislator Nolan**

Second.

**Legislator Fabiano**

You made a motion to move it?

**Legislator Nolan**

Yes.

**Chair Petit**

I'll second it.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, Legislator Fabiano.

**Chair Petit**

Is there any discussion on this?

**Chair Petit**

Okay, hearing none, I will take the vote. All in favor.

**Chair Petit**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Okay, so moved.

**Chair Petit**

The next Resolution 130. Approving the Execution of a Contract for 437,000 Entered into by the County with T. McElligott, Inc. Motion for Discussion.

**Legislator Stewart**

So moved.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart, second Legislator Nolan thank you. No discussion. We're all good.

**Legislator Stewart**

Well, there was a lot of documentation for this one, I think was like 40 or 50 pages. I was like oh my goodness.

**Legislator Litts**

You've learned the secret now.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, all right. So take the vote. All in favor.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Any abstentions? So moved.

**Chair Petit**

Resolution 131. Capital Project 624 SUNY Ulster Children's Center Renovations and Amending the 2022 Capital Fund. Motion for discussion.

**Legislator Nolan**

I'll move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan, second?

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Fabiano.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Yes.

**Chair Petit**

All right. Any discussion on this? We do have Jamie. Yes, she's here somewhere. I don't see her on my screen. Could you give us an update on this project?

**Jamie Capuano**

Sure. So this is going into the design phase. So on campus, we have a children's center. It serves children from infants all the way up to Pre-K. So really great center. We are also in partnership with Rondout for their EPK and their UPK program. The building was built in the early 80s. It needs a review and an assessment. We're going to be doing the complete exterior envelope of the building, which will include ramps, it has two ramps that go up again for strollers and easy access for parents. We're also going to be improving energy efficiencies with the building as we go through this and looking at it for environmental with water, and all the runoff that we're seeing in the center. So again, it's looking at - this is the design phase. So when we come back to the construction phase, we'll have a lot more detail on exactly what we'll be doing. But really looking at the exterior of the building for an upgrade as its hasn't happened since the 1980s.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Stewart.

**Legislator Stewart**

I was just curious where on campus is this facility?

**Jamie Capuano**

It is located right next to our Senate gym on the Stone Ridge campus. So if you come in campus, it's right next to the very large parking lot. And then right next to the Senate, gym.

**Legislator Stewart**

Okay. Great. Thank you.

**Jamie Capuano**

Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

And of course, as part of the engineering feasibility study, we'll be looking at solar on the roof?

**Jamie Capuano**

So we're going to look at solar. This structure is really not big enough to do a large solar array. Obviously, Senate gym, which is right next to it is what we're really eyeing for that solar install. This one is a much smaller square footage. But we always look at that to see if it can be done. The structure of this building, it's more of a modular building, I don't believe it's going to be able to sustain any solar.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you, and how many - this is also part of an education program correct.

**Jamie Capuano**

So our educational students do go over there for internship opportunities. And we do offer that for our students to learn a little bit more about the Early Childhood program. So it's a really great opportunity for our on-campus students. They also offer a discount for on campus students to use the center at an hourly rate rather than the daily rate. And it's run through (inaudible). So it's just a really great center, we just want to again, look at the exterior of the building, to bring it up to proper code and to improve it.

**Legislator Stewart**

And what a great service to offer to your students. I mean, that's a really a really good thing. And I was also going to point out that folks are now able to access the SUNY Ulster campus from Main Street in Stone Ridge, thanks to the trail connector. So

**Jamie Capuano**

It's a very nice trail connector it is. Yep. I can walk right through.

**Legislator Stewart**

Yeah, and that just opened. So I invite folks to take advantage of that.

**Jamie Capuano**

Absolutely.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, do we have any other questions? Well take the vote then. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Any abstentions? Okay, resolution passes.

**Chair Petit**

The last resolution of the evening is 133. Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance for Space at Enterprise West Facility Located in the Town of Ulster. Motion for Discussion.

**Legislator Nolan**

Move it.

**Chair Petit**

Legislator Nolan thank you. Seconded by Legislator Litts. Any questions on this one?

**Kathy Nolan**

I want to ask Deputy Executive Rider to give a little summary.

**Deputy Executive Rider**

Sure. So we needed to move our some of our storage and warehouse facilities off of Golden Hill. And we have located that at Enterprise West and we're just doing a lease back in order to use some of that space. We hope to find another location for that relatively soon. And so we hope to not have to use this lease for very long, but this at least allows us to kick in for some of the utilities and have it insured in case something was to happen there, so.

**Chair Petit**

Okay, they're very quiet tonight. All right. So with that, I will take the vote on resolution 133. All in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Petit**

Any opposed? Abstentions? So moved.

**Chair Petit**

All right, we are down to old business. Any old business, Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah, I have two points on old business. One on new business. I believe was our last meeting we discussed the intersection of North Eltings Corners road and old New Paltz road. And I'm happy to say that they finally did get the four way stop up there. Unfortunately, it was a little late because they had a head-on collision with personal injuries there prior to getting the stop signs in. But at least they're in now. So Brendan, thank you very much for helping the town out. I know the one leg is a county road, the other three legs are purview of the town. But the town highway superintendent said that you came down and you spoke to him and gave great help in getting that done. Thank you.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Thank you.

**Legislator Litts**

The second issue was Route 299. Quite some time ago, I do understand that Route 299 is a New York State road. And I know Dennis and I have talked about it several times. There was a corridor study done, I believe on 299 that the county Transportation Council has put forth. I received as of today another letter hand written and I will forward that to both the committee and to Mr. Doyle. There's a lot of close close calls. There's a total of between six and 700 turn movements in that section of 299. A lot of which is for COVID testing at the first care facility. And there's been an awful lot of very, very near misses. And unfortunately over the years, there's been not one two, but several fatalities in that section of Route 299. I know we discussed it with DOT but I think maybe the Transportation Council can revisit that and send another update request to the DOT because it's getting more and more dangerous. That's what I have for old business.

**Chair Petit**

Director Doyle, did you want to respond? Or should we hold that for the next transportation meeting?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

I just say we'll be happy - the Transportation Council would be happy to take a look at it. I would add that the council has just completed a safety study - countywide safety study that identifies critical intersections and critical stretches of road in the county in terms of in their index by volume and by so that effectively take into account the number of accidents by volume, but we'll be happy to take another look at that location.

**Legislator Litts**

Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Thank you and then you had new business if there's no other old business.

**Legislator Litts**

New business. Brendan this one friend in this one is for you. Um, 265 Pancake Hollow road. The county had repaved that a couple of years ag. There was an incident where there's been multiple accidents in front of a gentleman's house and you went out and put guide rail in and that worked very well. And happy for that. The next-door neighbor, that ditch that was responsible for those accidents. That VI is broken, the area behind it is broken. When they paved they never really restored the area behind the grassy area behind it. Please send somebody down and take a look at it. And if it needs to be addressed, please do that.

**Commissioner Masterson**

Will do.

**Legislator Litts**



All right. I can forward other information to you. I didn't want to get into it. Just make you aware of it. Thank you.

**Chair Petit**

Any other discussion?

**Chair Petit**

Okay with that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn. Yes,

**Legislator Litts**

Madam Chairwoman I will make a motion for adjournment. And I'm sure I'm sure Legislator Cahill is really happy that we've gone over time.

**Chair Petit**

But I need a second though. Legislator Fabiano thank you. Okay. We have adjourned. Everybody have a good night.

**Legislator Litts**

Be safe. Stay healthy. Thank you clerk Tomshaw.

**Legislator Stewart**

Thank you all so much.