

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: February 8, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 860 9418 2245
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Heppner, Maloney, Nolan, Petit, Sperry & Uchitelle, Clerk of the Legislature Fabella, Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executives Contreras, Kelly & Rider, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, District Attorney Clegg – UC District Attorney, Comptroller Gallagher & Samuel Sonenberg – UC Comptroller’s Office, Commissioner Smith – UC Health Department, Commissioner Gulnick – UC Finance, Director Schmidt – UC Probation, Director Doyle – UC Planning, Deputy ME Carr – UC Medical Examiner’s Office, Director Litwin, Molly Scott, & Ashlee Long, – UC Recovery & Resilience, Warren Whitaker – UC Jail, Jim Voutour & Jesse Lowe – Axon Representatives, Mid-Hudson News correspondent, Emily Hamilton – RUPCO, Lanny Walter & Cheryl Schneider – UC Residents

Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE Minutes of the December 7th & December 21st Regular Meetings, and December 21st Special Meeting

Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the February 15, 2022 Session of the Legislature

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 616 for the purchase of Axon Body Cameras worth \$588,535 for the Ulster County Sheriff.

Motion No. 2: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 53

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 17: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Subcontractors That Provide Services To Ulster County, In Relation To Living Wage For Social And Human Services, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 15, 2022 At 7:20 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolutions sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2022, requiring the payment of a living wage to employees of contractors and subcontractors, to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:20 PM.

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 17**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 17**

Motion By: Legislator Cahill

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 22: Confirming The Appointment Of Sharon Williams As Director Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Sharon Williams as the Director of Employment and Training with an annual salary of \$78,387.

Motion No. 5: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 22**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 23: Confirming The Appointment Of Nick Hvozda As Director Of The Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Nick Hvozda as Director of the Department of Environment with an annual salary of \$76,859.

Motion No. 6: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 23**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 25: Confirming The Reappointment Of Michael A. Iapoce As Commissioner Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the reappointment of Michael Iapoce, for a five-year term, as the Commissioner of Social Services with an annual salary of \$131,685.

Motion No. 7: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 25**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 26: Establishing The Ulster County Fair Pay And Salary Equity Policy: Requiring A Salary/Compensation Study Prior To The 2023 Ulster County Budget Cycle

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes the Ulster County Fair Pay and Salary Equity Policy which requires a salary / compensation study to be completed prior to the 2023 Ulster County budget cycle and at least once every four years.

Motion No. 8: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 26
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 27: Eliminating Management Position, Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution eliminates the Director of Budget & Innovation with an annual salary of \$114,192.

Motion No. 9: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 27
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Votes in Favor: 0
Votes Against: 5
Disposition: Resolution DEFEATED

Resolution No. 28: Dedicating Funding To Implement The Ulster County Respite House Policy

Resolution Summary: This Resolution designates \$1,500,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to implement the Ulster County Respite House policy, allocating the funds for the purpose of addressing the need for enhanced Mental Health and Addiction Recovery services throughout Ulster County.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Capital Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to fund an extension of sewer and water infrastructure under the New York State Thruway in the Town of Ulster to benefit a planned redevelopment of the vacant Quality Inn & Suites hotel site into supportive homeless housing.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Block Resolution Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolutions BLOCKED**

Motion No. 11: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolutions POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 32: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. from March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 as a subaward of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to fund Round 2 of the “Ulster County Small Business Assistance Program”. Funds are designated for use as follows: \$850,000.00 for Direct Assistance to Businesses; \$100,000.00 for Program Delivery; \$50,000.00 for Program Administration.

Motion No. 12: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 32

Motion By: Legislator Cahill

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 13: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 32

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: Legislator Cahill

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 577, the McKinstry Bridge replacement, for an additional \$2,883,835 for construction and professional services.

Motion No. 14: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 33

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$199,434.10 with Creighton Manning Engineering for construction inspection services for the McKinstry Bridge replacement.

Motion No. 15: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 35

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with ING Civil, Inc for \$2,434,400 for construction services for the replacement of the McKinstry Bridge replacement.

Motion No. 16: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 36**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 17: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 36**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No 619, Olive Road Culvert #2, for \$64,000 and Capital Project No 620, Marlborough Road Culvert #4 for \$78,000.

Motion No. 18: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 37**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to amend an agreement with the New York Unified Court System for the reimbursement of cleaning and repairs of the court facilities for \$383,729 and a term of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Motion No. 19: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 39
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and establishes Capital Project No. 617 for the purchase of 26 County Fleet Vehicles in the amount of \$1,600,000.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 618 for the purchase of 22 highway vehicles or machinery in the amount of \$3,240,000.

Motion No. 20: Motion to Block Resolution Nos. 40, 42
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 21: Motion to Approve Resolution Nos. 40, 42
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

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

Resolution Summary: The Resolution approves the execution of a contract for the Geostabilization International, LLC for slope stabilization and soil nailing.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gorman Brothers, Inc to extend the term of the agreement for asphalt reclamation services.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gorman Bros., Inc for road crack sealing.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Highway Rehabilitation Corp, for hot-in-place asphalt recycling.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of Callanan Industries, Inc for in-place asphalt paving.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. to extend the term of the agreement for pavement marking.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Sullivan County Paving & Construction, Inc. for in-place asphalt paving.

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Peckham Road Corp, for chip seal services.

Motion No. 22: MOTION TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 23: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Gavaris, Fabiano Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

Resolution No. 52: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$10,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alleymor, Inc. D/B/A Pestmaster Services – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Alleymor, Inc. D/B/A Pestmaster Services, for an additional \$10,000 for animal carcass removal.

Motion No. 24: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 52
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 482, the Countywide Radio System for an additional \$540,609 for the purchase of components of the radio system buildout including project management, communications equipment to include base stations, comparators, gateways, antenna systems equipment, cabling, racking, and installation.

Motion No. 25: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 55
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 621 for the purchase and replacement of 140 voting systems and two workstations for creating ballots for \$1,400,000.

Motion No. 26: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 57
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to fund the Ulster County Transportation Council for a 10-year contract from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2032 in the amount of \$7,613,989.

Motion No. 27: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 59

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 61: Authorizing Submittal Of A Grant Application For Funding To The New York State Department Of Agriculture And Markets To Develop An Agricultural And Farmland Protection Plan For Ulster County – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the submittal of a \$50,000 grant application to update the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for Ulster County.

Motion No. 28: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 61**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 62: Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive to execute a contract with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation in the amount of \$800,000 for Federal Revenue pass through funds.

Resolution No. 63: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$800,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with RUPCO to administer the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$800,000.

Motion No. 29: **MOTION TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 62, 63**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions BLOCKED**

Motion No. 30: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution Nos. 62, 63**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 65: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Intermunicipal Agreements With The Town Of Saugerties And The Village Of Ellenville To Provide The Services Of Domestic Violence Investigators To The Ulster County Family And Child Advocacy Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Saugerties and the Village of Ellenville to provide Domestic Violence Investigators to the Ulster County Family and Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$150,000 for a term of March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

Motion No. 31: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 65**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 66: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Adult Protective Services Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the Ulster County Budget to accept an allocation of \$18,505 of Adult Protective Services Funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of APS to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults in the context of COVID-19.

Motion No. 32: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 66
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 67: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Continue Safe Harbour Programming – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept an additional allocation of funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to continue the Safe Harbour Program in the amount of \$43,350 to expand and enhance services, to raise awareness of the problem of sexual exploitation of children, and to provide for services to address the needs of sexually exploited youth.

Motion No. 33: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 67
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 68: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Tri-Valley Central School District – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an Intermunicipal agreement for the Preschool Special Education and related services program with the Tri-Valley Central School District in the amount of \$6,000 for the term beginning on 1/1/2022 through 6/30/2023.

Motion No. 34: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 68
Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill
Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 69: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$150,000 with Family of Woodstock for Emergency Assistance Walk-in Centers and hotline.

Motion No. 35: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 69**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 70: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$67,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc for \$67,500 to provide preventative services and community-based alternatives to detention for Raise the Age eligible youth who are at risk, diverted, adjudicated, or granted adjournment in contemplation of dismissal.

Motion No. 36: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 70**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 71: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$67,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for \$67,500 for preventative services and community-based alternatives to detention for youth who are at risk of becoming or adjudicated as Persons in Need of Supervision or Juvenile Delinquents as part of the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program.

Motion No. 37: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 71
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 72: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$90,000, with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc., to provide preventative services and community-based alternatives to detention for Raise-the-Age eligible youth who are at risk, diverted, adjudicated, or granted adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal.

Motion No. 38: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 72
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 73: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$90,000, with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc., for preventative services and community-based alternatives to detention for youth who are at risk of becoming or adjudicated as Persons in Need of Supervision or Juvenile Delinquents as part of the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program.

Motion No. 39: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 73
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 74: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Support COVID19 Vaccine Response And Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a contract with New York State Department of Health to support Covid-19 vaccine response and amend the 2022 Ulster County Budget in the amount of \$509,862.

Motion No. 40: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 74
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Walter
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 75: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding From New York State Department Of Health For The Epidemiology And Laboratory Capacity School Reopening Grant – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to reflect the Public Health Emergency Preparedness funding from the New York State Department of Health for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity School Reopening Grant in the amount of \$3,555,246.

Motion No. 41: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 75
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 42: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 75

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Abstention: Legislator Walter

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

Resolution No. 76: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$14,308.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Zack Academy, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$14,308 with Zack Academy for an additional year with the term extending to 3/31/2023 for the Certified Renovator Initial Course in Lead Safety Training and Renovations, Repair, and Painting.

Motion No. 43: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 76

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 77: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a contract with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports to accept funding in the amount of \$955,640 for the term 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022 to support chemical dependency and problem gambling treatment, prevention and recovery services in Ulster County.

Motion No. 44: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 77

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 78: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$46,250.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$46,250 with the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration, Inc. to extend the term through 6/30/2022 for veteran peer-to-peer support services.

Motion No. 45: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 78**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 79: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Create One Full-Time Homemaker Aide Position - Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to create one full-time Homemaker Aide Position within the Office for the Aging with an annual salary of \$38,816 plus \$17,353 in annual benefits to be paid through Expanded In-Home Services to the Elderly Program funds.

Motion No. 46: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 79**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 80: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Worx, A Division Of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$150,000 with Kingston Worx, a division of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus, for the term of 4/1/2022 through 3/31/2024 for NY Connects Wellness Technicians, Clerical Assistants, and Administrative oversight of NY Connects Programming for the Office for the Aging.

Motion No. 47: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 80
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 81: Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Deputy Sheriff’s Police Benevolent Association, Inc, For The Years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 And 2024 – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Ulster and the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff’s Police Benevolent Association, Inc. for the years 2020 – 2024 and amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget in the amount of \$678,039.

Motion No. 48: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 81
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 82: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$521,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&J Sass Electric Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$521,000 with J&J Sass Electric, Inc to upgrade the Jail CCTV system.

Resolution No. 83: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16,807.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$16,807 with New York Communications Company, Inc to add seven radio packages to the Criminal Division lease through 12/31/2026.

Motion No. 49: MOTION TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 82, 83
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 50: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Nos. 82, 83
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

Resolution No. 84: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services, Office Of Interoperable And Emergency Communications, For The 2020 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for the 2020 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant in the amount of \$540,609 for the term of 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2023.

Motion No. 51: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 84
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

Resolution No. 85: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program – District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for participation in the Crimes Against Revenue Program in the amount of \$143,600 for a term of 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022.

Motion No. 52: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 85
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

Resolution No. 86: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services Funding Of A Gun Violence Grant – District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Violence Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the term of 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2022.

Motion No. 53: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 86
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

Resolution No. 87: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend A Contract With The New York State Office of Victim Services For Funding Under The Victim And Witness Assistance Grant Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to amend a contract with the New York State Office of Victim Services for funding under the Victim and Witness Assistance Grant in the amount of \$2,347,548 for the term of 10/1/2019 through 9/30/2022.

Resolution No. 88: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division of Criminal Justice – Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice for the Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Program in the amount of \$75,430 for the term of 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2022 to provide funding to the Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Programs’ efforts in administering prevention, training, education, and support services to victims of sexual assault.

Resolution No. 89: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Approve Execution Of A Contract With The New York State Office of Victim Services For A Victim Of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Program: Attorney Services - Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to approve the execution of a contract with the New York State Office of Victim Services for a Victim of a Crime Act Victim Assistance Program in the amount of \$280,070 for the term of 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022 to provide continued holistic civil legal services to victims in areas of family offenses, custody, visitation, child support and victim related immigration matters;

Resolution No. 90: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services of the Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$50,000 with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for domestic violence cases for the term of 1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022.

Resolution No. 92: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$119,460.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for \$119,460 with New York Communications Company, Inc. for additional leased radio equipment.

Motion No. 54: MOTION TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 87, 88, 89, 90, 92
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 55: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Nos. 87, 88, 89, 90, 92
Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk
Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions APPROVED**

Resolution No. 91: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$230,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for \$230,000 with Family of Woodstock, Inc. to extend the term of the current contract through 12/31/2022 for the operation and implementation of the Alternative to Juvenile Detention Project.

Motion No. 56: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 91**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 57: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 91**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 93: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Agreements With The Villages Of Ellenville, New Paltz, And Saugerties Relating To The Enforcement Of Real Property Tax Liens Under Article 11, Sections 1102, 1110 and 1150 Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into agreements with the Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz, and Saugerties relating to the enforcement of Real Property Tax Liens.

Motion No. 58: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 93**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution APPROVED**

Resolution No. 94: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,556.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Approves the execution of a contract amendment worth \$27,556 with Tyler Technologies to amend the scope of the contract for the addition of the MUNIS payroll software.

Motion No. 59: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 94**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions APPROVED**

Late Resolution No. 95: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Create One Full-Time Deputy Medical Examiner (Medicolegal Investigation) Position – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to create one full-time Deputy Medical Examiner position with an annual salary of \$71,503 and \$33,487 in annual benefits.

Motion No. 60: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 95**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 61: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 95**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Chairman Gavaris moved on to the Forthcoming Local Laws portion of the agenda. See attached transcript.

Comptroller Gallagher introduced the Committee to the new Director of Internal Audit and Control. See attached transcript.

Chairman Gavaris asked if there was any old or new business. See attached transcript.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
Minutes Approved: March 08, 2022

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Transcript**

DATE & TIME: February 8, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 860 9418 2245
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Heppner, Maloney, Nolan, Petit, Sperry & Uchitelle, Clerk of the Legislature Fabella, Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executives Contreras, Kelly & Rider, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, District Attorney Clegg – UC District Attorney, Comptroller Gallagher & Samuel Sonenberg – UC Comptroller’s Office, Commissioner Smith – UC Health Department, Commissioner Gulnick – UC Finance, Director Schmidt – UC Probation, Director Doyle – UC Planning, Deputy ME Carr – UC Medical Examiner’s Office, Director Litwin, Molly Scott, & Ashlee Long, – UC Recovery & Resilience, Warren Whitaker – UC Jail, Jim Voutour & Jesse Lowe – Axon Representatives, Mid-Hudson News correspondent, Emily Hamilton – RUPCO, Lanny Walter & Cheryl Schneider – UC Residents

Chairman Gavaris: The February 8th meeting of Ways & Means to order. Can I have a motion to approve the minutes of December 7th and December 21st Regular and Special Meetings? Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Dean. Thank you. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you. I'd like to take some of the resolutions out of order here. So if we could go to Resolution 95 first. Is Johanna here and

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yes. Hi, I'm here.

Chairman Gavaris: There you are.

Deputy Executive Contreras: I'm waiting for Dr. Smith and Haley Carr from our Medical Examiner's Office to jump on. I just gave them the meeting ID.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay, then, then we can go with [inaudible]. Second one I want to take out of order was for the Sheriff. Are you ready, Sheriff Figueroa to present?

Sheriff Figueroa: Yes, sir.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, then we'll turn over to you for presentation.

Sheriff Figueroa: Good evening, everyone. And I'm calling you from the Nation's Capital, Washington DC as I'm at the National Sheriffs conference. And I brought a couple of folks from Axon in regarding the resolution with the Axon cameras. And I want to talk about the cameras that we have now. In 2018, they started to start

this contract with Panasonic. 2019 in March is when the resolution was submitted, and the cameras were bought. Since then, so many different things have occurred in law enforcement. Number one, was the Discovery Law that came out in April of 2020. And excuse me, 2019. And then, of course, the, the death of George Floyd and in 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order 203.

The present cameras that we have now are, have reached their three-year warranty, we've been having some issues with them. And so the the importance of this Axon product is, is there's multiple reasons but the main ones are obviously transparency, and and what people expect law enforcement to do when it comes to that transparency. What's great about this product is that if a weapon is removed from a holster or tasers removed, the, the cameras automatically go, go on, and that could be any agency so if the State Police has Axon, the City of Kingston Police Department is going to get Axon. So if anyone of those Officers pull their weapons out of their holster or their holders, then the cameras automatically go on if there within 30 feet. I'm not going to go into too much detail because I know Jim Voutour is busy and I'm gonna turn it over to Jim real quick. And then Jesse Lowe. So Jim. You're on mute, Jim.

Jim Voutour, Axon Representative: Okay, now, can you hear me?

Sheriff Figueroa: I can.

Jim Voutour, Axon Representative: Sorry. Good seeing you Sheriff, last couple days. I'm back home now. So thank you to everybody that's on the call. There's a lot of people on the call, some might be involved with this, some might not but Sheriff Figueroa, I think has done an excellent job putting together a nice package for the county. I've been with Axon for a couple years and served as a Sheriff in Niagara County for 11 years prior to that. Was an Axon customer for, for the entire time I was Sheriff. And he's right with the George Floyd incident, Executive Order 203, everything that's going on in this world. He's put together a nice package with the cameras, updating what he has with the Panasonic's, and I think it's a great investment for Ulster County. You know, cameras do two things, they the main thing they do is capture truth, and in law enforcement, it's all about truth. And the second part of that is, sometimes the truth hurts the police and sometimes it helps the police. But the fact is having those cameras does, in fact, transmit the truth. And as we know, just like fingerprints long ago and DNA in the last 25 years that the public and juries expect to see video now. They expect video on everything. I think he's done a fantastic job, but this is gonna allow him to do his, equip his officers, make sure the cameras are on when they need to be on, and then seamlessly transition evidence that's collected to the District Attorney.

Sheriff Figueroa: Thank you, Jim.

Jesse, if you can talk a little bit about the product.

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Absolutely. So good evening, everyone. My name is Jesse Lowe. I'm the account manager for the County here at Axon on both the taser and body camera software side. So the contract that we've written up includes 62 body cameras for 60 users. So that includes two spares on site at all times. Part of that is also our TAP program, our Technology Assurance Program, where we guarantee that we will replace any broken camera, no questions asked within the five years of the contract. Run over damage stops working, has battery issues, they'll use one of the spares we have on site, send that one back to us, we'll send them a brand-new camera as quick as we can. Also, as part of that TAP program, there is a camera refresh, both at the T 2.5-year mark and the five-year mark. So they always have the latest technology and newer cameras as well. That also helps with the batteries lasting the entire shift. Because as we all know, with cell phones, you know five-year-old cell phone batteries, nothing like a brand-new cell phone battery and we want these cameras to be on for that entire shift. Contract also includes unlimited storage for the entire five years. So there's no tiered options where, you know, the Sheriff would have to come back in a year and say, Hey, we ended up doing a lot more video than we expected. Need to ask you for more money for more storage. All the storage is cloud based,

and it's automatic, when the deputy removes the camera and puts it into the dock it automatically uploads into our cloud, which is a secure, audited cloud that's in Microsoft Azure's gov cloud. And I'll pause real quick there for any questions before I go over a couple other items that are included.

Sheriff Figueroa: Hey Jess, don't forget to talk about evidence.com.

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Absolutely. Absolutely. Any questions?

Chairman Gavaris: I, if nobody else on the committee has any questions right now I do have one related to what you said,

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Sure.

Chairman Gavaris: so there's no additional costs for storage. Are there any other potential costs that we would see as a result of the switch?

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Adding additional users. So this contract includes the license for 60 users, 60 cameras to have, to be on the Refresh program. All the docks, all the cables, all the body camera mounts. So the only time you'd see additional charges, is if the Sheriff's Office adds additional users or wants to add additional software's you know, something new we come out with or something new we have today that they're, they're not interested at this time.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, relatedly because one of the benefits of this is supposed to streamline discovery and getting the information from law enforcement to the DA's Office. Are there some costs, we're going to see down the line from the DA's Office in order for that office to process this information?

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: So there are not. When a case is built in evidence.com, which is our cloud based evidence storage, the Sheriff or anyone who has the proper permissions at the agency can simply share out that video to the Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office, and that's a separate copy of that video will then be created in our cloud within the Sheriff's unlimited account for the Prosecutor's Office to view. Now we do have a prosecutor product that can do additional features on top of that. But as far as just getting them a copy of the case, and every, all the evidence within that case, there are no additional charges.

Any other questions, just a couple other things in the contract I'll, I'll point out. If not, one is our performance software. So that software is our, basically a body camera usage tracking software that hooks up to the Sheriff's dispatch center, where it accounts for the number of calls a deputy was sent to versus the number of videos they have to ensure their cameras on during all calls it should be. It also ensures that the videos are tagged properly and categorized properly. So they're kept for the right amount of time. And this will send reports automatically to command staff if deputies are not properly tagging their videos as they should, so they're not lost. For example, they might keep a traffic stop that was a warning for one year, but something with arrest that was three years. So we want to make sure that deputies are going in there and tagging those videos properly. So our performance software automates that, and it also has the option to be a randomized video review software where supervisors can go in and it will take a random video and make sure that they review it, however, the policy is set. It's very customizable. So they're watching those videos, however often they want. To make sure they're checking in on their officers and make sure they're doing the right things out there.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill, your hand up for a second, but before we do that, since we are having questions, discussion, this is Resolution 53, so just can I get a motion for Establishing Capital Project 616 for the Axon Body Cameras.

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Cahill: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill. All right. Legislator Cahill. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh, do you want to wait?

Legislator Cahill: I have a question about this. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Go ahead.

Legislator Cahill: So my question is, how is, how are the videos uploaded? And how frequently? Are they done through cellular service? Are they after the shift dock mounted? Both? And is there any storage on these cameras in case like, Ulster County is very rural, and I'm sure you deal with that a lot, where there's no cell service. So how do you deal with that?

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Absolutely. So there are three options to get the video off the camera, the one is in the charging dock at the end of the shift. So they'll go back to the station back, back to wherever they keep the docks, they'll take the camera off their uniform, put it in the dock. In a dock it will offload those videos via the Ethernet cable at the station. It will charge the camera and then also, if there's any sort of software update or firmware update, it will update that camera while it's charging between shifts. It also has the ability to use the WiFi to upload the videos. So if they're at a substation or somewhere where there's a WiFi it will automatically offload the videos that they'd like. And then the third option, which is included in this contract is our critical incident offload where from the body camera, if they are within somewhere where there's cell service, they can offload the video directly to evidence.com from the body camera itself. So if there's an incident example, I had an agency where an officer wearing one of our body cameras had his foot run over and the person drove off. So from the scene, supervisor took his camera uploaded that footage directly to evidence.com and they had a perfect picture of this guy's face to put on the media to try and get him ID'd. And they didn't have to go back to the station, wait for all the other 20 videos to upload and then get it out. They had that video, that video and that screenshot online, I think within an hour.

Legislator Cahill: And what are the capacity of the cameras?

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Um, I want to say it's at least 12 hours of video.

Legislator Cahill: No, I'm sorry, storage wise, as far as how long, how much video in gigabytes, I'll say, on the cameras for storage.

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Let me look that up real quickly. I don't know the exact size, but I know it's at least a full shift. I mean, we've got, we've got, you know, agencies that sometimes, you know, work 16 hour shifts. So let me look at the, let me find that out for you, one second.

Legislator Cahill: No, I'm good. I'm fine. Thank you.

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Okay. Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other questions? All right, well, Brian, your question actually sparked a question for me then. So related to time you're saying 12 hours? What's the resolution of these cameras?

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: They can be set between 420 and 1080p.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Because at 1080p at 12 hours, you're probably talking over a terabyte of storage. That's a lot. Okay. All right. Thank you.

Sheriff Figueroa: The videos not gonna be on the, the cameras not gonna be on the entire time. It's only when there's interactions with, with the public.

Chairman Gavaris: Is there more that you have to present or are we

Sheriff Figueroa: That's it.

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: Sorry, I was seeing if any other questions. I don't believe there's anything else. Looking over the contract, nothing else Sheriff? Anything else you wanted me to speak to?

Sheriff Figueroa: No, I think, I think we're, I think we're good for the purposes of, of the Axon resolution, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: Thank you Chair Gavaris. My question is possibly for the Sheriff or possibly for other Legislators, who are not as new as I am. And, and I, I apologize. I haven't had a chance to review the Public Safety Committee meeting yet but do our usage of the cameras, is that governed by State Law at this point, County Law, or as a Sheriff's Department policy, or some combination?

Sheriff Figueroa: It's Sheriff's Office policy, but DCJS also has policy that, that guides us, but it's the Sheriff's Office policy.

Legislator Erner: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other questions? All right. All right. Well, thank you very much for both of you for the presentation. Sheriff, thank you for setting this up. I do have a question. But I don't think you're going to answer tonight. It's not that urgent. But so the cellular part, I would imagine that that would incur an additional cost if we were to use that option for uploading?

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: It would not. So that is included in this contract. We cover the LTE chips in each of the cameras.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh.

Jesse Lowe, Axon Representative: As, yeah. So on the contract, there's a, it's called the respond device plus. The other feature I did not discuss, and I apologize for missing this, is the ability to livestream from these cameras. So supervisors, or the Sheriff can either from evidence.com, or the app on their phone, they can see where the cameras are using GPS and also live stream into them during critical incidents.

Chairman Gavaris: The Sheriff may never sleep after this. All right. Well, gentlemen, thank you all. Appreciate it.

Sheriff Figueroa: Hey, Jim, Jesse, thank you very much for coming on. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah. All right. Everybody, no more questions, then. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Vote's unanimous. Thank you. Johanna, you're all set then?

Deputy Executive Contreras: Hi, Chair Gavaris. I'm so sorry. We had a mixup with the timing, um, the schedule, really appreciate you being willing to take it out of order. But can we give Dr. Smith another 10 minutes or so to jump on? Thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: We'll just into the regular agenda. Thank you.

Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst: We actually have one caller. I'd like to grab,

Chairman Gavaris: Sure.

Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst: (845) 389-7309, can you please state your name for the record? Star-6 to unmute.

Cheryl Schneider: Hi So, star-6.

Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst: You're unmuted, we can hear you.

Legislator Ronk: Now she needs to star-6, to unmute.

Legislator Petit: It's Cheryl Schneider.

Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Resolution 17: Setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law number three of 2022. Local Law amending Local Law number 6 of 2021. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in, Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I, I used to be in favor of all Public Hearings. But far too many times in the past, you know, it had been assumed that once somebody votes for a Public Hearing, they support the law. I'm not necessarily supportive of this law. So I'll be voting no, tonight, you know, to set the Public Hearing for that reason.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah. So I haven't had an opportunity to actually do 100% of the research on this. But, so this would raise the minimum wage that the County pays contractors and their employees to \$20 an hour. Is that right? Something like that. Yeah, go ahead.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah, no, it's just DSS contracts,

Legislator Cahill: Just DSS, okay.

Legislator Maloney: more or less, very skeptical of wide ranging government over private sector raising the minimum wage. I think there's repercussions to that, that ended up hurting even, even the people we think we're helping, this is just specific contracts where we literally have people that are working for not for profits being contracted by the county that are actually both basically working full time for the county and also going to DSS for help themselves at \$15 an hour, some of these, some of these individuals have impressive college degrees. And I just felt like as we are contracting, and a lot of times it's out of sight out of mind, we will go and contract with the not for profit, because we don't want to do it in house because we did it in house, we'd have to pay a living wage. I think if you're working with our elderly, or if you're working with our troubled youth, if you're working for the people in this county that that are in real need, you should be making I think \$20 an hour is acceptable. This is only going to affect a couple of people inside each of these not for profits, depending on the contract. So I'm surprised that anybody would be okay having their, their, their grandmother, their nephew being worked with just I mean, to be honest with you, we're sitting here in New York and Ulster County, I don't you know, and if they're on services already, let's empower these people and get them off services. How can we be, how could they be essentially working full time for the county, lesser health care that our county employees are making? We have, sometimes we have contracts that we basically have people in house doing the same thing. And we're contracting having people do essentially the same thing. And to pay em \$15 an hour, I think is unacceptable. And at times, maybe we'd have to make the decision if these non-for profits come back to us and say, Oh, we can't do it, then if we're going to have to pay \$20 for that. Maybe we should be doing it in house. But I don't think it's a big ask and I'd be surprised if any of these not for profits come with legitimate, real legitimate setbacks to paying a couple of employees \$20 an hour.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay, Legislator Cahill then Ronk.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. So we're, I feel a little snake bit. We, we just passed last year, increasing our our contractors to \$15 an hour, and we have seen some substantial increases in some of those contracts in the last few months. We're still waiting for explanations on those. And I'm a little uncomfortable that we don't know what the actual financial impact of this would be and how many actual employees would be affected and, you know, do we actually know all of them. In other words, do we have a definitive number of employees who would be impacted by this? So we would have a definitive number that we're looking at, because like I said, we approved this last year, and we have been doing nothing but seeing resolutions coming in from some of our contractors that are in some cases asking for 250% of what the initial contract was.

Legislator Maloney: Are we asking them for backup for that?

Legislator Cahill: We are. But I just wanted to bring that up about this, this particular Public Hearing on this, I just think I would rather wait and get a little bit more information before we even schedule a Public Hearing, quite honestly, that's my opinion.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. Um, yeah, my, my biggest concern about passing this is the fact that we don't know how much it's going to cost. I know, when we when we went to the \$15, kind of what, you know, Legislator Cahill just said, you know, we'll move on to the \$15 an hour for contractors, we were told by the sponsor of that resolution, that it really wasn't going to cost that much money. And then, you know, as Legislator Cahill said, they, you know, all the, you know, we just had a increases in costs from, from our contractors, you know, this past was, I want to say, December. You know, that we had to amend the contracts. So, you know, I'm not saying

I'm against them, I'm not saying it's the wrong idea, per se, but what I'm saying is, we should know how much it's gonna cost the taxpayer, or have some sort of an idea of how much it's gonna cost taxpayer before we make that policy choice, in my opinion.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other comments? I will echo though, what Legislator Cahill and Ronk had just said, the same thing is, you know, it's hard to have a public hearing, when we don't have all the information for the public, for them to be able to comment, the conversation might be very different, if they know the potential financial implications that this could have. And we didn't see that with the recent one.

So Legislator Maloney and then

Chairman Gavaris: You're on mute Legislator.

Legislator Maloney: I'll just point out that you're, you're talking about apples and oranges, I think. You're, we don't have contracts with not for profits that look, I mean, a multimillion-dollar capital project, you're talking about the number of employees in the length of that contract? I'm surprised. You know I, look, I wasn't here last term. But had I been I would have been asking for these contractors that were coming back to us justifying major, I would have really, I hope you guys can can you provide that to me? I mean, it looks like you have all the information, can you provide me with their backup to how paying somebody \$15 an hour ended up costing them? I mean, we were entering into contracts with, with what a majority of their workers making \$12 or \$13 an hour? I don't, I mean, and I mean for it to get to the point where it was hundreds of 1000s of dollars, what does that math even mean? And are you sitting here telling me that we want to keep continue to do contracts with, you know, usually it's an economic driver when we do a contract, I thought. That was one of the positive things to these big contracts that were employing people you're telling me where the mass majority of these people that we're employing are making \$12 and \$13 an hour. So everybody we're contracting with is on is, is getting subsidies for everything in their life? I'm not really sure what you guys are talking about? What are you asking me for? I mean when we go out to if we go out to, if we go out for bid or for a quote? I mean, we could put in there? What would the price of the contract be if you're paying at least \$20 an hour through DSS? And what would it be if you were allowed to pay \$15? You could get your answer that way. I mean, I don't know what you want me to tell you. It's gonna be minimal. Look at, let's go look at some of these contracts that we've been passing at all day long every day with Family of Woodstock.

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible].

Legislator Maloney: I think you're overstating what, what \$5 an hour for these limited DSS contracts is going to be and the other thing, if it's that much money, we're going to save it on the other end, because we are being told, literally by some of these people that are experiencing this, I work full time for the county, and I'm getting services. So we're spending the money one way or another? Shouldn't we just empower them, get them off of services, and pay them for a job well done.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator, the answer is, we don't, we don't have that, those information. That's on, those, some of the agenda items tonight is where, those are questions outstanding for those kinds of things. They were increases that came in resolutions that were before Ways & Means tonight, as well. So this is a, this is a result of what happened last year. We're now seeing the impact. That's the point. We don't have the answers yet. So, somebody had their hand up, and I apologize, I lost it.

Legislator Ronk: It was, it was me. Um, you know, I just, you know, with all due respect to Legislator Maloney, you know, and I don't think anybody, you know, disagrees with your motives. And I also don't think that it's the motive of anybody in the body to keep somebody on services or to not have, you know, a, a living wage paid, I just, you know, from my perspective, I would like to have some of the knowledge of how much it's going to cost before we make the decisions instead of finding out afterwards that's, you know, you know, your

opinion of minimal might be different than mine, might be different than Legislator Walter's, or Legislator Nolan, I'm just going off of what's on my screen right in front of me, but, um, you know, just in, in no particular order, and for no particular reason, you know, I, I just everybody's opinion of minimal or substantial are different.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Petit and then Deputy Executive Rider.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. You have two resolutions in front of you tonight, that were passed, I believe in Health and Human Services. And they're about 150,000 each. We were told 60,000 of that was due to pay increases. If you're looking at the employees, at one time being paid minimum wage, to bring it up to 15 an hour, that means they would have to have at least 30 employees handling each program. Now one of the programs only had a minimum of nine individuals that they were assisting. So you know, I have similar concerns, if we're going to be passing these resolutions, where is the backup? Now, we were also told that some of it was compression, salary compression. But I mean, we're looking at people living in Ulster County who want to work in Ulster County, who need at least \$20 an hour to live in Ulster County. And even then that's not totally sustainable wages, the price of living is through the roof. So you know, I, I think it's important that we increase it for, especially those involved with, with human services, because many of them are required to have a bachelor degree. And if we're not going to be passing this, and perhaps we want to hold up all of these other resolutions until we do get an answer as to why they're increasing them so substantially, you know, are we paying for all of the upper management too or are we just paying for the caseworkers who are going to be assisting individuals in need?

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I just want to clarify that you will see, and I've said this in other committees, but you will see many resolutions that are for contract amendments that talk about the living wage requirement, that is just adding in the paragraph to the contract, for the living wage requirement. It does not mean that they are increasing salaries or pay in those contract amendments due to the living wage. We are required now, the Purchasing Department, moving forward to include this paragraph in every contract and every amendment. So you're going to see the something, a line that says the amendment does this, and that it's the living wage requirement. It doesn't mean we're increasing the cost we could be adding the second year or the first extension, doesn't mean we're, we're increasing pay due to this living wage requirement. The only contract amendment that I'm aware of that has been affected by the living wage requirements so far, was the Family of Woodstock and it's the budget amendment that we did at the end of last year, sponsored by Legislator Uchitelle, and that was what Family of Woodstock said was needed to get all of their employees up to that \$15 an hour and increased county support for the outreach centers in Woodstock, Ellenville, and New Paltz. So that, that, that entire budget amendment wasn't just due to the living wage, it was also increasing county support for those outreach centers. We've provided that information. I know Johanna has provided other information. I'm not aware of any other contract amendment due to the living wage requirements. We, we did do an analysis on the last local law that was passed reaching out to the nonprofits that we work with and it was about a million dollars, I think was somewhere around there for the original living wage that, that the Finance Department, I believe, did a budget analysis on.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: No, just thank you for that clarity.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh well you had your hand up, that's why.

Legislator Maloney: I just had three different Legislators that they had been seeing all these raises to contracts and then Deputy Executive Rider comes in and says, no, that's not what that means. All right, I think it's fairly

doable to figure out by employee by hours. If they're at 15 now and they go to 20, you could easily look at a contract, figure out the number of employees, figure it's between five and 10 a year, and kind of come up with that. And then you can make that decision, like some of us have, that we can live with that added cost, because we're getting that added cost one way or another. But thank you for that clarity.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All right, all those in favor? Sorry, people have moved around on my screen somehow.

Brian.

Legislator Cahill: Yep, Chairman Gavaris, can I make a motion to take no action on this until we get a little bit more background for a month if Legislator Maloney has, doesn't have an objection to give us an opportunity to get some more information as to the number of employees that will be impacted and the actual financial impact? Because despite what, what Deputy Executive Rider said, we absolutely have resolutions in front of us that are increasing fees that look like they're related to that. And we were waiting for the explanation for that tonight. So anyway.

Legislator Ronk: Point of order, Mr. Chairman, I believe the proper motion would be a motion to postpone, there wouldn't be a motion to take no action, you just wouldn't take action. So I

Chairman Gavaris: Until next meeting, Legislator Cahill?

Legislator Ronk: I would second a motion to postpone.

Chairman Gavaris: Are you postponing till next meeting or to next month? Legislator Cahill?

Legislator Cahill: Well, that would depend on when we get the information. I will say next meeting, you know, and then if we don't have it there, then I will recommend that we postpone it another month. Yeah.

Legislator Ronk: I second that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.

Resolution 22: Confirming the appointment of Sharon Williams as Director of Employment & Training. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: So carried.

Number 23: Confirming the appointment of Nick Hvozda as Director of Environment. Motion? Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Number 25: Confirming the reappointment of Michael Iapoce as Commissioner of Social Services. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So Carried.

26: Establishing Fair Paying and Salary Equity Policy requiring Salary Compensation study prior to 2023. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, I'm, I'm, not again, I'm not opposed to a salary study. It's my understanding that the Executive's Office was in the process of one. I, again, I've been talking about salary study for quite some time, I think since Legislator Maloney was with us last. And, you know, I just I think that folks are going to be surprised by what it says, on both ends.

Chairman Gavaris: Go ahead, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Legislator Maloney can go first, if he wants to give some other backup or information related to this resolution, or

Legislator Maloney: No go ahead, No Legislator Walter, go ahead. I'll wait.

Legislator Walter: I guess for me also, um, you know, there's, there's, if it's going to be establishing a, on one hand, we could just, we could just do it. The Executives Office could just do it. I feel like if we're going to establish a policy, then we should be clear about who we want to have do it. That there's some, it's a little vague in the resolution that it might be done by this person, or that group, or that group. And, you know, I, it's a small little nitpick, but I think if it's going to be an actual policy, and we wanted it done, we would want some clarity as to who was going to do it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah, no, that was, that was put in there specifically for that reason, as you just said. Well, we could do it anyway. And that's kind of what is in there. It's got to be done. It gives us some parameters. It can be done in house, it can go, we can go out for a study. We could, we could spend money to go out and have it done. I think it could be done in house. We can talk to anybody we'd like inside the county, as far as county wide elected, we could do it through our own budget analysts or in, I'd love to see a, a team but there are some specifics that we want to compare. I think we're going to get a feel. This is a tool you'll be approving the PBA contract, I think today. Every union contract, every hire at the end of the year, our biggest argument every year, in this committee, are management raises. We never really have anything to really look to and we were, we were supposed to get it done for years. All this does is it puts us on the clock and it makes sure we don't go more than I believe four years without ever having a salary study something that doesn't have to cost us money that we can use, we can use it with our own staff, we had arguments when we were trying to add staff to our own budget, it's constantly an argument. And it shouldn't be we should know where we're at. This is and this is just as much about the unions, and what they're making. And what we're paying, this is going to be a tool that we use during every union negotiation. And it's just the, the only justification that I've heard, when I talk to legislators on the side for maybe not wanting to do this is not wanting to know how underpaid certain members of our county are, because we would then kind of be liable for it at that point, if you want to say that. And I just don't know, if something's not going to cost us money, it's just going to put us on the clock and mandate that we do something that we should be doing every couple of years.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody else? All those in favor?

Legislator Walter: Sorry, Legislator Gavaris, Legislator Petit's hand was up.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh I'm sorry, Legislator Petit.

Legislator Petit: Thank you. Just to follow up on that, um, you know, when there's a civil service test, they, they clearly post what the salary is. And it would certainly simplify staff in each department if there's an equalization of pay for this, this basically the same jobs being performed, whether it's a secretarial, clerical, or other. And we won't know if there's any disparaging differences unless we do a study on it. And as Legislator Maloney said, we could either do it in house, or we could hire an outside firm. But we did try to do this many years ago, and it wasn't followed through on and it would just really simplify the budget process, when certain job positions are being asked to have a salary increase, and we don't know what that's going to do as far as the other departments go. What, they could very well come the next year, and there'll be asking for an increase as well. It just, it just seems to make sense.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. Um, I just, I want to reiterate my point of not being against this in concept, but feeling like the language of, it could be the Comptroller, it could be our office, it could be the Executive's Office, makes it a policy that, you know, then each person can, each group can point to the other group. And, and it doesn't get done, I would feel much more comfortable if this resolution specifically says request that we either hire an outside organization to do it, whether we put it on the Comptroller specifically. But I don't feel like setting a policy that one of three potential groups can do it is going to achieve the outcome that you're hoping for. So with, what my request is for me to support it, is that it has a little bit more clarity as to who would be performing this.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: Just on that point, I will say that this year, there will be a study done by the Personnel Department, in consultation with Budget and Finance. And, you know, happy to have that study done that way moving forward, as well, whether it's every four years. No issues with the policy, I just hope that we

have that, there remains a flexibility that we can do it in house. And, you know, if, if it makes sense for one individual's kind of department to own it, I think it would make sense for the Personnel Department to, to own whether it's a contract out or doing it in house.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: I'm not sure that that personnel study, I'd be surprised if it was going to be hitting on all the points that this is mandating. I hope it is, and that would be fine. To Legislator Walter's point, it's very specific, this resolution as how there is a process. It goes through a committee and it's up to that committee. This is empowering a standing committee. The committee decides how to do the study. It's very similar to how the Audit Committee chooses our, the, the budget analysts or how Ways and Means I believe, maybe I'm crossing them up, chooses our end of the year audit. It's the same exact way process. It's all that's it's all there, there. It's not, you know, we're not flipping coins. It's it's in the resolution, it speaks to exactly what you're talking about. And it just mandates we do it every four years, and it has the parameters to make sure that we are not just comparing inside the county, which we do. Should we have the same position in one department making \$20,000, more than another department? Should we have all these Deputies making different? Let's have those conversations. And we will, we'll have all that information. Also, we're looking to the private sector, and we're looking to other counties are our CEO, what are our CEOs making compared to it even mandates that we get, we take a look at other counties and at least one of those counties needs to be to the south of us because we know as we get further from New York City, there's a you're making a little less, and we'll take that into account. And one of the counties that we compare to must be from the north part of the county, everything is answered, you can amend anything you'd like. But I don't really believe there's much to amend. It basically is just mandating that a certain committee goes ahead and decides without going over that four-year mark, how to do it. And, and the parameters are there to make sure that we're getting really good comparisons for every single employee of this county, both in the private sector and the public sector, outside the county and inside the county to ourselves. We've never done it since the charter. And we've talked about it every single term. This puts us on the clock with a good parameter and a good process. And it gives us the leeway for that committee to decide with everyone else's input. The executives people are at every meeting. We have multiple legislators that are aren't even on committees like myself and Laura at these different committee meetings. Everybody's got a seat at the table. We just, were on the clock, we decide who's going to do it that, that year, and then we have it. I really think this just makes a lot of sense.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody else?

Legislator Maloney, just make sure you take down your hand whenever you're done because otherwise it messes up my screen there. Thank you.

All right. All those in favor?

Legislator Ronk: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: One, all right.

Legislator Cahill: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Two.

Legislator Fabiano: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Three, okay. Four. All right. Motion is carried.

27: Eliminating the management positions, amending the 2022 budget. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Um, you know, I, if I didn't have the level of respect that I have for the person that was hired for this position, and know that he's going to be a, a serious help to the Finance Department, I would I would be supporting this, but because the position was filled again. You know, before we, we were able to take action as a legislature, I can't support it tonight.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Um, yeah, I put this, me and Ken had talked about this, and put this in. And then I believe that it was pretty quickly. I think the, the resolution was kind of out there. And I don't know if that was strategic on the Executive's part. Because up until a couple days ago, this individual wasn't even in the financial system. I've heard wonderful things about him. I like that, I don't think you'd choose, you choose whether or not you approve of position by who's going to get it necessarily. I understand where Legislator Ronk's coming from. I still stand by putting up legislation like this. I'll remind everyone we just postponed giving people \$20 an hour. Now we're about to pay \$114,000. Going back to the res, of the Ways and Means meeting where this was decided to give this raise, just a month or two ago. There was a large discussion, I think legislator Ronk lead it, and it was basically brought out that yeah, the reason we're going this high with this position is because it was for I believe, Chris Kelly. Now it's not Chris Kelly anymore, but we leave it at 114. I also did all the background, just so we have I think every time we go and make decisions, especially about management and somebody making over 100 and some odd thousand dollars a year, especially with a new position as we're defunding one and creating another that we should take a look at it like this. This is healthy. This is what we're supposed to do. Is everybody okay to go to 114 especially when that 114 was justified by having a certain person there. Do we really need that? Take a look at how this position came about. I'm not on Ways and Means but I still think that this is, this is diligence and we should be doing it. Me personally, I, I think we you know, I'm happy we're getting this that we might be getting this compression study because I think we do need to take a look logistically at what we've done. We've created a, we've created a lot of management positions over the past couple of years. And I'm not sure, you know, we really have a great idea whether it's it's working the way it should be, and whether we're getting what we can out of these positions. Is, another question is, looks like this position would be something that I'd like to see a Certified Accountant, a CPA. Is this person we're hiring, giving 114,000 to, do they have an accounting degree? Um, I don't know. Anybody answer me that? Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider: I, I can't confirm that. I'm not sure if Ken has a CPA or not.

Legislator Maloney: It's a budgetary position that we're paying 114,000.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. I don't, I'm not answering that question, either. I don't know, this person's degrees. I'll say, you know, I appreciate the intent behind this, I will say that I was very concerned about these changes in the budgetary time. But in the end, I supported it. And I didn't support it, specifically, because Chris Kelly would be in it. But because promises were made by finance, that we were going to see a whole higher level of the budgeting approach, more transparent, more goal oriented approach that we've been asking for for many years. Now, granted, at the time, I even said, you know, I didn't quite see why we hadn't gotten there in all those years. But I'm, I'm going to trust that this is true, and and that we're going to see a budget like we've never seen before. And if we don't, then when it comes to the next, for the 2023 budget period, then I'd be very open to making these kinds of changes. But at this point, I voted, I ultimately voted yes, because I believed, or that,

that Finance was really going to deliver on something we will be so amazed by and it will be so useful to all of us. And I hope that's true. And so at this point, I'm going to just have to wait this year out and say, I'll, I'll be 100% supporting you on removing these positions in 2023. If we're not seeing a, a some substantial impact of having them.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Comptroller Gallagher, then Cahill, then Ronk.

Comptroller Gallagher: I'm not going to speak to the motion, but our new Director of Internal Audit and Control is trying to get back in the meeting for the last few minutes, and he has a CPA, hoping to introduce him shortly. But if you could let him in the meeting, I'd appreciate that.

Legislator Cahill: He's in. He's in.

Comptroller Gallagher: Okay, thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. So here's my issue. And I argued this last term in the opposite direction of adding positions or altering positions outside of the budget. I'm a firm believer of addressing budgetary items during the budget cycle, especially positions, because that's when they should be justified. And that's when we should have all the cards on the table and we're approving a budget as is and so to just vote on a budget a few months ago, and then come back and then vote against something that we just voted for. It's not something I'm real comfortable with. I don't like adding or removing positions after the budget is voted on. And that's just something that I'm going to be sticking with my entire term and I'll be sticking with it tonight.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks, I look I, I share a, a number of Legislator Maloney's concerns. You know, it's it's why I proposed eliminating this from the Executive's Proposed Budget in the first place and it actually caused what I feel is a pretty big rift between myself and the Executive over that and several other you know, honest disagreements and conversation, yeah, conversations that I had had you know, both, you know publicly and privately you know, again, I, I just I, I value Ken Juris working for the county so much that I would it, it's really hard for me to, to vote yes on this because of that, um, you know, it's one of the few times when because of the caliber of person that we're getting for the dollar that we're spending I, I think it's a good use of resources. Um, you know, again Legislator Walters point you know, I somewhat agree with and somewhat don't because, you know, trust is one thing but I'm a trust but verify kind of person and with a lot of these management positions that have been given a large salary increases and or new positions have been created the very verification hasn't been there. So I struggled to have the trust. But with the, with this individual because of the individual all alone, I'll I just can't support the resolution.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you, Comptroller Gallagher, I think your hand is still up from before if you can just lower it. Yeah, please lower your hand then. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: A couple of points. One to Legislator Cahill, which usually I'd agree with that though this position was just justified, we were just told by the Executive, like days ago, basically, that this was for a certain person that was immediately moved out of the position. That's how we justified keeping it. That's how we justified the pay. So it's not as if this position has been in, in the county in this way, year after year cycle after cycle, and then all of a sudden, we're going to do something outside the budget process. No, it was actually kind of done outside the budget process looks to me, like, we were told that this person was in this, they justified this big raise for this person and immediately moved the person out, and they were going to keep the salary. Once again, I don't know if we've looked up, whether this is a CPA or you know, or what, but maybe moving it down

to 97,000, where it was in 2020. Like I said, the reason it went to 114 was because of this impressive person with I think, a much more budgetary background, and a resume that justified 114. Do we want to take a look at that we we often, you know, we can, you know, we can talk in ways about not wanting to go from 15 to 20. But let's have that same tough budgetary salary conversation about about this right here, perhaps going back down to 97 would be a suggestion. And if we're going to get more, I'll remind you I was here a term before this last and I heard all these same promises back then I still don't see much in the budget. Hopefully they can go back and change. Last time I looked at the budget, I'd tell everyone to look at Orange County's budget. I like what they're doing over there, much more than what what we have. And right now, the last time I checked the other day, the 2021 accepted Legislative Budget, our actual budget, when I clicked on it was still the Executive Budget. So once again, I, we get promises about transparency and a goal oriented budget that we've seen in other areas. We haven't seen it here. And we continue to add all these all these positions inside finance, and budget, and we don't always get what we're promised. So I think it's time to start demanding to get what we're promised. So I hope, I hope there's a willingness to at least go back down to what I think is a more appropriate salary. There, it's 100% taxpayer funded.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other comments? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I'm willing to have that discussion. But I don't think that I can have it tonight. Because to, to do something like that when the person's already been hired for the position, you'd have to also know what he was making in his previous position. Because if, if we're gonna lower it to what he was making before his previous position, you know, he'd probably go back to the other position. I, you know, again, I think that there's, there's factors there that when you hire somebody, which again, you know, this Executive has been very good at that at getting the Legislature to not do things based on you know, hire dates and whatnot. Um, so I'm, I'm not saying that as a good thing. I'm just saying that as a fact of life.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor? Opposed? Everybody's opposed. All right. Motion defeated. Thank you.

Johanna are you ready at all or no? Yeah. All right.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yes, yes.

Chairman Gavaris: Well, now's a good break. So let's,

Deputy Executive Contreras: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: yeah, we want to go to, can I get a motion for resolution 95. That is the

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Deputy Executive Contreras: Dr. Smith, are you ready?

Chairman Gavaris: Just let me get a second.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter or Legislator Cahill, thank you, second, okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Smith: Are you ready for me?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes.

Commissioner Smith: Okay. Um, the reason why we're requesting this change to the budget was that essentially the vacancy in essential staff didn't occur until January 3rd, when our Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Heller retired. This left two Deputy Medical Examiner's and our Deputy for Medical and Legal Investigations Haley Carr, in the positions that they currently that they had prior to Dr. Heller's retirement with less staff to do what is obligated under New York State County Law for the county to provide medical examiner services on a 24/7 365 day basis. Because of that extensive round the clock obligation to respond to medical examiner calls that are placed to the department or to the division by law enforcement. Whenever they come upon the scene of a decedent who meets the criteria basically to be covered under Medical Examiner or Coroner services.

Our county has been a medical examiner type county since 1970, or thereabouts. Prior to that there was a coroner. The Medical Examiner's division and the functions of a Medical Examiner are defined on the New York State County Law. And basically, the requirement is to take this quote unquote possession of a body that has represents a decedent who succumb to either homicide, suicide, and in recent years, overdoses, fatal motor vehicle accidents, crib death type cases. And because the numbers of these cases, over time of at least the past 10 years have increased in all of those categories. The work of the medical examiner division has intensified and increased. But the 24/7 365-day obligation for coverage has always been the case. So that has not changed.

So when the Chief Medical Examiner with very little advance notice, basically retired January 3rd, that meant that the budget had already been processed, so to speak. And now we're left with an urgent deficit in the staff that's needed to fulfill this, this obligation. And we are therefore, you know, having to come before you to ask for under this resolution for an amendment to the budget. Certainly, if we had known, but when the budget was being developed, or was being approved by the County Exec's Office and or being approved by the Legislative group that you represent, we would have had it secured in that budget context, but given the fact that it was a late notice, and now we're left with the need to make this, you know, to make sure that we provide for this coverage, we are now in this position.

When we consider the possibilities of how we would fill the Chief Medical Examiner role, we did reach out to the medical community. Unfortunately, given the fact that there is overnight and weekend coverage responsibilities, no one was interested in providing that at least not for the kind of compensation we could offer. But the at, look taking a serious look at how the work basically is covered with the Medical Legal Death Scene Investigator, Haley Carr, being our only full time staff member, the other two right now still working on a less than full time basis. But you know, she covers Monday through Friday, nine to five, she does all of the administrative work that goes along with management of this division, including dealing with funeral directors, families, law enforcement, District Attorney if it's a potential homicide case. So there's quite a bit of responsibility that goes along with also answering the call to go to the scene in a scene of a decedent and then to take the her measurements as it were of the scene and bring them back to the forensic pathologist, Dr. Catenis, who actually does the autopsies on behalf of the County through a contract with Westchester Medical Center, which is a separate, entirely separate provision right now and that's for a topic for another day. But the Medical Examiner is defined on the public county law it's defined under the Ulster County charter. And you know, we are in a position where we think that hiring a second death scene investigator, medical legal investigator who is not a physician would be the best option both from a financial standpoint and from a work responsibilities standpoint and that's why we're asking you to approve this resolution which will allow us to hire a second Medical Legal Investigator, which would in fact, assist with the overnight and weekend and daily routine activities, and provide the kind of support that the division needs. Haley is a graduate the current individual who serves in this function, she's a graduate, the Forensic Institute at Syracuse University, she's very well academically trained. And she came to us really basically able to hit the ground running when she came to us about a year ago. We reached out to her director of that division at Syracuse University, Dr. Sponsler who agreed to basically put the call out to see if there's another graduate who is interested. And we did get a couple

of individuals, candidates who came forward on the basis of his request and basically have his recommendation, which is extremely helpful to get the division academically to a point where it literally satisfies the degree of need that or the qualifications that would be required of the division, anywhere in New York State or elsewhere. So headsets, where we are at this present time, and I am happy to answer any questions that you may have. And I guess I will turn it over to Johanna at this point, and then she can take it from there, and or Haley Carr, who is with us this evening, as part of this call. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Deputy Executive Contreras, did you want to, you hand your hand up?

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yeah, I just wanted to add, thank you, Dr. Smith, I just wanted to add some detail about what the Chief Medical Examiner was covering in terms, so he was actually taking on two days a week, two nights a week and two weekends a month, which is, on average, 60 hours a week, some weeks, it was 90 hours a week. So I think Haley was about to chime in there. And so that's why we're kind of in this position where in January, the rest of the team really did a great job in terms of stepping up and taking on these additional shifts among themselves, but it's really getting to a point where they're overly stretched and we're hearing that we're not able to come get to the death scenes on time to conduct the investigations. So that is part of the urgency, as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thank you. So I just I want to fully understand what's going on here. So currently, we have one full time Deputy Medical Examiner, two part-time Deputy Medical Examiner's and a Chief Medical Examiner.

Commissioner Smith: The chief

Legislator Ronk: I understand that Chief retired I'm talking about position, Dr. Smith, there is a position been budgeted for a Chief Medical Examiner. Thank you. Um, so, um, we haven't hired for the Chief Medical Examiner yet. Correct?

Deputy Executive Contreras: Correct. But we've, we've posted for it and we haven't gotten any applicants.

Legislator Ronk: Understand. Um, you know, I, I assume that you'll cast a wider net at some point, um, you know, perhaps also inside the department, but, um, you know, uh, so as part of the job description for Chief Medical Examiner, is there a requirement for on call hours for nights and weekends?

Commissioner Smith: Yes.

Legislator Ronk: What is the requirement in the posting for a number of hours, nights and weekends? Because on, again, the 60 to 90 hours that I heard from, Johanna, um, you know, are those on call hours or actual hours that on the, on the job.

Commissioner Smith: On call hours are actual hours on the job. If you ask an individual, Medical Examiner has to have a medical degree, MD. When you ask a doctor to carry a beeper for eight hours, that doctor expects to get paid for eight hours, of his or her time.

Legislator Ronk: Oh, oh, I understand.

Commissioner Smith: Right. So

Legislator Ronk: I was just, I was just asking, you know, for my own edification, Dr. Smith, it's a fair question.

Commissioner Smith: Oh, it's a fair question. It's a very honest answer. So if you're, excuse me, I have a bit of a respiratory thing going on, it's not Covid, I hope. In any case, yes. If you're asking them to cover a weekend, from 5pm on Friday, 8 to 9am on Monday, all of those 60 some odd hours, they would expect to get paid for every one of those hours, whether or not that beeper went off, or that cell phone went off, whether or not they had to answer the phone and deal with the case over the phone, or whether or not the case demanded that they go to the scene of the death. And that scene of the death could be anywhere. We've had folks that have slipped off the slopes in the Shawangunk's. We recently just had an, a motor, a, actually this weekend, we had a vehicle death in which the snowmobile flipped over, individual had no helmet and crushed his skull. That death scene investigator has to go to that scene, gather as much evidence that they can, as does law enforcement as well. But remember law enforcement's primary responsibility is for criminal activity. Medical Examiner activity is not only to assess the scene, after the police have done their due diligence with respect to a potential homicide, but if it's a suicide or a fatal motor vehicle accident of some kind, literally, the Medical Examiner also needs to collect some evidence on that case, and decides yes, this case does meet the criteria and should be brought in for an autopsy by the Forensic Medical Examiner. Some folks, some cases where they police are called to a scene at home. It may have been an elderly individual who has a private doctor, the doctor is contacted by the Medical Examiner the case is discussed the you know the medical history of the decedent is discussed and is decided between the Medical Examiner and that Attending Physician. Does this case need an autopsy? In that particular case the person may have been elderly, etc. The answer may be no. Because there's no obvious criminal or foul play and this individuals come to a medical event. So you know whether or not you're actually going to a scene or discussing the case with an attending physician or dealing with a funeral directors who then bring the decedent either to the morgue or to a funeral business for further processing, etc. That Medical Examiner has to do that work, whether it's two o'clock, three o'clock in the morning or nine or clock, or 12 o'clock noon, I mean, death knows no time, right. So, this work has to be done. So, you know what the the thing is, when you speak to a physician, you know, they may or may not be willing to do overnight coverage like that weekend coverage and their cost is quite appropriate to their degree lets put it that way that they are expecting money for compensation that we may not necessarily think we can handle with respect to the budget for the county at this point in time. So you know, nevertheless, the quality of what Haley has done as Medical Legal Investigator, she's not a physician, but she is a graduate trained Forensic Examiner, has been excellent. And we feel as though having someone who has graduated with similar reviews, you know, to join the division will help to offset the responsibility of night and weekend coverage as well as some of the daytime activity that goes along with it. Johanna?

Chairman Gavaris: I'm going to go Legislator Nolan, then Walter.

Commissioner Smith: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I was deferring to Joanna because she deferred back to me. I'm sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan: Yes, thank you. I would just say that the other part of this that hasn't yet been brought out here is how much the workload in this area has increased. The number of cases that are coming to the Medical Examiner's Office has gone up dramatically. And, and there's reasons to expect it, it will continue to be high. That's not just Covid, that the substance use and overdose deaths have increased. So there's quite a bit of increase. And I think that this approach to solving the immediate problem is really makes a lot of sense. And it may help us see what that division needs over time. We might want to look at some of the things that are now requirements in that department or whether they need to remain. At one point this legislature made the requirement that the physician filling the Medical Examiner's position be a resident of Ulster County. I'm not sure that's reasonable anymore, um, and I think it's worth looking at, but we have to, we have to fill this position now because of our legal requirements. And because these people who have stepped up for the past month and a half, have to have some assistance, and this is a very reasonable cost effective way to provide it to them. So I

think we ought to do this. And then look at the other questions that we have that were raised by the way this, this came to us.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. Um, so, for me, I'm supportive of this at this point. The, this office, the, the challenges this office is having is expanding beyond this office, it impacts law enforcement, and impacts our community members who are waiting to having long waits to find out, you know, to have resolved on, on some of these cases. This organization, they're they're very connected with our Oracle program and our, you know, our other opioid net team. And so, the, it's not just, I'll, I'll I agree with everything that Legislator Nolan said, but add on to that, that the implications of this, of the pressure that this department is experiencing is impacting other departments and, and community members. And so I feel that it wouldn't have been asked for if it wasn't as needed, as they're describing, and I feel very compelled that it is.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Contreras.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yes, I just wanted to add quickly, because I know I think Haley wants to add something but to Legislator Ronk's point about the position being posted and casting a wider net. Um, I, I want to echo Legislator Nolan, that it does have to be an Ulster County resident, and it's been up for a while. And we have approached people internally as well, we have had a little bit of interest, but only in like one person is interested in taking on the role only with the higher level administrative duties that are required of that position, which Haley can talk about a little bit more, but at the salary that it's currently budgeted for, it's just, it's just not competitive, unfortunately. And so that's why we're trying to put forth this lower cost option to cover those, those hours.

Chairman Gavaris: Miss Carr, go ahead.

Hayley Carr, Medical Examiner Investigator: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for you know, being here tonight and being willing to even discuss this late resolution. Sitting in on this conversation for a while now, I definitely heard some talk about introducing items into the budget outside of those negotiations. And I recognize that this is a unique situation, that is typically not something that we would want to be discussing at this point, prior to budget negotiations. I would like to reiterate the what was previously mentioned, we would never have brought this to the table if it was not an urgent situation that we were in. To put into some perspective. We have had four employees in this office since, my understanding is 2019. Which means that 24/7 on call schedule was split between four individuals up until last month when Dr. Heller retired. Since his departure, myself and my fellow two deputies have been splitting his 96 hour per week coverage. That is two overnight shifts, each are 16 hours, and one weekend shift which is 64. So it is an incredible amount of time, everyone has taken on a lot more than they typically do, including Dr. Stutt, who is our Acting ME. He is certainly is covering the majority of the schedule at the moment. But the three of us, unfortunately, are not going to be able to continue at this pace. Day to day looking at our influx of calls might not seem like a lot, but being on call requires that we're available to leave at a moment's notice. For me, that means I don't go to the gym because I don't want to go to a scene and be interacting with grieving families covered in sweat. That means that I'm not cooking at complicated dinners at home because I can't have something in the oven and have to be called out to, let's just say, Wawarsing in the middle of the night to answer a call for a gentleman who flipped on his ATV. These are just, you know, things that most people don't take into consideration when they consider on-call duties. And not to mention for myself personally, I'm handling all of the administrative duties during nine to five business hours every day. And taking on overnight shifts definitely adds to my workload seeing as I am already addressing 24/7 concerns for the office, not including any death calls that come in overnight and the death calls that I respond to during the day. So again, I'd be happy to answer any questions you guys have regarding what we do every day in the office and any questions regarding the on-call schedule.

And I, I sincerely hope you guys will all take this into consideration. Again, this is an urgent resolution that we've put forward. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks, I, I, I, don't respect the use of the word most people when you talk about not understanding on call services, you know, both Legislator Gavaris and myself are both, you know, members of EMS service. So we fully recognize that having this on means that you're on-call and you can't cook complicated dinners and can't go out with your friends. So I, I totally respect that, we do that for free, but I totally respect the you know, the the on-call nature and I, I fully, fully grasp the on-call nature. I, right now I'm doing three to five crew nights a week I haven't, I, I've never contemplated the hours, but maybe I'll start doing that. But you know, I just I don't I don't like the use of like words like most when you're talking about people's understanding of things.

Chairman Gavaris: [Inaudible] Deputy Executive Contreras, just, I'm going to be asking for a motion, just so everybody knows, to postpone this next week, I did request some information. Unfortunately, I didn't get it until just prior to the meeting. So I have not had an opportunity to review it. So I'm going to ask for that. But Deputy Executive if you want to go right ahead.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Um, yes, sorry about that. It took us a few hours to track that information down, but you did receive it?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes, just prior to the meeting but yes, I got it.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Got it. Okay, I just wanted to add quickly that, um, as it is the current coverage as it stands, and with Haley being the only full time person in that office, she also is not able to just take regular time off. And whenever there is an emergency sort of has to rally to get to that and and to provide that coverage. The other Deputy ME's we have, have other obligations in terms of their practices. And so they're not always able to kind of come at a moment's notice and fill in. And so really, any sort of flexibility or any additional hours really falls on Haley, and she hasn't been able to take, just regular days off. Just wanted to add that for the record.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Are there any other comments from the Legislators? No, all right. Hayley, do you want to go ahead? You're on mute. You're on mute.

Hayley Carr, Medical Examiner Investigator: Thank you. I just wanted to respond to Legislator Ronk's comments. Of course, in no way was I indicating that there are members in this meeting who are not familiar with the on-call process, having friends who are EMS myself, I'm very well aware of what that means for all of you as well. I probably was referring mostly to other folks that we've had this conversation with. Definitely not characteristic of the folks in this meeting. But I appreciate your comments. And I just would like to reiterate that this is a position of passion. People don't go into forensics, for money, fame, etc. We're here because we love this work, and we want to help people. But at some point, we have to start thinking about our own health and our own safety. And we have to take that into consideration. So that is part of the reason why we are proposing this resolution. And again, this, that was meant not in any way to be disrespectful to you or anyone else who works in emergency services.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Can I get a motion, Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you, Chairman Gavaris. So you're gonna post request a postponement for one week. So it will still be on this month's agenda. And it won't delay the actual passing of this resolution. If you're, you're, you have an opportunity to look at the information you were given today. Correct?

Chairman Gavaris: Correct, that's my goal. Yes, for next week.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Can I have some motion for that?

Legislator Ronk: I'll make that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll Second.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you, Dr. Smith, and Hayley, I appreciate that. Anything else, next week, we'll be talking about it again. Alright, let's turn to the agenda.

Resolution number 28: Dedicated funding to implement the Respite House Policy. Could I have a motion?
Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second Ronk. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Um, while I of course, fully support this resolution in every way, shape, or form. I would say that for this one, number 29, 30, and 31, and 32. I don't know how you feel about blocking it to make a motion to postpone so that we can allow the ARP Committee to meet, and then we can regroup on this after they've had that chance.

Legislator Ronk: I'll make that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Walter: I'll second.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay.

Legislator Cahill: I'm opposed.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed to blocking?

Legislator Cahill: Yes. I'm opposed to blocking because I want to talk about one of them independently tonight, if possible.

Legislator Ronk: Which, which one? Legislator Cahill, I'd be happy to take that out of the block.

Legislator Cahill: It's the, it's the, the enterprise, I'm sorry, not the enterprise, the UCEDA one. Number

Chairman Gavaris: 32.

Legislator Cahill: 32. Yes. Yep.

Legislator Ronk: All right. Legislator Walter, you comfortable removing 32 so Legislator Cahill can talk about it?

Legislator Walter: Absolutely.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you.

Legislator Ronk: You got it.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. So all those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Legislator Ronk: Without 32? All right.

Chairman Gavaris: Without 32. Okay.

Legislator Walter: So I make a motion to postpone 28, 29, 30, and 31.

Legislator Ronk: I'll second that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Okay. So resolution 32. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Cahill: I'll make a motion.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so I just wanted to bring this up, you know, we, we had a little bit of a, you know, discussion about that in our committee and a couple of other committees prior to this. And, you know, this particular program that the, UCEDA and the Department of Environment, Economic Development are putting forward are, is really is a, it's a county sponsored extension of a program that's already in place. I just came from a UCEDA board meeting prior to this committee meeting this evening. And, you know, there, there are some success stories there. There are, there are some notes from people who received that first round of CARES

grants, that said that the, the money literally saved their business. One person said it saved their life. You know, I know, that's dramatic. And I don't mean to, you know, say that, us funding that with, you know, ARP money is, you know, saving people's lives. I don't believe that. But I do believe that is certainly enhancing the ability of some of these businesses to withstand this over and over and over long term, downturn in business with where there are people involved, where, because people aren't going out, they're not going to stores they're not, they're not doing the same things as they did. And that's the bulk of these folks who are being, you know, helped with these funds. So, you know, I really like to see, you know, this, the county pitch in the million dollars into the extension, what we're calling UCEDA CARES 2, which is actually not CARES, but an AR, you know, ARP fund county funded ARP program, but with the same background and same criteria. So, you know, I'm gonna, I'm going to support pushing that forward today. I would have supported in our committee, but we were, we got overruled there.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I think that part of my apprehension with moving forward on on this now is that, you know, every business could could, you know, could use this assistance, and this doesn't, this isn't enough money, nor was CARES, nor I don't know that you could come up with enough money to give this amount of money to every business. So at some point, we're picking winners and losers, and at some point, you know, a business that knows about the program and is going to apply for it when a business say in the Hamlet of Walkill doesn't know about it, and and then won't, you know, have the opportunity to apply for or maybe won't as fast. You know, somebody who's got the ear of a legislator or knows somebody in the economic development, you know, community in, in, in and around the City of Kingston is more likely to be applying for this than a business that's outside of that sphere of influence. And that's one of my concerns about using a million dollars in this manner, is that, you know, you are picking winners and losers. Because I would be willing to bet you that every single business in Ulster County could could meet the criterion under under the program of need of enhancing their operations. Um, I, I just, again, that that's that's where my apprehension comes in. And I, I, that's why I can't support it tonight. I'd be happy to have it postponed, but I can't support it tonight.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter, then Maloney, then Cahill.

Legislator Walter: Thanks, and just to be clear, I mean, this ties into Resolution Number 29 which we are postponing. But yeah, I, I, I feel like this postponement could be very valuable. There is information that we have are waiting to see, for me myself, it's really a better understanding of who's already being funded and who is basically on the slate to be funded at this point. I kind of, I agree with Legislator Ronk, I'm concerned about how, despite the fact that, and I looked very carefully at the backup provided by Chris Kelly recently on the details of how the decision is, is made, it still ultimately becomes a first come first serve. And I don't feel like it fits into like, defining a policy of what, who we want to make sure we're supporting. Are we considering geographic need? Are we considering race? Are we considering, you know, how are we putting our policies behind assuring that certain types of businesses have that opportunity to be protected in our county. And so, you know, the concept of supporting small business, I'm absolutely supportive. But I think that the process that's put forth in front of us, I think, needs some tweaking. And I don't know if the Executive's Office is open to adapting this model of how we identify who we should be prioritizing for supporting them, the you know, which businesses but I think if they are, we could probably get a lot farther on this. At this point, we're kind of, I feel like being told, this is how we're doing it, and that's the only option on the table. And, you know, I, I think if they're open for a real discussion, so that we assure, for example, that our main streets that have, you know, a large percentage of people of color, are seeing representation of themselves on their main street, or, you know, community businesses that are really fitting certain types of needs, or are an underrepresented group in another way, are really getting the support they need. You know, there, there's ways we can put policy behind this decision. And I don't necessarily feel it's fully baked yet. And so I would prefer to postpone it. And I would hope that the Executives Office would be open to really exploring, how do we identify on a needs based level,

how do we really identify which of these businesses should get the money because as again, as Legislator Ronk said, there'll be many who won't get it, and what, how do, what do we, how do we make the smartest decision?

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right. Before we go to anybody else, is there any other Ways and Means Committee members who have any comments? Okay, if not, I would, I would also support Legislator Ronk in postponing this. ARPA has not, it will be meeting tomorrow to discuss this. It really hasn't gone through their committee with approval yet. So I think if you're willing to Legislator Ronk, in order to save time tonight, I think we're going to talk about this next week. So if there's votes to postpone it, I'd like to have a motion to postpone.

Legislator Ronk: I'll make that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Legislator Walter. All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Thank you. All opposed? Okay. So carried, thank you. All right.

We'll take it up next week.

Legislator Ronk: Legislator Cahill's opposed if you just [inaudible]

Chairman Gavaris: You're opposed?

Legislator Ronk: him as such.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you Legislator Cahill. All right.

Resolution 33: Amending Capital Project 577 McKinstry Street Bridge. Could I have a motion? Somebody, Walter. Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

35: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$199,434.10

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: 434.10. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in, discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

36: Approving the execution of a contract for \$2,434,400. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion? Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I'm just gonna ask for a motion to postpone this one for one week. I just, there was a couple of questions I need answered and then I'll get back to you all.

Legislator Ronk: I'll make a motion we postpone it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. All right. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Number 37: Establishing Capital Project 619 and 620

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Resolution 39: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to amend an agreement with the New York State Unified Court System. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Chairman Gavaris: Number 40: Amending the 2022-2027

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion we block 40 and 42 together.

Chairman Gavaris: Motion. Second, Legislator Walter. All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? [inaudible].

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion we block 44, 45, 46.

Legislator Walter: Wait, I didn't, I voted yes on the block.

Legislator Ronk: Oh, sorry.

Legislator Walter: I wanted to say something about Resolution 40.

Legislator Ronk: My fault, I was just looking at that list. I was looking at [inaudible]

Legislator Walter: Oh he is home. I have something on 40.

Chairman Gavaris: Go ahead.

Legislator Walter: So um, yeah, we were trying to green our vehicles. What, I appreciate a lot, how many are on this that are electric or hybrid? Just checking, and maybe I don't know if anyone's here or if this conversation came up in Public Works, but for the Ford 250, which is Buildings and Grounds. There are hybrids. Is there a reason why you didn't go with a hybrid for that one?

Deputy Executive Rider: You're, you're saying there's hybrid heavy duty trucks?

Legislator Walter: Yeah. Well, according to Google.

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean,

Legislator Walter: I'm just saying, asking because also, I don't know. I understand, like with the Sheriff's vehicles, there's difference with mileage, how much wear and tear, but I looked up the equivalent of a Ford F250, specifically, to see whether there was and you know, I get with boom lifts and scissor lifts, you're not going to, I only looked for that one because it is a pickup truck. And there is a hybrid, specific a Ford F 250 hybrid. So.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I mean, I, I think it's because of the power etc. But, I, I can double check with our Public Works Department. I also know that a lot of the EV and hybrid vehicles have a really long turnaround time right now. And I think that this vehicle is, is necessary. Legislator Fabiano might know, with experience in the Town Highway Department as well whether a hybrid would be useful here.

Legislator Fabiano: Absolutely not. They just don't, they don't match up. It's, it takes power away from the vehicle. When you get in your winter months. When you need those vehicles for plowing and sanding, you need that extra power and strength and you just don't get it out of, out of hybrid. Hybrid all's I see in, in highway work and stuff is for transportation vehicles, management people in the offices to get from point A to point B, but actually on a job site or out on roads. They simply, they simply don't cut the mustard. You're going to find that a lot now with the computers in these vehicles and heavy equipment. It's just, it's just not the same. It it's not the same.

Legislator Walter: Thank you.

Legislator Fabiano: But I don't have anything against like the hybrid, you know, like I said, transportation vehicles for office management and this and that. But for actual construction work in my experience for 42 years, it's just, I'm not happy with them.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All those in favor?

Legislator Ronk: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So Carried. You wanted to block the next ones Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Yes. Let me get back to it. I was going to make a motion to block 44, 45, 46, 47, 48

Deputy Executive Rider: Through 51, Ken.

Legislator Ronk: I'm fine with through 51. There there have been historically questions about Seneca pavement marking. So

Legislator Walter: I have questions, questions for for 44. I mean, I could ask them within the block, but I have questions.

Legislator Ronk: Okay. Um, so then through 51.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Walter. All right. Discussion, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I'm just, in, in terms of 44. You know, I appreciate the the soil analysis for slope stabilization. Um, I had reached out to Amanda, at the end of last year. I'm particularly concerned about what we are doing in terms of assessing and dealing with slope stabilization. When it's not necessarily a county building, you know, that we have, you know, there is some mention of of farms, but not necessarily protection of farms for flooding. Well, I guess that's actually another resolution, but that's, you know, we have an I was so impacted by this family in Bronx who dies, who died in the last big storm that they had in New York City. And, you know, I don't think it's an enough that we work on just managing the soil stabilizing the soil, soil, when it's a waterway or an area that it's ours, I think that we need to have some responsibility for the impact that flooding can make on our community members. And I'm not against this particular resolution, but I'm really hoping that we could take that step further. Assuming there was going to be more climate crises, like we can guarantee we can guarantee we're going to have heavy rains are going to guarantee we're going to have excessive flooding. And so what can we do to really assess and stabilize our, our boundaries so that we can protect our community members is something I want to have really want to have that seriously discussed.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, all those in favor of blocking? Opposed? So carried. Alright. On the block, all those in favor, on the blocked resolutions.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. So carried.

Resolution 52: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 10,000 or 10 million sorry. Nope, 10,000. [inaudible] thing here, for pestmaster services. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter. Discussion?

Legislator Walter: I have a quick question. Does anyone know where they put all of these carcasses?

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean, so in our bids, they have to dispose of them in a facility that's certified to take them and there's a couple, I believe in the county that, that they're able to take them to they have to be certified in order to accept these carcasses. I don't know the exact locations I just know they're they have to be certified locations.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Petit, you had your hand up or no?

Legislator Walter: I did. I had a question on this one because it did come up in Public Works. Is this 10,000 due to the living wage increase? Or is this just additional services for roadkill, and I do believe they take some of them to Highland. They have the county site there where they compost on.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: They, they this is an extension of services. This is not a, has this doesn't have anything to do with the living wage. Again, this is one of those resolutions that you see where it says that we're adding that paragraph. But the increase in rates has nothing or it's not an increase in rates, just adding money to the contract at the same rate.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

All right. 53, we already did.

55: Amending Capital Project 482, for the Countywide Radio System. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk. Second, Walter.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: All those, Legislator Walter

Legislator Walter: Just for clarification. I know there were a bunch of purchases that they were able to use right away and a bunch that they have to store until they move to their new location. Does this fall under A or B?

Deputy Executive Rider: I believe this falls under A, we have, we have not made those purchases under B yet.

Legislator Walter: Okay, thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

57: Establishing Capital Project 621, Voting System Replacement. Could I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it, second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

59: Authorizing the execution of a contract with New York State Department of Transportation. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion? Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. I recognize this as a grant, a metro grant. So it's supposed to be really it's very Kingston centric, but is there, I was reading it carefully trying to understand if it has any extended impact beyond Kingston. I couldn't tell. So does it can you explain any? I mean, if it doesn't, because that's what the parameters of the grants are. Then I understand that but will it impact beyond Kingston?

Deputy Executive Rider: I don't have that answer, if you want to postpone it for a week, I can get that from Dennis.

Legislator Walter: Legislator Nolan has her hand up.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan: Yeah, I'm attended quite a bit of the Transportation Council meeting. So I feel like I know the answer to this, that the, this is for the entire transportation Council, and that has representations from all across Ulster County on that, on that board. And I think it actually extends to the regional level with Orange and Dutchess County included in it as well. But if you want to have somebody, you know, with, with authoritative information, speak to it, you know, postponing it won't hurt. But I think it's quite clear that it has impacts beyond Kingston.

Legislator Walter: I don't, sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter.

Legislator Walter: I don't need to postpone it. I mean, it's, it's, it's flow through money, it's a grant. So you know, if that's who it helps only, that's who it helps only, I wouldn't expect it to do more than it's supposed to. I just would love to, I would like to know if it's helping beyond Kingston just to know the impact that we can look forward to. But so, Deputy Executive Rider, if you could just let me know. It, it would be useful. But, you know, I understand it's grant money, and it has its own parameters.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sorry, and I didn't look, I wasn't caught up. So this is funding all of our Transportation Studies over a set period of time, I believe that does have further reach in Kingston. As Legislator Nolan said this, this they work through the entire Transportation Council, which includes all the supervisors, they have to decide, unanim, unanimously on projects, and they determine where to do the traffic studies. I think probably many of them are in Kingston, but I can I can get you other projects that have either will be done on this contract or have been done in the past on off of these funds.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? Legislator Ronk. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. So carried.

Resolution 61: Authorizing the submittal of a grant application funding for Department of Agriculture. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, just I mean, I know, Deputy Executive Rider and I could talk offline, but this, this is also what caught my attention. Because while we're supporting the farms in terms of like their industry, we're not thinking about in terms of climate impact. And so this is an area to particularly look at it because if their, if their farmland is completely washed out, they have no industry.

Chairman Gavaris: Amber? [Inaudible] see your hand raised or not. Opposed? So carried.

62: Authorizing the execution of a contract with New York State Housing Trust Fund Corp. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Walter: So, can we block 62 and 63? Right, arn't, right, isn't 63 the funding for 62. And then I'm going to make a motion to postpone this as well. It, it wasn't obvious it took a lot of reading. But I realized this ARP as well, it doesn't say it until like this last page, but 500,000 of this 800,000 is ARP. So it's not, it wasn't, it's not even in front of the ARP Committee. So I'm not sure how you want to handle that part. But they need to look at this before we do. [inaudible] for postponement.

Chairman Gavaris: Can I have a second?

Legislator Walter: Let me say one more thing. I'm sorry, before you go Deputy Executive Rider. Now if you wanted to amend it, and find the, you know, for the, the 500,000 to come from somewhere else, and then have a later resolution requesting that the funding come from ARP. You know, I'm not I don't want to hold up the grant. I appreciate what they're doing. All of that I just in terms of protocol, ARP hasn't gotten a chance to have this and it's just not, it's just not how we're doing it now. So I will just correct that if you want to amend it at any way that it is not ARP coming up with the \$500,000 and we can postpone it just for our next Ways & Means, you won't have to wait because again, I know the resolution is not in front of ARP at all, it's your fault, not ours, but it isn't.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: I did confirm with Dennis who reached out to the state that while it was in the application that there would be additional services provided by Ulster County in the form of 500,000, that we had planned on that being ARP funding, but this grant does not, it's not a match. So we are not required to spend those A, ARP funds, for this purpose, there is no ARP funding or contract in front of you for this month. This grant, we can accept and we can spend, even if the, the county decides not to spend the additional 500,000 It, it was more aspirational. Um, I will say that they are already, they have already reached out, and I don't have a

problem with it being, you know, postponed for a week, that's fine. But they have already reached out to us and, and said, we gave you this grant in January, you had 45 days to return it, because it wasn't taken up in the January meeting, which was an organizational meeting, we, we haven't been able to sign the contract, they, we will likely lose this grant, if we delay approval of the grant until March. I, I do realize that this was done a little bit backwards. And really it should have been brought to the ARP committee at the same time, even though we're not ready for an ARP allocation or a contract at all.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay, Legislator Walter, you want to make a formal motion for blocking them

Legislator Walter: to postpone it till next Ways and Means then

Chairman Gavaris: You wanted to do the block first, let's, let's and you want to block the two

Legislator Walter: Oh, okay. Right. Sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: We'll vote on the block. I'll tell you what your motion was to block 62 and 63? Correct?

Legislator Walter: Yes.

Chairman Gavaris: Can I have a second for that? Legislator Cahill. All right.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Any more discussion for the block purposes? All right, all those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay. So carried. Now,

Legislator Walter: I'll make a motion to postpone this just till next week and give Deputy Executive Rider the chance to make an amendment just remove the 500 now so that we can go through with accepting the grant. And then you could put in a resolution to ARP for the 500, if you, if you're all still feeling like you want to.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider, is that the plan?

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean, the local share, which I'm not even sure if it, if it reads ARP, but the Schedule B 2021 awarded budget and project accomplishments is not a, that is not a document that I can amend. That's, that's from the State. This, this is a State con, I don't, I don't have the ability to amend the backup that, that's associated with this resolution.

Legislator Walter: But can you amend, I mean, so if you took out the 500 and just put in the request, is the grant for 300?

Deputy Executive Rider: No, the grants for 800,000. That CDBG funding, we're receiving 800,000, regardless of whether we spend the five.

Legislator Walter: Okay, so then the only change, so you don't need the ARP money to get to the 800.

Deputy Executive Rider: No, it's the projected total funding 1,300,000. That includes the local 500. Is there someplace that I'm missing

Legislator Walter: [inaudible] on the resolution itself. Is the language that you could change.

Deputy Executive Rider: I didn't see resolution that

Legislator Walter: I mean, on the resolution itself, it says 800,000.

Deputy Executive Rider: Right. That's what this resolution is for, it's not for the ARP fund.

Legislator Walter: I see. Let me just see.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter, maybe as an interim step, why don't we refer it to the ARPA Committee who then could refer it back to us for next week?

Legislator Walter: We could, although the Deputy Executive Rider, he's saying that this, nothing on here as, well I'll leave it to Deputy Executive Rider. Do you want them to consider? You want us to refer it to them for them to consider that residual?

Deputy Executive Rider: Can we postpone this and I can raise it to the ARP I mean

Chairman Gavaris: Are you sure there's no ARP, you sure there's no contractual requirement for us to use ARPA money if we approve this tonight?

Deputy Executive Rider: We confirmed that, we, we confirmed that today with the funder.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Then I guess postponing is fine, too. Okay.

Legislator Walter: Okay. I'll make that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Second, Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Actually I had a question before we did that, but that's okay.

Chairman Gavaris: We got a second discussion. So let's second that.

Legislator Cahill: Okay.

Chairman Gavaris: All right discussion, Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so my question is this. So it, if you know, if we're, if we're concerned about losing the grant based on the calendar, why don't we just remove the \$500,000 from this resolution entirely, and then submit an additional \$500,000 in relation to this resolution to the ARP Committee and take it from there. I mean, I don't want to lose that \$800,000 grant to the county because there's a, an additional 500,000 being tagged in, right doesn't make any sense.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider, then Walter.

Deputy Executive Rider: Again, the only thing I based this, the only thing that really refers to the 500,000 is the Schedule B 2021 awarded budget and projected accomplishments that says local 500,000. That is a document that I am not comfortable changing, because it is a document that was created by the State.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Deputy Executive Rider: That's the only place I've found 500, 500,000.

Legislator Cahill: Is it a requirement or not? I mean, I'm confused now, because you're previously a Deputy Rider, you said that it wasn't a requirement that we have any match with it at all, and that we were in trouble of losing the grant, because of the date, we have 45 days from January 1st. Right? So is that \$500,000 in the, the in the backup that the state provided, required or not? I'm confused. I'm not getting a clear answer here.

Multiple Speakers: [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: I think it's best for us to postpone and get those answers between now and then. All right, all those in favor of postponing until next week.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried, thank you. Okay.

65: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal with Towns of Saugerties and Village of Ellenville. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried

66: Amending the '22 budget to accept allocation for Adult Protective Services funds. Could I have a motion? Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

67: Amending the '22 budget to accept additional allocation funds from NYS Office of Children and Family. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Can I have a second?

Legislator Fabiano: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

68: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter an intermunicipal agreement with preschool special education. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

69: There are some outstanding questions to this. Can I have a motion to postpone this? Legislator Cahill. Walter, your second.

Legislator Fabiano: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion on that? All right, all those in favor? Opposed. So carried. Thank you.

70: Approving the execution of a contract for 67,500 youth advocate programs. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

71: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 67,500 for youth programs. Motion, Walter Second? Second? Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? You're opposed?

Legislator Walter: Oh, no. I'm in favor. I'm just slow to the

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.

Legislator Walter: to the holster.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.

72: Approving the execution, execution of a contract for 90,000 Youth Advocate Program. Could I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Cahill. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, and I'm sorry Johanna for not bringing this up earlier sometimes it takes me a while to like process things. But the, the increase from 70 to 71 and to 70 to 73 of from 67,500 to 90,000 you know so, so for the current ones, they're 90,000. Right? The previous ones were 67,500. Has any of that impacted by the new law of increasing salaries to \$15 an hour? I was trying to figure out because the number of people served two remained exactly the same. I was trying to see like, what led to an increase of the 15,000? Or, well, whatever it is.

Deputy Executive Contreras: The num, sorry, the number of kids served goes up by five.

Legislator Walter: Okay. It didn't

Deputy Executive Contreras: From 15 to 20.

Legislator Walter: Okay, when I've looked at the comparison, I got the same number. But maybe I was looking at the wrong backup. So you're seeing it increases for both of them? The number of kids served?

Deputy Executive Contreras: All right.

Legislator Walter: Yes, okay. Good. Thank you. And so just to clarify, the \$15 an hour change, has nothing to do with this. No, Marc?

Deputy Executive Contreras: I don't believe so.

Legislator Walter: Okay, just wanted to, because anytime it does come up with, we're gonna have to look at it. So I just wanted to check. Thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Contreras.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yeah, sorry, I don't know if it is too late. But I just wanted to clarify the outstanding questions on the Family of Woodstock contract. Were those from last time? Or were they discussed earlier? Because I just want to make sure to get you what you need, for next week.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, so it's, I really appreciate what you got me, it was the breakdown of the number of people in each of those positions, we just want to be able to make sure that that amount matches the increased amount that it matches what was in the resolution for the 2022 budget, and also so that we can keep track of how many people are being impacted by this increase. I would say, you know, focusing on those with the 15%, because on what you gave me several people got, you just, I got, got raises, but not from below \$15 an hour to above. So I'm assuming they're on that spreadsheet, but they're not really who, who I'm the, the increase to \$15 an hour, that's what we're supposed to be covering with the county share and not just all of Families' raises. And so we just need a little bit more specificity on that spreadsheet.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yeah. Understood, yeah. And to clarify, as I understand it, the way that the budget amendment was introduced last year, included, not just the living wage increases, but also broader support for helping the organization to stabilize. So I think it was Legislator Cahill earlier who said it was 60,000 for the living wage increase and then 90,000 is what they requested for increased support more broadly for the three centers. So that tracks with, with what they've spent in here.

Legislator Walter: Right. So if you can just if it can, if it tracks, it should be easy to show us how it tracks. It's just giving us the number of people who fall within each of those positions so that we can make sure our numbers match. And also I mean it speaks to the first or one of the earlier resolutions. If there's a desire one day to make a change in other areas of increasing the set base salary. It's just useful for us as legislators to know how many people are we helping with this increase? And so both to reconcile the amounts but also so that we have a running tally of who are we serving with this \$15 increase is something that's useful to the legislature.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Understood. Okay, thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. I apologize. I think we were on 72, any more discussion on it? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

73: Approving the execution of a contract for 90,000 for Youth Advocate program. Can I have a motion?
Legislator Walter. Second? Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

74: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with New York State to support COVID-19 vaccination. Can I have a motion? Motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll make a motion for, but I'm abstaining from this one and the next one.

Chairman Gavaris: Your abstaining? All right, all right. Second?

Legislator Ronk: If you're abstaining you probably shouldn't make the motion either.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, yeah.

Legislator Walter: I tried not too, but nobody else did.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk, you're willing to make the motion?

Legislator Ronk: I, Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Cahill. Thank you. All right, discussion. All those In favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? 1 Abstained, Legislator Walter. Purpose of employment, Legislator Walter. Thank you.

Resolution 75.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: I was going to say, fine, we were still waiting for some outstanding questions on this as well. So, if you don't mind postponing till next week?

Legislator Ronk: Um, yeah, I'll, I'll make a motion to postpone.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. Thank you. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? 1 Abstention, Legislator Walter. I'm sorry, Deputy Executive Rider, I didn't see [inaudible] moving around.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I just, similar question then then Deputy Exec Contreras, what are the outstanding questions on 75? Because I was not aware that there were any.

Chairman Gavaris: Can we send that to you afterwards then this way?

Deputy Executive Rider: Sure.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Okay.

76: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$14,308.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

77: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with New York State Office of Addiction Support Services. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? Legislator, nope. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

78: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 46,250. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

79: Amending '22 budget to create a full-time homemaker aide position. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter.

Legislator Fabiano: Second?

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? Legislator Ronk, do you have your hand or no?

Legislator Ronk: No.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. All those in favor.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Number 80: Approving the execution of a contract 150,000 for Kingston Worx. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

81: Approving memorandum of agreement between the County of Ulster and the Sheriff's PBA. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: Moved.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

82: Approving the execution of a contract for 521, 521,000 for J&J Sass Electric.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move. Move to block 82 and 83.

Chairman Gavaris: Motion. Second? Walter. All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay. On, move the block. Motion? Walter.

Legislator Ronk: Move.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Ronk. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

84: Approving the, Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

85: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

87: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature

Legislator Ronk: I move that we block 87 through 92.

Chairman Gavaris: 2, Okay. Okay.

Legislator Cahill: I want 91 out.

Chairman Gavaris: You okay with

Legislator Ronk: Without 91

Chairman Gavaris: Without 91. All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. On the block? Motion, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move.

Chairman Gavaris: Second. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

91: Authorizing the execution of contract amendment for \$230,000, Family Woodstock. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Cahill: Motion.

Chairman Gavaris: Cahill, second.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter. Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so, I'm looking at this and I brought this up last week. So the previous term, the prior amount was \$165,000. This term, it's an additional amount of 230,000, twice as much for a total of \$395,000. So we're amending it to 200% of the original contract. I'm just trying to figure out why.

Legislator Ronk: Nancy Schmidt has her hand up.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh, there we go, go ahead Nancy.

Probation Director Schmidt: Can I speak to this? So when we originally did the RFP for restorative justice services, that was, as we were heading into Raise The Age and the whole programming around that, and Family of Woodstock did win the contract for that. As over the years, we have added additional programming to that. So what started out as just the 180 program for juvenile delinquents, we then added the District Attorney's program, Restorative Ulster, and they added staffing to accommodate that. And then we've added now restorative justice in four schools. So it has expanded over time, the contract amendments the way they do it is, you know, it started in 2019, and now it's going through '22. So in the budget for this year is 230,000, in the budget from Family of Woodstock, for their staffing is attached to that packet, you know, at the very end.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion?

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so I'm not quite clear. I'm sorry, Legislator Walter had her hand up. Go ahead. Sorry.

Legislator Walter: You can finish. Go ahead.

Legislator Cahill: I'm just still not quite clear, you know, if this is a aggregate increase in services over the course of three years, why are why is it being lumped into one amendment now? I'm not getting that, it should have been probably done more gradually over the course of three years as these programs were introduced, you know, and, and Family was taking on more responsibility for these, but it's just, you know, I It's a large, large number to see in one amendment when it's 200% of the original contract. Without really, you know,

Probation Director Schmidt: I believe the wording might not be exactly and I'm not sure if it comes down to the wording, I believe we have done an amendment each year. And so the original contract was not for 200 and whatever thousand. I'm not sure if I'm explaining myself right, or if the resolution explains it, but the original award was for two years with three one year amendments. So I believe this is the second amendment.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill, I'm also now as confused as you I think we should postpone this and try to clarify it.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you.

Legislator Ronk: I'm making the motion to postpone until next week.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Second?

Legislator Cahill: I'll second that.

Chairman Gavaris: Cahill. Discussion? Legislator Walter, you want to discuss?

Legislator Walter: No, I can wait till next week.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried, all right, thank you.

Ninety, we went up to 92 or let's go back, I actually, I skipped over one, 86 is Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with New York State DCJS, for gun violence grant. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter.

Legislator Fabiano: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

93: Authorize of the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Village of Ellenville, New Paltz, Saugerties for real property liens. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: Move.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

94: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$27,556. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Ronk, second. Any discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. So, you know, I look at this contract, and this, they've had it for a very, very long time. And it, it increases every single year pretty considerably in that, like in the last five years, it's increased by 20%. And it's a lot of money. Um, I'm just wondering, when was the last time this went out for RFP? And, you know, if you couldn't, or maybe Burt can speak to the you know, it just seems like we're stuck with them and we keep giving them more and more just because they ask and if you don't have the answer we could postpone.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider, go ahead.

Deputy Executive Rider: This is the public safety system. The public safety system, I believe we RFP'd, when I was the Director of Purchasing maybe back in 14-15.

Legislator Walter: What system do you think I'm talking about? This is the payroll? The payroll.

Commissioner Gulnick: This is the payroll system.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sorry, go ahead Burt. You're on.

Commissioner Gulnick: This is the payroll system and we went out payroll system in 2000. I'm just trying to think Legislator Walter, I think it was 2006 in terms of our payroll system.

Legislator Walter: Okay. And so I mean, do you want to speak to the fact that basically, every year they get to increase the price, even though nothing changes.

Commissioner Gulnick: I will say the increase in this too, is to create a self-service portal for employees. So that way, I wouldn't have to print out direct deposits, I wouldn't have to print out W2's, the employees could go

and get those electronically, and to save printing costs. I mean, and that's the biggest part of this contract amendment.

Legislator Walter: Right. But that just came in, and we discussed that last year.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yup.

Legislator Walter: But still, they they, again, that's an increase of 20%, in just five years, that every single year, they go up quite a bit, even without the extra service. It feels irresponsible to just give them what they want because they've asked.

Commissioner Gulnick: I will say the one thing, it's not just the payroll side, the civil service modules in there too, which we're opening up more modules as part of that, to use more of it. As we learn more.

Chairman Gavaris: Gallagher.

Comptroller Gallagher: Chairman Gavaris, thank you for recognizing me, I wanted to mention to you guys that no new licenses of New World are being sold. And we are going to see a situation where we are going to have to make a change to the financial system sometime in the next five, maybe 10 years at most. But we are going to see a dilution of services. And in fact, there are modules in our original contract with them, like the grants management module that we pay a fee for that we get no services for right now. So I think, um, with respect to Legislative Walter's point, you know, as this time comes due, we are going to have to be looking as painful as it is for, for whether or not this is the best vendor. And in fact, Tyler has subsequent products that aren't exactly the same, that may be the appropriate one. So I just wanted you to know that because I don't think most people are aware of that. Thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? Actually, I'm glad you brought that up, Comptroller Gallagher, because I wasn't aware of that, obviously. So if this is going to be an end of life product, why would we

Commissioner Gulnick: This isn't, this isn't the financial system. This is the payroll system, their two different systems.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. All right. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

We already did Resolution 95.

Comptroller Gallagher, you have anything for us?

Comptroller Gallagher: Yes, I do. Thank you. Um, I know, this has been a long night, I just want to take the opportunity to introduce our new Director of Internal Audit and Control, Samuel Sonenberg. He is joining us now in this job that thank you very much for budgeting this position. It's really important. We've been operating with only 80% of our staff for the last two years through the pandemic, but he is a CPA, and has come most recently as a Lottery Game Director for New York State Lottery and he's also worked in an Internal audit capacity in New York State Office of Mental Health, New York State Insurance Fund, New York State Department of Civil Service. I think he's going to add a lot to us. We're looking forward to working with him and learning from them. Sam, maybe want to say hi, for a second.

Samuel Sonenberg, Director of IAC: Thank you. Hi, I'm everyone, I'm looking forward to serve you all, serve the community and do my best to, to keep track of things and make sure we're doing things the proper way. Thank you.

Comptroller Gallagher: You may see him fill in for us here at this meeting in the future. Thanks.

Samuel Sonenberg, Director of IAC: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: This is a heads up, Resolution Number 11, it's going to be, it was postponed in Economic Development, so that'll, it might make its way to either next meeting or the one after. Is there any other business to discuss? If not, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Cahill. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Thank you all.