

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: February 9, 2021 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 927 0029 8620
PRESIDING OFFICER: Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Deputy Chair
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes,
Mary Beth Maio, John Parete, and Eve Walter; and
Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson
ABSENT: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Cahill, Criswell, Heppner, and Petit; Legislative
Counsel, Chris Ragucci; Minority Counsel Nick Pascale;
Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County
Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim; Commissioner
of Finance, Burt Gulnick; Comptroller March Gallagher;
Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Tom Kadgen, League of
Women Voters; Conor Gillis, New York State Association
of REALTORS, Inc.; Paul Osterander, Mid-Hudson News

- **Acting Chairman Ronk called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM**

**Motion No. 1: To approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 and December 15, 2020
Regular Meetings.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter;
and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

**Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. Resolution No. 6 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No.
13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006),**

And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify ~~Budget Modification After Adoption~~ **Departmental, Agency, Office Or Unit Estimates**

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020, and, pending the approval of the County Executive, requires it to be assigned a local law number consecutive to the last local law adopted and approved in 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Committee members discussed the deadline required within the Proposed Local Law, the title, the concerns of legal counsel, the applicable charter language, and the definition of “departmental estimate”. Deputy County Executive Milgrim argued that allowing the external budget analysts direct access to Department Heads is sufficient in place of the Proposed Local Law and further emphasized a disagreement on the definition “departmental estimate”. Deputy County Executive Rider requested the Resolution go back to a public hearing with the revised title.

Motion No. 3: To postpone Resolution No. Resolution No. 6 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify ~~Budget Modification After Adoption~~ **Departmental, Agency, Office Or Unit Estimates**

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020, and, pending the approval of the County Executive, requires it to be assigned a local law number consecutive to the last local law adopted and approved in 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 7 – Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax

Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers

Resolution Summary: This Resolution requests that the New York State Legislature and Governor pass legislation amending Article 31 of the New York State Tax Law, adding subdivision “H”, permitting the County of Ulster to adopt and amend a local law imposing in the County of Ulster a tax on each conveyance of real property or interest therein when the consideration exceeds \$500.00, at the rate of \$0.50 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislative Chairman Donaldson acknowledged the housing crisis and the need of funds to deal with it, expressing desire to set up a Special meeting for the purpose of discussing the Resolution.

Motion No. 5: To postpone Resolution No. 7 – Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers

Resolution Summary: This Resolution requests that the New York State Legislature and Governor pass legislation amending Article 31 of the New York State Tax Law, adding subdivision “H”, permitting the County of Ulster to adopt and amend a local law imposing in the County of Ulster a tax on each conveyance of real property or interest therein when the consideration exceeds \$500.00, at the rate of \$0.50 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Parete

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 9 – Amending Funding Sources For Capital Project No. 483 – Public Safety Training Center – To Reflect Increase In State Share Of Construction Costs – Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project 483 to reflect the availability of additional State funding in the amount of \$1,163,428 for the State Share, thereby decreasing the County Share in the amount of \$1,163,428, to a total County Share of \$3,438,928.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter;
and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 11 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports (OASAS) – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute the State Aid Funding Authorization with OASAS and any future amendments thereto, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$946,036.00, to support chemical dependency and problem gambling treatment, prevention and recovery services in Ulster County as defined in the State Aid Funding Authorization.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter;
and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 12 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$14,394.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Family of Woodstock, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for PINS & JD case management from September 30, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$14,394.00, making the contract total \$71,966.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter;
and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 13 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alison Krause, LMSW – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Alison Krause, LMSW for CPS behavioral health clinical collaboration from January 16, 2021 through January 15, 2022 in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter;
and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 14 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Laboratory Corporation Of America Holdings – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings to extend the term of agreement for paternity testing for child support enforcement from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for an additional \$9,000.00, making the contract total \$54,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 15 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$225,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rondout Legal Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rondout Legal Services, Inc. for legal process services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$225,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 16 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To Or In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with RUPCO Inc. to extend the term of agreement for homeless services plan and outcome reporting to include plan update from January 14, 2020 through January 14, 2022.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels requested a copy of the current Homeless Services plan. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider agreed to distribute the plan.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 17 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$4,750.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Ulster County Community Action Committee to extend the term of agreement for HEAP outreach from September 30, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$4,750.00, making the contract total \$80,750.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 18 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$163,000.08 Entered Into By The County – The VMC Group, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The VMC Group, Inc. for preschool transportation coordination from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$163,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 19 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,780.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocacy Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Youth Advocacy Programs, Inc. for youth advocacy services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$525,780.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 20 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$450,839.00 Entered Into By The County – The Young Women’s Christian Association Of Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Young Women’s Christian Association of Ulster County, Inc. for the Families Now Program from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$450,839.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 21 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$544,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. for Family Education Services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$544,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 18: To block Resolutions No. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 19: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 22 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$721,664.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Access: Supports for Living, Inc. for NYS OMH State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$721,664.00.

Resolution No. 23 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$287,713.00 Entered Into By The County – NYSARC, Inc. D/B/A The Arc Mid-Hudson – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with NYSARC, Inc. D/B/A/ The Arc Mid-Hudson for NYS OPWDD State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$287,713.00.

Resolution No. 24 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$383,393.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Astor Services for Children & Families for NYS OMH State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$383,393.00.

Resolution No. 25 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,109,997.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. for NYS OMH & OASAS State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,109,997.00.

Resolution No. 26 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$343,023.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. for NYS OASAS State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$343,023.00.

Resolution No. 27 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,724,804.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for NYS OMH, OASAS, & OPWDD State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$2,724,804.00.

Resolution No. 28 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$88.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. to increase the amount of NYS OMH, OASAS, & OPWDD State Aid pass thru from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$88.00, making the contract total \$2,709,151.00.

Resolution No. 31 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,044,663.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. for NYS OMH State Aid pass thru from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$2,044,663.00.

Resolution No. 32 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$36.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. to increase the amount of NYS OMH State Aid pass thru from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$36.00, making the contract total \$2,029,871.00.

Resolution No. 33 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$312,976.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with PEOPLE; Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. for NYS OMH State Aid from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$312,976.00.

Resolution No. 34 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$15.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with PEOPLE; Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. to increase the amount of NYS OMH State Aid from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$15.00, making the contract total \$310,849.00.

Resolution No. 35 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$690,191.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. for NYS OMH & OASAS State Aid from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$690,191.00.

Resolution No. 36 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. to increase the amount of NYS OMH & OASAS State Aid pass thru from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an additional \$23.00, making the contract total \$736,130.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 37 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Access: Supports for Living Inc. to expand the mobile mental health services from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 38 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,679.16, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NDI Technologies, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with NDI Technologies, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for license plate radar maintenance from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for an additional \$23,679.16, making the contract total \$64,654.72.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels expressed concern on the County's related data retention and sharing policy, requesting a copy of the policy. Legislator Walter noted that the Division of Criminal Justice Services is releasing new guidance on this policy this spring and the timing of such may not allow for amendment to the current contract.

Motion No. 22: To postpone Resolution No. 38 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,679.16, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NDI Technologies, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with NDI Technologies, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for license plate radar maintenance from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for an additional \$23,679.16, making the contract total \$64,654.72.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: Discussion pursued on the involved parties for proper review of the contract in relation to the applicable policy.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 23: To block Resolutions No. 39, 40, 42, and 43

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels requested data on how many people are served by each of the included contracts and how many individuals are on a wait list.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 24: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 39 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$60,300.00 Entered Into By The County – A&T Healthcare, LLC – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with A&T Healthcare, LLC for in-home PCA I/II from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$60,300.00.

Resolution No. 40 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$83,300.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Home Health Care, Inc. – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Home Health Care, Inc. for in-home personal care assistance from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 in the amount of \$83,000.00.

Resolution No. 42 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$56,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Unlimited Care, Inc. – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Unlimited Care, Inc. for in-home PCA I/II from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$56,000.00.

Resolution No. 43 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$450,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Willcare, Inc. D/B/A Willcare – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Willcare, Inc. D/B/A Willcare for in-home PCA I/II from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$450,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 41 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$59,185.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley for case management for home delivered meals from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$59,185.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels stated support for the contract but requested data on the wait list, including the quantity of individuals, the affects the pandemic has had on the list, and what the cost of irradicating the wait list would be.

Motion No. 26: To postpone Resolution No. 41 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$59,185.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley for case management for home delivered meals from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$59,185.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 27: To block Resolutions No. 44 and 45

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 28: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 44 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement (PILOT) With 103 Sparling Road, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487 – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a PILOT Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with 103 Sparling Road, LLC for the building and operations of a Solar Energy System.

Resolution No. 45 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Multi-Jurisdictional Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement With CES Marbletown Solar, LLC, The County Of Ulster, The Town Of Marbletown, And The Rondout Valley School District For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a PILOT Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with CES Marbletown Solar LLC, the Town of Marbletown, and the Rondout Valley Central School District for the building and operations of a Solar Energy System.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 29: To block Resolutions No. 46 and 48

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 30: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 46 – Authorizing Additional Funding For Capital Project No. 528 – Veteran’s Cemetery – To Meet The Environmental And Permitting Requirements Related To Archeological Studies And Water Supply – Veterans’ Services Agency

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund to increase revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$29,600.00 to conduct additional archeological studies based on the discoveries at the site during the Phase II Archeological effort, and for design of a new well and associated facilities due to the lack of water available from the existing on-site well at the Veteran’s Cemetery.

Resolution No. 48 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$53,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. – Veterans’ Services Agency

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Pitingaro & Doetsch Consulting Engineers, P.C. to expand the scope of work for design services related to the UC Veterans Cemetery from March 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 for an additional \$53,200.00, making the contract total \$194,590.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Committee members inquired of the estimated timeline for completion, the project’s total costs, and what archaeological findings have been discovered. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that the project has been delayed a minimum of one construction season, expressing concern that construction costs will increase as a result, and confirming that no human remains have been discovered.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 55 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation (NYSDOT) To Accept New York State Funds For Ulster And Dutchess County Public Transit Service (LINK) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept reimbursement for the operation of the LINK service, including Saturday Service in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 56 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,380.80, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Accumedic Computer Systems Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Info Quick Solutions, inc. to extend the term of agreement for Accumed software support and maintenance from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 for an additional \$8,380.80, making the contract total \$50,284.80.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 33: To approve Resolution No. 57 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,356.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount for land records system software support and maintenance due to an increase in the number of documents being indexed from October 27, 2020 through July 31, 2023 for an additional \$2,356.00, making the contract total \$437,856.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 34: To approve Resolution No. 58 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$178,793.00 Entered Into By The County – NTS Data Services LLC – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with NTS Data Services LLC for TEAM Suite software support and maintenance from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$178,793.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 35: To approve Resolution No. 60 – Authorizing Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between Greene And Ulster Counties For A Regional Partnership Agreement And Resource Sharing Agreement For Fire/Emergency Services – Fire Coordinator – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney, for a regional partnership and resource-sharing between Greene and Ulster Counties for the purposes of Technical Rescue Team.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 36: To approve Resolution No. 61 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Indigent Legal Services For Distribution #5 – Public Defender’s Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the purpose of Ulster County’s participation in Distribution #5, for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 37: To discuss Resolution No. 62 – Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Sell Real Property Acquired By Court Order Pursuant To Article 11 Of The Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to conduct a Public Auction to sell such properties acquired by foreclosure, date to be determined, authorizes the County Attorney to prescribe the terms of the sale pursuant to the statutes in such cases, and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to prepare and distribute brochures and informational sheets to advertise the auction, additional to those required by law.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels expressed concern that there is no date included within the Resolution, requesting the inclusion of a requirement for Legislative notification. Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick answered that he is waiting for information from the State, while working on 2020 auction being completed online. Further, Commissioner Gulnick notified Committee members that there will be an amendment to the reacquisition policy next month.

Motion No. 38: To postpone Resolution No. 62 – Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Sell Real Property Acquired By Court Order Pursuant To Article 11 Of The Real Property Tax Law – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to conduct a Public Auction to sell such properties acquired by foreclosure, date to be determined, authorizes the County Attorney to prescribe the terms of the sale pursuant to the statutes in such cases, and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to prepare and distribute brochures and informational sheets to advertise the auction, additional to those required by law.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Vote Abstained: Legislator Gavaris

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

No. of Votes Abstained: 1

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 39: To approve Resolution No. 63 – 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 Legislature to enter into agreements with the Village of Ellenville, the Village of New Paltz, and the Village of Saugerties, relative to the division of proceeds of the sale of said Parcels.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

Vote Abstained: Legislator Gavaris

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

No. of Votes Abstained: 1

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 40: To block Resolutions No. 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, and 80

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 41: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 64 – Establishing Capital Project Nos. 578 Through 580 – 2021 DPW Bridge Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project Numbers 578 through 580 for the DPW Bridge Program for the replacement of the following three bridges: Samsonville Bridge, Town of Olive in the amount of \$192,000.00; Oakis Bridge, Town of Shandaken in the

amount of \$185,000.00; and Broad Street Hollow Bridge, Town of Shandaken in the amount of \$182,000.00. Further, this Resolution amends the 2021 Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Resolution No. 66 – Amending The 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project Nos. 581 & 582 DPW Large Culvert Program – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program to create Capital Projects Number 581 for the Kripplebush Road Culvert #4, Town of Olive, in the amount of \$60,000.00. and 582 for the Kripplebush Road Culvert#4, Town of Olive, in the amount of \$60,000.00. Further, this Resolution amends the 2021 Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Resolution No. 68 – Establishing Capital Project No. 583 Bridge Flag Response – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 583 Bridge Flag Response in the amount of \$105,000.00, and amends the 2021 Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Resolution No. 70 – Establishing Capital Project No. 584 Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 584 Bridge Superstructure Repairs to contract with an outside agency for the evaluation and design of superstructure repairs for bridges in the amount of \$55,000.00, and amends the 2021 Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Resolution No. 72 – Establishing Capital Project No. 585 Bridge Substructure Repairs – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 585 Bridge Substructure Repairs, for contracting with an outside agency for the evaluation and design of substructure repairs upon the identification of three bridges in need in the amount of \$66,000.00.

Resolution No. 74 – Establishing Capital Project No. 586 HVAC & Building Infrastructure Replacement – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 586 HVAC & Building Infrastructure Replacement for the replacement of UVAC Equipment, Boilers, and other pieces of critical infrastructure with more energy efficient models in the amount of \$800,000.00.

Resolution No. 76 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,750.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – C&S Engineers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with C&S Engineers, Inc. to expand the scope of work and extend the term of engineering services

related to the Quarry Road Public Safety Radio Tower project from November 30, 2020 to June 30, 2022 for an additional \$9,750.00, making the contract total \$57,050.00.

Resolution No. 77 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Complete Building Solutions, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount for building cleaning and disinfection services from November 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021 for an additional \$100,000.00, making the contract total \$667,920.00.

Resolution No. 78 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$53,819.00 Entered Into By The County – Crystal Clear Mechanical, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Crystal Clear Mechanical, Inc. for the removal and installation of condensing units at UCELC from February 22, 2021 through April 30, 2021 in the amount of \$53,819.00.

Resolution No. 79 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$66,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. for design work for bridge substructure repair from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$66,000.00.

Resolution No. 80 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$55,000.00 Entered Into By The County – M.J. Engineering And Land Surveying, P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with M.J. Engineering And Land Surveying, P.C. for bridge superstructure repair from March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$55,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels requested a full list of all the red-flagged bridges.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business:

For March Introduction: Resolution No. 81 - Amending The Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the Legislature’s Policy for Funding Non-County Organizations to correct inequality and infringement on the authority of standing committees.

Discussion: Legislator Criswell provided an explanation of the proposed amendment. Discussion pursued on the changes proposed, the logistics of the funding value determination, the County Executive Recommended Budget’s role in this valuation, and the determination of funding for each Organization. Deputy County Executive Rider asked the Legislature to consider the transfer of contracts with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Soil & Water Conservation District to the County Executive’s branch.

Old Business: Legislative Chairman Donaldson and Acting Chairman Ronk welcomed Legislator Parete to the Committee.

Acting Chairman Ronk asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:13 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: March 9, 2021

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Transcript**

DATE & TIME: February 9, 2021 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 927 0029 8620
PRESIDING OFFICER: Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Deputy Chair
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth
Maio, John Parete, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman David
B. Donaldson
ABSENT: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Cahill, Criswell, Heppner, and Petit; Legislative
Counsel, Chris Ragucci; Minority Counsel Nick Pascale; Clerk of
the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County Executives Marc
Rider, and John Milgrim; Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick;
Comptroller March Gallagher; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman;
Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters; Conor Gillis, New York
State Association of REALTORS, Inc.; Paul Osterander, Mid-
Hudson News

Acting Chairman Ronk: So at this time, I'll call the December 9th, I'm sorry, February 9th meeting because I was not prepared for this tonight. So give me a moment. Um, the February 9 meeting of Ways and Means to order. I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th and December 15th regular meetings.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second, Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Second? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed? Motion carries. We'll move into resolutions.

Resolution No. 6: Adopting Proposed Local Law Number 13 of 2020, a Local Law Amending the Ulster County Charter and Amending the Administrative Code for the County of Ulster to Further Clarify Departmental Agency Office or Unit Estimates.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Now, is that the one that's the July?

Acting Chairman Ronk: It is Dave, before we start talking about it, I'll entertain a motion for discussion?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, motion to discuss all right, could, could we add

Acting Chairman Ronk: Second? One, one second? A second on that?

Legislator Haynes: I'll second it. Haynes.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yep.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Go ahead, Dave.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I think, is, is John Milgrim here?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Yeah, he is.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: This is the, I mean, at first, I, I sort of supported this. But when I, as I look at it, that date is kind of early and reality them attempting to get any information together by that point, that it's actually valid, it would be a little tough. I mean, I do, we did pass the one that the Elected Officials have to get us the information early. Correct?

Acting Chairman Ronk: That's already, you know, that's already a law that we've passed. Is that the Elected Officials

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Right, that's what I thought.

Acting Chairman Ronk: turn them into us when they send them to the County Executive's office.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Right that's what I thought, all right.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Whenever you're done, I've got Legislator Bartels next, I think.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yup, go ahead.

Legislator Bartels: I mean I, Chairman, I think you're the sponsor of this, actually cosponsor of this. And

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yes, I was, under the understanding was that that would be, at this point I feel that it it may be too early of a time. And I may be entertained a change in that.

Legislator Bartels: I, I believe that the July 30th date was scheduled around when the County Executive receives Departmental Budget Estimates. So I think we've had this discussion before. I mean, I feel comfortable with the date.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Parete.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I just noticed it, when the law was passed, a Local Law, there was no mention of a date. And now I see it's July 30th, not even the 31st because there is 31 days in a month. But um, was that date mutually agreed upon? Was it, was it, was that a compromise a discussion between the Legislative folks and the Executive?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: No.

Legislator Parete: What was that, a no?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I don't believe it was a compromise date, no.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. Again, I believe that date was arrived upon. It's not my, I'm not one of the sponsors. I was the Chairman and Legislator Archer. But I believe that date was arrived due to backing out when the Executive receives departmental budgets, which per the charter are foil-able, even to the public. I can tell you, Legislator Parete that we have been unsuccessful in receiving any departmental budgets ever. And I think any long-standing member on this committee can attest to that.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Dave, were raising your hand?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: No.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay. Um, one thing I'll tell you on this, I'll get to you after the Legislators have spoken, John. I see your hand though. Um, one thing I'll say on this is that, you know, I, I understand the desire to, you know, get this information. I think that the Legislature is not only entitled to the information, but I think that we're obligated to try our best to get the information by the time we do our budget review after the County Executive gives us the budget. I, I personally, you know, understand the argument that you know, July is a little bit early to have the information. I believe that we should have it furnished to us no later than when the County Executive releases his, releases his budget to us and to the public. You know, there, there have been some concerns levied from the Executives Office, I haven't seen anything in writing that the, this law could be a transfer or curtailment of power under the Charter and would require a referendum. I don't necessarily agree with that. But I think that we should take time, and, you know, give the County Attorney some, a chance to put you know, those concerns in writing, um, you know, for our attorneys to look at. That's what I think we should do on this. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. Um, I just have a question about the, the naming of this. Is this eliminating, is there another Local Law that's clarifying, budget budget modifications after adoption, and the rest of the language is used?

Acting Chairman Ronk: No,

Legislator Walter: So it's just getting rid of that.

Acting Chairman Ronk: I can explain that Legislator Walter. I believe that there was, when the attorneys wrote the Local Law, I believe that in the resolution itself, there was a clerical error. And it was, I imagine a copy and paste scenario where they copied and pasted the title from the budget modification after adoption law that we had done. So that's, that's why that was, that that's why that's changed. It was just a clerical error.

Legislator Walter: I, I just wanted to make sure we weren't losing that other law.

Acting Chairman Ronk: No. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you, um, to, to say that the departmental estimates should be available to us, when the budget is available to us doesn't give us the opportunity to actually use those estimates to prepare for the budget. The charter, and I'm looking at it right here, requires the departmental estimates be public records, and shall at all reasonable times be open to public inspection. We, we all know that that's never happened not with this administration, not with the previous administration. We also all know that both administrations received departmental estimates. So this was an effort to get those estimates in order to inspect them, not to, not to curtail powers, not to do anything with them, not to direct departments, but to be able to inspect them, so that we can do our due diligence. And so I, I find it all, you know, difficult to believe that something that shall be a public record and reasonably available at all times to the public shouldn't be available to Legislators at the same time, which July is after those are received by the Executives Office.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Have they, but they've never been supplied to the public either, right?

Acting Chairman Ronk: No, they, they have not. You know, I, I believe that there is a disagreement between the, you know, at least this administration and the Legislature on what constitutes a departmental estimate. You know, Legislator Bartels, do you want to let Marc and John weigh in because they might have some insight here and then and then we can continue? Is that, is that alright? You know, John, you had your hand up first.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: All right, just briefly, actually, let me preface this with I have had several conversations with at least one of the authors of the original charter. The public voted, what a dozen years ago, for an Executive form of government. They voted on a charter that provided for the Executive to propose a budget and Executive Budget, which takes into account all the departments of the county into one document that's presented first week of October every year. The charter that the voters voted on provides that the Legislature has approximately two and a half months to review that budget to question that budget. I think in this last cycle, we did an unprecedented provision of making all the Department Heads available to your budget analysts, a firm that you hired outside of I think New York City on Long Island. They were afforded every question that could be asked and there were answers to them. And a budget process went through as per the charter. What we have found here in this piece of, in this resolution, there are a few fatal flaws. Number one, Gerald Benjamin is in agreement too, that this is a

transfer of power from the Executives Office and the Executive purview to the Legislature, which is not called for in the charter. Also, I think there's going to be a significant disagreement as to what an estimate is, a budget estimate does not exist until you actually have an idea of what the revenues are going to be. For most departments. We have no idea what the retirement figures are going to be until we have the figures from the State, we don't know what State revenues are going to be until we have the figures from the State. I think what you're probably asking for is a wish list from departments, which are disconnected from the Executive Budget, the point of the Executive Budget is to be balanced across all departments and across the whole County, which ultimately does contain, and frankly, if you look at the charter language, the Executive Budget is an estimate of revenues and expenditures for the County. Executive Budget contains every department in it, listing that's by program by personnel, as described in the charter of what a departmental estimate should be. It's in the Executive Budget when it's produced. So that's,

Acting Chairman Ronk: Marc, you want to add something?

Deputy Executive Rider: The only thing that I would add is I think, you know, Legislator Walters point well, not point, but question goes to one of the arguments that we've made, maybe not in this committee, but that the way this was sent to a Public Hearing, was that it said to clarify departmental depart budget modifications after adoption.

Patricia Doxsey: it will just to have power. Yep. To try to try

Deputy Executive Rider: Hey Patricia, we can hear you.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Patricia, thank you.

Deputy Executive Rider: All right, um, so to further clarify budget modifications after adoption, and then it was passed, you know, had the local hearing. And, and so I would just ask that at least it goes back with the correct name. I think it's a little deceitful to the public.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels you had something?

Legislator Bartels: Well, now I, now I just actually have a question for Deputy Executive Rider. So you're asking that we change the title and resend it to Public Hearing with the amended title?

Deputy Executive Rider: At the very least. I mean, John made some very, you know, good arguments as well. But you know, if you're going to pass it this month, I think that there's a fatal flaw in that, it went to Public Hearing with a completely different title. Sometimes all people see on the agenda is the title, I get that it was an, an error, but I you know, people didn't have an opportunity to go speak on it, as it is currently written with the title.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Clerk Fabella. You know, it looks like you're shaking your head that it did.

Clerk Fabella: You can let Legislative Counsel speak, that's probably more appropriate. But the, I can tell you that the body of the law was correct, from day one. And it was only the title that didn't match the body of the law. The body of the law was correct.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislative Counsel, would you like to weigh in?

Counsel Ragucci: Sure, and I appreciate, you know, the argument. But in my opinion, the change in the title is, is not a substantive change that would require another hearing.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson had his hand up next.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: No, I, I pass.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay. Uh, John, you've got something to add?

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Just yeah, quickly to, with all due respect to Legislative Counsel, general, General Municipal Law for New York State's pretty clear that a title of the piece of legislation must reflect what the resolution at least in some semblance what the resolution is about. Here, this matter actually went to a Public Hearing, with a title saying that this had to do with Amendments of budgets that had already passed, not even close. This is asking for wish lists and departments, months and months before a budget even comes close to consideration. Frankly, if all you're seeing is the title. It's a bait and switch. So no, this is, General Municipal Law is pretty clear, that the title must reflect what's in the body of the, the resolution.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I mean, I do have some concerns on that. So I mean, I'd entertain the motion to actually refer it back to another Public Hearing, for safety sake. I don't know if anybody would support that.

Acting Chairman Ronk: I mean, we don't. I think that the safe thing to do here, Chairman, would be to make a motion to postpone this resolution in its current form, and then introduce a new resolution to go to Public Hearing for next month's session. That would probably be the safest way to do that, if that's your goal.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I don't know what does other people think about it?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, when you say to introduce a new resolution, couldn't we just amend this resolutions title?

Legislator Ronk: I mean, perhaps. I mean, that's the question for Legislative Counsel. I'm not sure that we've ever done that before. But

Legislator Bartels: Yeah.

Counsel Ragucci: You mean, amend the title, and then resubmit or

Acting Chairman Ronk: Amend the title of this resolution, and then and amend the title of the resolution from adopting to setting a Public Hearing. Because it would be a whole different introductory Local Law and the Local, the other Local Law was in last year's session. So to have a whole new number.

Counsel Ragucci: Yeah, I, I would probably suggest just re submitting it with the correction.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I'd actually like to make a motion. I know everyone on this committee loves this, but to postpone it one week, because I'm going to point out that further problem that one of the sponsors is not here to consent. So without Legislator Archers consent on this, we may not even be able to do that.

Acting Chairman Ronk: On the floor is a motion to postpone for one week, is there a second? Second by Legislator Donaldson. On the postponement, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All right. Opposed? All right the resolutions postponed until next week. Resolution No 7: Requesting the New York State Legislature introduce and the Governor sign an Amendment to Article 31 of the New York State Tax Law to permit the County of Ulster to adopt a Local Law to Impose, Collect, and Retain a Tax on Real Estate Transfers. I'll entertain a motion. Move by Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yes. I moved it for a quick talk on this. I think we have to have a separate meeting dealing with this particular thing. And

Acting Chairman Ronk: Hold on Dave, can I just have a second on the resolution?

Legislator Haynes: I'll second, Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Haynes seconded. Go ahead, Dave.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, I believe we have to have a separate meeting to discuss this at length, at some point soon, sooner than later. So we can discuss this at length and discuss the purposes and how it's going to be used, and invite other stakeholders. You know, at that meeting, we'd have, you know, the Comptroller there, and whoever from the Executive's Office. And I believe we need to iron this out, iron it out quickly. I mean, we do have the information showing various counties of what they've done. And we do know that we have a significant housing issue that is beyond crisis. And so we need to deal with that. And the best way to deal with that rather than dipping into our tight funds as they are is to find funds that can be dedicated towards that and I believe that this would do that.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay, anybody else want to discuss this now? Legislator Donaldson

Legislator Parete: Well is there a motion now, Mr. Chairman, is there a motion?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Well, I was just about to ask Legislator Donaldson if he was going to make a motion to postpone to a

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll do a motion to postpone not for next week but for a, hopefully for a special meeting.

Legislator Parete: Yes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Motion to postpone to the next meeting second by the Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: Yes, sir.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All in favor the postponement? Opposed? All in favor, it looked like all were in favor of postpone. Was that a yes for postponement, Legislator Gavaris, or a no?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: You seem not to be muted, but we can't hear you.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Postpone, thumbs up. Okay. He voted yes to postpone. All right. So all were in favor for postponement.

Resolution No 9: Amending funding sources for Capital Project 483 Public Safety Training Center, to request, I'm sorry, to reflect increase in state share.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson. Second?

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson, second by Haynes. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed? Resolution No 11, Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson. Second?

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Haynes, any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 12: Approving the Execution of a Contract Amendment for \$14,394 causing the aggregate contract plus amendment amount to be in excess of \$50,000 for Family of Woodstock.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson, second by Haynes?

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 13: Approving the execution of a contract for \$70,000 entered into by the County Alison Krause LMSW.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second, Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

We have Resolution No 14: Authorize, Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$9,000 causing the aggregate plus the amendment to be in excess of \$50,000 for Lab Corp of America Holdings.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Any discussion? Seeing none all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 15: Approving the execution of a contract for \$225,000 entered into by the County for the Rondout Legal Services Incorporated.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes?

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Excellent. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 16: Approving the execution of contract amendment for \$5,000 causing the aggregate to be equal or to or in excess of \$50,000 for RUPCO.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, I'm, I'm supportive of this, but I just wanted to ask, I, I did not attend the Health Committee. But at the Chairs committee, I asked about getting a copy of the current plan that's in place. I don't know if that was received, the homeless services plan.

Deputy Executive Rider: We have not received it, but I, I will send it out this week.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, thank you.

Deputy Executive Rider: But I have requested it from the Commissioner. So

Legislator Bartels: Okay, thank you.

Deputy Executive Rider: We should be getting it any day.

Legislator Bartels: I appreciate it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any further discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 17: Approving the execution of a contract for \$4,750 causing the aggregate plus contract amount to be an excess to \$50,000 for Ulster County Community Action.

Legislator Haynes: I'll move it

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by, moved by Haynes. Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: There I am, I got lost there for a second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Second by Dave. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution 18: Approving the execution of a contract for \$163,000.08 entered into by the County for the VMC group Incorporated. Moved?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, Second by Haynes. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution 19: Approving the execution of a contract for \$525,780 entered into by the County, Youth Advocacy Programs Incorporated.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Second by Haynes. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 20: Executing contract, Approving the execution of a contract for \$450,839 entered into by the County for the Young Woman's Christian Association of Ulster County Incorporated.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Any discussion?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Well, I moved in for the purpose of talking about this. What is this actually used for? I'm not sure on this particular one.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider: This is the Family Now, Families Now contract. This was actually one of the contracts that Legislator Walter and Legislator Criswell advocated for full funding being restored in the 2021 Budget, the Executive Budget had this.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yup I, I remember it now. Okay, very good. Something slipped my mind. Thank you. I'm good.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay. Any further discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 21: Approving the execution of a contract for \$544,000 entered into by the County, Family Services. Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolutions 22 through, no sorry, hold on a second. Yep. 22 through 36 are rather similar all have to do with State pass through funds. Is there a motion to block those resolutions together?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll make a motion to block them.

Legislator Haynes: I'll second it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Motion to block seconded. On the block, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed? Hearing none.

Resolution No 37: Approving the execution of a contract for \$150,000.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I don't think we actually, we voted on the block. But we didn't vote on the resolutions, I don't think.

Deputy Executive Rider: On the resolutions as a block. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution 37: Approving the execution of a contract for \$150,000 entered into by the County, Access: Supports for Living Incorporated.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution 38: Approving the execution of a contract for \$23,679 causing the contract to be in excess of \$50,000 for NDI technologies for the Ulster County Sheriff.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes. All in favor? I'm sorry, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. So um, I also I did not attend the, the Law Enforcement Services Committee, but I do have some concerns not so much about the contract, but about our policy or lack thereof. I don't know what our policy looks like, in terms of these, these devices. You know, the Brennan report, at the end of last year, the Brennan Center did a policy report on these and they talked about having policies that require retention limits and warrants for search on historical data, they institute two step scanning, requiring verification of hot data list and and most certainly not, not saving data for long periods of time. I don't know what we currently do. But I do know that these devices have become a way to track citizens and retain information over long periods of time. I can speak personally, I, I have a friend that works in the New York City Police Department. And he told me that one day just just to, to look into his own his own data track, he went into his system. And over the course of 30 days, he saw 400 hits on his license. So he was able to follow his vehicle, his personal vehicle in 400 places over the course of a month. And, you know, I think that we've come very close to invading people's

privacy. And I'm not sure what we're currently doing. So I know that we've reached out to the Sheriff and, and there is going to be an update to the policy. And we're trying to determine what the current policy looks like. But I just want to be on record as expressing concern about this. I, I'm going to vote to put this to the floor pending seeing that policy. And I'll probably speak on the floor on the, on that on these issues and in, in more detail. Because I do know that that these are valuable law enforcement tools in in certain circumstances, but I think that the data has to be protected. And in terms of the 1000s of hits that we get on these, I don't, I don't, I want to know that we're not saving them for months and months these, the retention should happen over the matter of days and weeks, not months and years, because we head into very dangerous territory.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Thank you Legislator Bartels, any further discussion? Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: I'll defer to Chairwoman of Law Enforcement, Eve Walter. I do believe we had a conversation with the Sheriff regarding this, it was brief, which if she could relay information.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Walter?

Legislator Walter: Thank you. Um, yeah. And, and this doesn't suggest that I don't support the concerns that Legislator Bartels has. But the Sheriff informed us that the agreement, actually all the data is stored by NDI technologies at this point, not with our Law Enforcement. I'm not adding judgment as to whether that's better or worse, but just stating that it is stored, our law enforcement, we aren't holding it. It's part of the agreement with NDI. And as Legislator Bartels alluded to, apparently, DCJS in New York State is coming up with a statement as to how they feel this kind of data can, should be held and stored and used and, and disposed of, and in what time period. So that's what the Sheriff is, has assured us that he would adopt that policy. Because this ends in March 2022, I don't know how much we'd be able to take any new state policy and apply it to this existing contract. But at least for the next round, when making the agreement, we will have that other state guidance available.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you and thank you, thank you for that information Legislator Walter. I mean, I can say that both the ACLU and the Brennan Center Policy Center both have greater concerns about private companies holding this data versus law enforcement agencies holding the data. So I'll be very interested to see the policy. And again, I'll, I'll speak on the floor. But I, I want to know that we that we're moving to putting in clear regulations in in place that protect privacy.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any further discussion, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I just so that you'll have more, Legislator Bartels has more information, perhaps there's more detail with the contract that we're not seeing that that the company has provided? I'm saying this to John, that perhaps we could see that? I'm sure this company provides documentation of, of their policy and how they store it. If I'm able to get a copy of that, if there is.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels, would you like to? Would you like to postpone this until next week and ask the Sheriff to come and speak to us?

Legislator Bartels: That'd be wonderful, if everyone agrees. I'd make a motion to postpone for one week.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Motion to postpone made by Bartels, is there a second?

Legislator Gavaris: I'll second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Second by Gavaris. On the postponement Any discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: I'll just reiterate that it may not be, the Sheriff may have access to the information you need. But I think that also in contracting and purchasing it, there might be more details, that perhaps if John could help us get so that we have everything that we need.

Acting Chairman Ronk: I mean, that's, that's fine. It would concern me personally, if the Sheriff's Office didn't have the details as well. But I understand your point.

Legislator Walter: Only because it's been so many years that they've been doing it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Understand Legislator, Marc Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I mean, I believe the full contract is in New World and accessible to you all, through your Fiscal Analysts. I could be wrong. I mean, this is an amendment, the the further contract should be available on the financial system.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah I mean, there is some a certain concern with what they use the data with. I mean, I'm assuming they're not allowed to sell the data. But I mean, that should, I'm, I'm making an assumption that that's probably in the contract, but I certainly if it isn't, it certainly should be in the contract. So that would be a concern with a company having those, whereas a law enforcement agency would not be able to do that. So I'll, I'll support the postponement.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any more discussion on the postponement? All in favor of postponing until the next meeting?

Group: Aye

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any opposed? Seeing none.

Resolution No. 39: Approving a contract of \$60,300 entered into by the County A&T Health Care for Office for the Aging.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson second by Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: At the Chairs meeting, and and Marc I don't know if this was provided, but we asked to see documentation about how many people we serve? This would be for Resolutions 39, 40, 42, and 43. I'm going to support them all. I'm absolutely supportive of them all. But I would like to see some data about how many people we serve through these contracts. And we talked about whether or not there was a waiting list for these four but and also for 41, which I'll talk about in more detail when we get to it.

Deputy Executive Rider: I'll follow up with the Director of OFA. Because there has been a request in, so I'll just see what

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: And can we block 39 through 42?

Acting Chairman Ronk: It sounds like Legislator Bartels has a lot to say on 41.

Legislator Bartels: 41 is separate, yeah.

Acting Chairman Ronk: So I, you know Dave, would you like to block 39, 40, 42 and 43?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yep. That'd be good.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Second on the block?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second on the block?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Anybody want a second?

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Seconded by Haynes. All in favor of blocking them?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: On, on the block All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any opposed? Hearing none. All right.

Resolution 41: Which is Approving the execution of a contract for \$59,185 for Gateway Community Industries D/B/A, Gateway, Hudson Valley. Legislator Bartels

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Oh, sorry, moved by Bartels, second Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels, on the, on the resolution.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. So again, I'm, I'm very supportive of this resolution. But we, at the Chairs meeting, we had talked about getting some data on how long the waitlist is, if the waitlist has grown since COVID. And and in this case, I just want to say that I'm particularly interested in, in finding out those numbers and then working with the Executives Office to attach, attach a number to what it would cost to bring down that waitlist. I think that, you know, this is a very, very critical service. And in my whole tenure here, we've always had some measure of a waitlist, but times are getting exceedingly hard for people. So I'd like to, I'd like to have some clear data on that.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, again, the request has been made. If you want to postpone it for a week, I can ensure that I get the information.

Legislator Bartels: I can. I'll, I'll post, I'll postpone, I make a motion to postpone. So we have the placeholder and we can have the conversation. But there's again, I just want to say I'm absolutely supportive of this. I don't want to hold this a month. So I'll, I'll make the motion to postpone it a week so that we have the opportunity to talk about it next week in more detail, but I definitely want to see it move through because

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: What is, what is the wait list right now?

Legislator Bartels: That's what we're trying to find out what.

Acting Chairman Ronk: That's what they're trying to ascertain Dave.

Deputy Executive Rider: That's the information I've asked for and for what the cost would be if we cleared the waitlist.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All right so motion to postpone until the next meeting made by Legislator Bartels. Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson. On the postponement, any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution No 44 and 45 are both PILOTs for solar projects. Is there a motion to block those two together?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it, block.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move to block by Dave, second by Haynes, on the block.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yep.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed? Hearing none on the resolutions 44 and 45. All in favor?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolutions 46 and 48 both pertain to the Ulster County Veterans Cemetery, I believe. Is there a motion to block those two together?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Block the 46 and 48?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Yep. The next two.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yep.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All right. Move to block by Dave. Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded by Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: There we go. Heidi are you going to second the block?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: She did.

Legislator Haynes: Oh yes, thank you.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay, I didn't, it didn't come through my computer if you did. On the block? Legislator Bartels. Oh, all in favor of blocking.

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay. All, all opposed? Legislator Bartels?

Legislator Bartels: Oh, no, I'm not opposed. I'm in favor.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Okay, I just keep seeing your hand go up. So on, on resolutions

Legislator Walter: Wait,

Acting Chairman Ronk: 46 and 48, all in favor?

Legislator Walter: I have a question.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Oh, Legislator, Legislator Walter. Your hand blends in with the door and Tracey's is right in the black so it's really tough. That's, that's better. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Just curious, Marc or John, do we have a an updated timeline on when we think this will be done?

Deputy Executive Rider: The entire project or the, the study?

Legislator Walter: The, the project.

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean

Legislator Walter: I'm just wondering if it's moved out the, the timeline or is it the same?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, it, it has, you know, considerably, because we've had to take the time to do this study. And it, it's not a quick study there, they're in there. And, you know, they're retrieving artifacts and and they want to be careful about that. So it's probably delayed it by at least one construction season. And costs inevitably will have gone up by the time we get this out to bid compared to two years ago, when, when we were initially going out for it. Or a year ago, I should say. Construction costs will have increased over that time, we don't have new estimates yet. But you know, the delay has caused both time and money. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, so my question was within with regards to, to new estimates. And also, if we had like a running total on the project? Did we have, were we able to pull that up? Where we're at now? Because there had been multiple changes?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, so I don't have a new total estimate. The, the amount of the Capital? I'll have to follow up. I thought it was on here. But um, I don't have what we're at right now, with the Capital.

Legislator Bartels: That's, yeah, that was one another question that I'd asked. If we could get that information. That'd be great. And then in terms of the, the archaeological discoveries, was there a presentation at committee as to what they had been finding?

Deputy Executive Rider: It's various I mean, it's so arrowheads other things like that. So far, I don't believe they found any remains or anything that would really push off the project, that they're, you know, and again, they want to retrieve all the artifacts very carefully and preserve them. So.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor? Opposed?

Resolution 55: Authorizing the Chair the Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State DOT to accept New York fund, New York State funds for Ulster and Dutchess Public Transit Service Link.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson. Second?

Legislator Haynes: Haynes

Acting Chairman Ronk: Haynes, any discussion? All in favor? Opposed?

Resolution Number 56: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$8,380.80 causing the aggregate to be more than \$50,000 entered into by the county for Accumedic.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed?

Resolution 57: Approving the execution of a contract for \$2,356. Man this is Carl Belfiglio's month. for \$2,356.00 causing the aggregate contract plus amendment to be more than \$50,000 for Info Quick Solutions Incorporated.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson, second by Haynes. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Resolution 58: Approving the execution of a contract for \$178,793 for NTS Data Services LLC.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson and second by Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor? Opposed?

Resolution Number 60: Authorizing an MOU between Greene and Ulster Counties for a Regional Partnership and Resource Sharing Agreement for Fire and Emergency Services.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes, any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor? Any opposed?

Resolution Number 61: Authorizing the Chair of the County Legislature to enter agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for distribution #5, Public Defender's Office.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson. Seconded by Haynes. Any discussion? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any opposed?

Resolution Number 62: Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to Sell Real Property Acquired by Court Order Pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Haynes: Second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, Second by Haynes. Any discussion? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. Um, so this, this resolution does not come with a date, which gives, which concerns me, I understand, secondhand that we don't we don't yet know when we want to do it. And we don't yet have a date from the college. But I can't imagine a circumstance where we'd have to do this in short order. Where, where we need to give the blanket approval now, for any, any specific date in the future. And I also would like to see the resolution include the requirement that the legislature be notified of this auction, when the last auction was set to happen. I only became aware of that auction because the Comptroller issued a report that went out to a press release. I was told that the Legislative Offices weren't even notified that the [inaudible]. I'd like to see that included this resolution as well.

Commissioner Gulnick: Mr. Chairman this is Burt. Sorry, I'm not there in person, I am in my car. I can address Legislator Bartels' questions. There is no date right now for the 2021 auction. Because the state has a Moratorium on foreclosures of residential properties until May 1st. So I'm kind of in a unknown as to that date. And with COVID. We're trying to figure the best way possible for everyone to have, you know, be able to bid on the auction. I will say I'm trying to work on the 2020 auction, which was cancelled last year to do it online. I have no date for that yet. And I will definitely let the Legislature know that date. To be honest with you next month, you will have a resolution to amend the re acquisition policy. Because when I do an online auction, and if there is a re acquisition, the bidders would lose money. So I need to have someone pay what the bidders would lose. And that would be the person who is reacquiring their property. So you will see that amendment next month.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So I mean, given that you're not going to schedule, I assume you're not going to schedule an auction with just two weeks' notice, why don't you come to us for the resolution of scheduling the auction, just like in all years past with a date attached.

Commissioner Gulnick: I will say, Legislator Bartels, last year, I did come with a date, and it was canceled twice. So the date really was kind of, I hate to say the word meaningless, but it was. And we do this kind of as a courtesy to the Legislature, I think the best thing to do would be to notify the Legislature of the exact date when I have one. You know, even trying to my hope is to kind of test the waters with the online auction for the 2020 auction. And if that goes well, then I will schedule a 2021 auction, which I will definitely notify Legislature of both.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Ken.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Let me ask Burt, is there a, I mean, since Tracy brought this up, the idea, do we really need to pass this tonight or is there in other words,

Commissioner Gulnick: Not, there, Legislator Donaldson, there isn't. I mean, if if the Legislature wanted to pull that until I had a date, I, I'm fine with it. This was just our normal process. And like I said, with the State having this Moratorium on it, I, I really was in flux. And you know, I probably shouldn't even addressed it to the Legislature. When I do have a date I can get it to you.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: All right, because yeah, I mean unless there is something that you have to do to set in motion at this point, otherwise

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, it,

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: can't do it.

Commissioner Gulnick: it, right, we had previously always done this as a courtesy, and there were years where there was no dates, but it, it doesn't kind of interrupt our foreclosure process. So if the Legislature or this committee was okay, pulling it, I'm fine with it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: All right. Well

Acting Chairman Ronk: What's the pleasure of the committee? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I mean, I'd, I'd rather wait. And I'd also like to, to have at least have some Legislative, Legislative input in the discussion of moving to the online auction, which probably is a smart move, but there should be some Legislative discussion about that. It's going to be a resolution that comes before us. I mean, with all due respect, I think it's more than a than a courtesy the legislature has to authorize the auction. So

Commissioner Gulnick: You've already done that Legislator Bartels. You've allowed me to go through the foreclosure process under Article 11.

Acting Chairman Ronk: That was in December wasn't it?

Legislator Bartels: Yes.

Commissioner Gulnick: Correct.

Acting Chairman Ronk: So is there is there a desire to postpone this until next week and perhaps Commissioner Gulnick could, you know come and just discuss with us the pros and cons?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Well, we could actually just pull this resolution and it could be put back in. I don't know if we get to, who's the sponsor on this?

Acting Chairman Ronk: That'd be me. It'd be me and Lynn. I'm, I'm comfortable pulling it but Lynn's not here. So I'd be more comfortable postponing it until next week, giving her a chance to decide if she wants to withdraw it or not.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: All right.

Acting Chairman Ronk: You want to make that motion, Dave.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll make that motion.

Acting Chairman Ronk: A motion to postpone till the next meeting by the Legislator Donaldson second by Legislator Bartels. On the postponement, all in favor? Opposed?

Legislator Gavaris: Legislator Ronk I'm going to recuse myself.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Understand. Thank you, Legislator Gavaris. So it passes with one recusal, Legislator Gavaris.

I'm sorry, I'm going back

Legislator Haynes: 64.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Yep. 63: which Authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into agreements with the Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz, and Saugerties related 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.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Move by Donaldson, second?

Legislator Haynes: I'll second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: by Haynes. Any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor? Opposed?

Legislator Gavaris: Legislator Ronk, I'm going to recuse myself again.

Legislator Ronk: With, so it passes, all Aye, with one recusal Legislator Gavaris.

Resolutions 64 through 80 on our agenda all have to do with Public Works projects, bridges, culverts, etc. Is there a desire to do these individually? Or is there a desire to block them together?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll make a motion to block them.

Legislator Haynes: I'll second.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Motion by Legislator Donaldson to block the rest of the resolutions together the Public Works projects, seconded by Legislator Haynes. Any discussion on the blocking? Hearing none, all those in favor of blocking the resolutions? Opposed? On the block as a whole? Legislator Bartels.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I was going to say, does anybody want to speak on any individual ones?

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, I just have, again, a request for information. And I can't I don't know if it was provided at the committee meeting, came out of the Chair's meeting on. On resolution 68, we'd asked for a full list of all the the red flagged bridges. I don't know if we got that.

Deputy Executive Rider: I'll double check. I, I thought it was provided at Public Works, but I'll follow up with the department.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Any further discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Hearing none.

We have a piece of new business for March introduction, Resolution Number 81: Amending the Policy for Funding Non-County Organizations. Does anybody want to have a discussion on this?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I don't have a copy in front of me.

Legislator Bartels: Who are the sponsors?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I was just going to ask who are the sponsors?

Legislator Ronk: I don't have the answer to that question. Does somebody?

Legislator Parete: Yeah I think it's

Legislator Bartels: Legislators Delaune and Criswell.

Legislator Parete: Delaune and

Acting Chairman Ronk: Thanks, Legislator, Legislators Delaune and Criswell are the sponsors. Legislator Criswell, do you want to discuss this?

Legislator Criswell: Sure, this was brought up by the long conversation that we're trying to have to talk about funding for Legislative Programs. And what it is, is it's a methodology to actually identify what the funds would be for Legislative Programs, and kind of lock those in before it got into the budget negotiation period. So basically, it's saying X amount of dollars, Legislative Programs, that would get and we would do that in plenty of time for Legislative Programs to look at different options for nonprofit groups and non-county groups to, to get those funds well, before it got into all the sort of chaoticness of the chaotic times of the budget process. So that's what it is, it's more of a procedural thing to kind of lock those dollars in, have plenty of time in the sort of the offseason, I guess you'd want to call it to allow us to look at programs and look at funding.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Was just discussed in Legislative Programs?

Legislator Criswell: Extensively, and it got full support.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Perfect. It's exactly what I want to hear, thank you.

Legislator Ronk: Any more discussion on it at this meeting? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So can I just ask Legislator Criswell, I know we could talk about more about this before before March, but so does the resolution, when you say to lock in the funding the resolution, basically, it locks in an X amount of dollars, that's to be distributed, however, then it goes about being distributed?

Legislator Criswell: That's exactly true.

Legislator Bartels: And does that include the, the non-county contract agencies, such as Soil & Water, and Cornell Cooperative Extension?

Legislator Criswell: It does, is that correct Marc? It does, right? I have, I'm sorry. I don't have it up in front of me, I didn't know that was coming up right. But, but I believe it does. Vicky, can you speak to that? I believe

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

Legislator Parete: [inaudible] part of the process.

Deputy Executive Rider: She's shaking her head yes, yes.

Legislator Parete: It'll all be part of the process.

Clerk Fabella: Yeah, it's all part of the whole process, each contract, would be looked at in the appropriate oversight committee.

Legislator Bartels: I guess, I guess my question again, oh sorry, may I, may I,

Acting Chairman Ronk: Oh please, yeah, yeah, go ahead.

Legislator Bartels: I guess my question. And again, we can discuss this more offline and in caucus is, you know, how does the number get determined at the outset prior to the applications coming in? Is it, is it, is it assumed that all current, all current funded agencies stay perpetually funded? Or is it that we're just creating a pot of funding that then we put out an app or call for applications and pull from?

Legislator Criswell: Correct the second option, we are creating a pot that then becomes the pot of money that funds get pulled from.

Legislator Bartels: Okay

Acting Chairman Ronk: Can I, can I ask a functional question?

Legislator Criswell: Sure.

Acting Chairman Ronk: At what, what you know, so this is likely happening before the County Executive releases his budget, how are we attempting to tie the Executive to including said pot of money in his budget?

Legislator Criswell: Yeah, that's a good question. I think it's going to be a negotiation of what, you know, early on having conversations, what do you think this pot of money is going to be about? And then holding him to that. Holding him, them to that.

Deputy Executive Rider: All right, I mean, I've got one more thing to say. And I

Legislator Criswell: We don't know what, what the stick is, is what if that's what you're asking? I don't know what the stick is.

Acting Chairman Ronk: I've got one more thing to say and then I'll, I've got Legislator Walter, Legislative Parete, and Marc Rider I saw so far. Um, you know, I, I have concern about dedicating funds to something, you know, in, in the old, you know, the old adage, you know, what happens if the County building falls down? You know, how are we going to tie ourselves to having X number of dollars put aside for a purpose, and then we come to an emergency, you know, ten, nine times out of ten when we put money aside for something, we can't use it for something else. So that's a, a concern that I have. I'll take a look at. I hadn't, you know, had this on my radar until tonight, but I'll, I'll take a look at it.

Legislator Criswell: Legislator Ronk, the, the funds will have to get approved by Ways and Means anyway, so we'll have that second look.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yup. Okay. Um, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. Um, so, I don't know if you discussed this, Peter. But, and, and this is awful if it has to happen again, unfortunately. But we had, we had that circumstance where we have to go back in and make changes and, and, and reduce the amounts. And so I'm wondering, is it conceptually, is it conceived that that process would then start with Legislative Programs as well? And then move to Ways and Means or would it still be at Ways and Means to, if it ever should happen that we would have to make those cuts?

Legislator Criswell: Yeah, I hear what you're saying, you know, we didn't go down that road of, sort of, what would happen if, but I think that it's a good road to go down. So I think that, you know, we, we should talk about that in Legislative Programs and say, you know, if we had a situation as we have this year, where would it start? So can I bring that up in Legislative Programs? In our next meeting? Or does it need to be decided now?

Acting Chairman Ronk: No this is just for discussion, on this, on this agenda anyway, so you can totally bring it up in Legislative Programs. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Criswell: Great thank you, I think that's a valid, it's a valid point.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Bartels, you had a question?

Legislator Bartels: Oh no I.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I think you skipped John Parete.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Oh, sorry. You're next, you're next to each other on my screen. So I forgot. John.

Legislator Parete: Listen, just think the Chairman and the Legislators came up with a with an idea and a proposal to move forward. Remember, there's up to 1600 non-for profits in the County. The thought is that in the wisdom of the negotiations between the Ways and Means Committee and Executive, they would develop a pot of dollars and cents, that could be then awarded to the appropriate recipients. And they would have to come in and make a presentation as to why they deserve it. It may not be the same people year after year, that part of it, as far as I know, is still in limbo. But it was kind of the thought that it'd be a pot developed, that then could be awarded appropriately.

Legislator Criswell: And thank, thank you, Legislator Parete, if I may speak, Chairman, Deputy Chair Ronk. The idea is that this is step one in the process. And step two in the process is we really listen to everybody's concerns that there be some sort of a matrix or a rubric that we look at legislative programs against, so that we're making sure that the dollars are spent with the most impact and with the most equity as possible. And so that's going to be the second piece of the puzzle that we're working on is looking at, what are those criteria? And we're definitely going to be looking at feedback from Legislators on ideas about what, what should go into that sort of matrix. So that will be step two in this, we wanted to kind of get get over the hurdle of step one, saying there would be a pot of money, and then how are we going to spend it?

Acting Chairman Ronk: Marc, you had something to say?

Deputy Executive Rider: I would just ask the Legislature to consider that maybe Cornell Cooperative and, and even maybe Ulster County Soil & Water that they aren't necessarily in this same process. There's significant amount of funding from Cornell, with Cornell Cooperative that that comes based on these funding requests, they often come to the Executives Office and the Legislature at budget time, and and maybe, you know, I'd be happy to consider looking at putting them part of the environmental budget or whatever, they have a separate spot than in this normal Legislative Programs, funding source, I believe. So

Acting Chairman Ronk: Understood, thanks.

Deputy Executive Rider: And the other thing is that I think the idea was to not have a placeholder, which is what we've done in the past, although I don't think that happened this year, that this would happen before. And so with a budget request, like you do with your the rest of the Legislature's Budget, you would submit this funding and it would be part of the Executive Budget.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, I was going to say the same thing in reference to Cornell and Soil & Water. Because they are a different animal, compared to the others. For one, you know, we know you know, so they can still I mean, Soil & Water should go into in and be environmental issue, and that should be funded through there. And then they would examine those types of things that does not need to be part of Legislative Programs. Cornell Cooperative could also be a separate one, but that could still stay in Legislative Programs because it's, you know, educational and so on and so forth. Even though they do a lot of environmental and they could always report to environmental is sort of the way I look at that. But the Legislative Programs, the, that's what they're there to do is to examine these various things, make those decisions, and then come up with, and then pass them. And then just like, you know, Public

Works, when they decide they're going to they pass resolutions to repair a bridge, they're the ones that are there to examine the contracts, take a look at them, make sure that they're where they should be, and that the work is necessary. And then it goes over to Ways & Means and Ways & Means make sure that we have the money, and so on. And so I think, you know, that's my mindset on this. I mean, I don't know about the pot of money. I mean, it is. I mean, yeah, you probably have to know a was certain amount of what you're going to have. I mean, right now, we, we typically fund what we did the year before. You know at least the pot of money becomes the year before, and then we shift it back and forth in different places. We're allowed to do that. But I think this pot of money that does make some sense. I mean, right now we have a certain pot that we've been using, and but money has to be meet a certain criteria. And I think that is the main thing that we're attempting to do. So it's not just giving the same group without any, you know, without any knowledge of what they're exactly doing. I mean, we did need to know that. And I think we do and most of these programs that we have funded, they've been funded many of them many times, but we also know what they do. So then we could always reinforce that as we go along.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Parete, did you have your hand up earlier?

Deputy Executive Rider: Just for a second quick, as Marc had alluded to, which is correct. There are first among equals on those that we have to consider. And then the end result, many, many times these things are arbitrary and capricious, but they have to be done with an open dialogue and, and, and in comparison and reflection on other outfits other worthy causes, that don't even know that these opportunities exist. And that's what we have to follow is real accounting and bidding and, and open government guidelines to make sure that we do it correctly.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell: Yeah, I just wanted to add something to that Legislator Donaldson was talking about, we have been talking about the possibility of realigning some of these larger pots with different committees. And so that has definitely been in our conversation.

Legislator Ronk: Any further discussion? Seeing none, well, I'm sure we'll have a more lively debate next month when this is before us, after it goes to Legislative Programs. That ends the new business. Is there any old business anybody wants to bring up?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I won't mention John Parete.

Acting Chairman Ronk: What's that?

Legislator Parete: My hearings going.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: He asked for any old business and I said I'm not going to mention your name.

Legislator Parete: That's true, that's true, that's true. Thank you very much.

Acting Chairman Ronk: And I, and I should have opened the meeting this way. But it was a surprise that I was running the meeting in the first place. Welcome to the Ways and Means Committee to John Parete. We're very happy to have you.

Legislator Parete: And my friend you did a good job today. Especially if this was a, a last-minute assignment.

Acting Chairman Ronk: I, I found out just like the rest of you did that I was running the meeting tonight. So

Legislator Parete: Good job.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Thank you, buddy. I appreciate it. Um, with that, hearing no other old business. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Moved by Donaldson, second by Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Haynes.

Acting Chairman Ronk: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Opposed?

Legislator Parete: Good health everyone.

Acting Chairman Ronk: Good night. Have a, as Dave would say, have a regular day.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Have a regular day.