

## **Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** February 18, 2020 – 5:15  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lynn Archer, Chairwoman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder and Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.(arrived at 5:27 PM), Tracey  
Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio, and  
Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson  
(5:48 PM – 5:50 PM)  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Dean Fabiano, Manna Jo Greene, Jonathan Heppner,  
and Laura Petit; Deputy County Executives, Marc Rider, and  
Evelyn Clark; Deputy Commissioner of DPW-Finance, Donald  
Quesnell; Comptroller, March Gallagher; District Attorney,  
David Clegg; Sheriff, Juan Figueroa; Probation Supervisor,  
Nancy Schmidt; Corrections Superintendent, Jerome John; Tom  
Kadgen, League of Women Voters; Elizabeth Culmone-Mills,  
Assistant District Attorney; Kassondra Seyfert, Director of  
Projects (District Attorney), Kassondra Seyfert; Lesley  
McCarthy, Resident

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:25 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 28 -** Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$150,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Replacement Of Windows At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge, In And For Said County

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$150,000.00 bonds for the execution of a work order with the dormitory authority of the State of New York related to Capital Project No. 486, window replacement project for Hardenbergh Hall to include best practices for active shooter situations and address anticipated code changes in alignment with best practices.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 18 -** Confirming Appointment Of Tyrone E. Wilson As Ulster County Commissioner Of Human Rights

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution confirms the appointment of Tyrone E. Wilson as the Ulster County Commissioner of Human Rights.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk expressed that Mr. Wilson interviewed well at the Laws & Rules Committee meeting.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 36 -** Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$563,271.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For Said County

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$563,271.00 bonds for amendments to Capital Project No. 482, the Countywide Radio System, upon receipt of notification from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG), for the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To discuss Resolution No. 39** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Byrne JAG Interest Grant – District Attorney

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Byrne JAG Interest Grant.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** Chairwoman Archer stated that the grant is not confirmed to continue past February of 2020, asking if the program will continue even though the revenue will not renew. District Attorney David Clegg stated that the revenue may be available to continue the program. Discussion pursued on the program information and statistics communicated to the Legislature. Members expressed interest in continuing the services covered by the program.

**Motion No. 5: To amend Resolution No. 39** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Byrne JAG Interest Grant – District Attorney

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk motioned to remove the last resolve which states: “if funding for this program is eliminated, the program will be eliminated as well”. Chairwoman Archer noted that the removal of this clause does not eliminate the need for the Department to follow up with the Legislature.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Amended

**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 39** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Byrne JAG Interest Grant – District Attorney, as amended

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved, as amended

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 41** - Authorizing Installation Of Natural Gas Piping To The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$108,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$108,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$108,000.00 bonds for amendments to Capital Project No. 519, County Law Enforcement Center Energy Upgrades, to install natural gas piping from the newly installed natural gas main to its current boilers housed inside the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center in anticipation of saving money annually in fuel costs upon completion of the project.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 42** - Establishing Capital Project No. 556 Relocation Of Various Departments – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 556, Relocation of Various Departments, for the purpose of moving the Information Services Department to the Ulster County Human Services Office Complex, formerly known as the Business Resource Center for \$165,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** Chairwoman Archer summarized information received in response to Committee questions at the prior Ways & Means meeting. Discussion pursued on how the project will be amended as further work is prepared to be completed. Legislator Walter expressed concern for the level of detail provided. Chairwoman Archer noted that leadership of the Legislature intends to hold a joint meeting of the Ways & Means Committee and the Public Works Committee to better understand the Capital Improvement Program.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 43 -** Authorizing Improvements To County-Owned Office Building Space For Departmental Relocations, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$165,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$165,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$165,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 556, Relocation of Various Departments, for the purpose of moving the Information Services Department to the Ulster County Human Services Office Complex, formerly known as the Business Resource Center.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 45 -** Authorizing Purchase And Installation Of Card Readers At Substations, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$44,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$44,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$44,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 558, Card Readers for Substations to upgrade security and restrict unauthorized access to tools, equipment, and computers at all County substations and to install badge readers on doors at substations to upgrade the access security.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Deputy Director of DPW – Finance, Donald Quesnell informed Committee members that the contract has a built in clause for an additional six (6) doors, if needed. Discussion pursued on the use of contractual unit pricing plus project contingency and the knowledge of management on the project’s scope prior to bid.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 46 -** Establishing Capital Project No. 559 – Bridge Flag Response – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 559, Bridge Flag Response, for the immediate response by the Department of Public Works for yellow and red flags identified through biannual inspections completed by the New York State Department of Transportation to assure public safety for \$100,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Deputy Director of DPW – Finance, Donald Quesnell informed Committee members that a worksheet was started in the prior year which will be maintained moving forward to track the history of bridge repairs and inspection results. Discussion took place on the Department’s tracking of red and yellow flags and the use of Capital Projects versus operating funds.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 47 -** Authorizing Emergency Improvements To Various Bridges, Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$100,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$100,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$100,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 559, Bridge Flag Response, for the immediate response by the Department of Public Works for yellow and red flags identified through biannual inspections completed by the New York State Department of Transportation to assure public safety.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 49 -** Authorizing Preliminary Planning For Future Capital Improvements (Culvert Inspections), In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$48,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$48,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$48,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 560, DPW Large Culvert Inspections, to determine the condition of the County's culverts and prioritize culvert infrastructure repairs based on a condition rating.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 14: To block Resolutions No. 51, 53, and 55**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 15: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 51** - Authorizing The Replacement Of The Floyd Ackert Bridge Superstructure, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$175,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$175,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes issuance of \$175,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 561, 2020 DPW Bridge Program to replace the existing superstructure of a deficient bridge at the Floyd Ackert Bridge located in the Town of Esopus utilizing in-house engineering and labor.

**Resolution No. 53** - Authorizing Slope Stabilization On Various County Roads In The Town Of Hardenburgh, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$153,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$153,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$153,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 562 – Various Embankment Repairs, for the stabilization of two (2) embankments located adjacent to County Route No. 54 located in the Town of Hardenburgh and a third (3rd) embankment located adjacent to County Route No. 49 located in the Town of Hardenburgh.

**Resolution No. 55** - Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$650,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$650,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$650,000.00 bonds for pavement preservation of various roads.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Discussion:** None



**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 16: To re-open Resolution No. 59 -** Establishing Capital Project No. 564 – Purchase And Implementation Of A Real Property Tax Collection & Delinquency Enforcement System – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 564, purchase and implementation of a real property tax collection and delinquency enforcement system in the amount of \$575,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels expressed concern in establishing a value prior to the completion of a Request for Proposal (RFP)

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 17: To postpone Resolution No. 59 -** Establishing Capital Project No. 564 – Purchase And Implementation Of A Real Property Tax Collection & Delinquency Enforcement System – Department Of Finance

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

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 18: To postpone Resolution No. 60 -** Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of A Real Property Tax Collection And Delinquency Enforcement Software System, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$575,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$575,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$575,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 564, purchase and implementation of a real property tax collection and delinquency enforcement system.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 81 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MorphoTrust USA, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with MorphoTrust USA, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for maintenance and support of the live scan hardware and software from May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021 for an additional \$50,042, 100% County Funded, making the contract total \$76,683.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Sheriff Juan Figueroa noted the change from a one-year contract to a two-year contract in order to achieve a cost savings.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Old Business:**

Chairwoman Archer noted that follow up communications were received regarding Resolution No. 20 - Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept One-Time Only Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) For Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment Services (MAT) – Department Of Mental Health. Discussion pursued on the use of MATs and the communication with the Legislature on this information.

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**New Business:**

Legislator Ronk emphasized the intent of legislative leadership to hold a joint meeting of the Ways & Means Committee and the Public Works Committee to better understand the Capital Improvement Program.

Chairwoman Archer noted intent to discuss a policy on the end of State and Federal revenues supporting programs fully budgeted.

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Chairwoman Archer asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

**Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Ronk
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Gavaris
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Time:</b>	6:09 PM
<b>Respectfully submitted:</b>	Amber Feaster
<b>Minutes Approved:</b>	March 10, 2020