

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 9, 2021 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID 973 8844 8114  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Gavaris, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (out at 5:59 PM), Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio (out at 6:00 PM), John Parete, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Bruno, Cahill, Criswell, Delaune, Heppner, Lopez, and Petit; Legislative Counsel, Chris Ragucci; Legislative Counsel Victor Cueva; Minority Counsel, Nick Pascale; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim; Director of Planning, Dennis Doyle; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Alicia DeMarco; Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick; Director of Economic Development, Tim Weidemann

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 81** – Amending The Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature, as amended

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

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Delaune explained the proposed amendment to the Policy, detailing the role of the Ways & Means Committee. Deputy Clerk of the Legislature - Finance Amber Feaster explained how the proposed amendment effects the timing of discussions regarding these appropriations. Legislator Criswell emphasizes the enhanced timeline for the solicitation process.

Further discussion pursued on the impact the proposed amendments have on the Legislature's budget cycle, the removal of member items and enhancement of the solicitation process, the intent of developing a matrix at a later date, and the need to consider some Organization's individually and uniquely. Legislator Walter emphasized that this Resolution is a step and that other enhancements may be made later. Committee members expressed desire for an enhanced competitive process.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 2: To discuss Resolution No. 95** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020 As Amended, 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 Departmental, Agency, Office Or Unit Estimates

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020, as Amended, and, pending the approval of the County Executive, assigns a local law number consecutive to the last local law adopted and approved in 2021.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk requested the Resolution be postponed allowing for the public hearing to take place prior to the vote, expressing concern that the vote would take place even within the same month.

**Motion No. 3: To postpone Resolution No. 95** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020 As Amended, 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 Departmental, Agency, Office Or Unit Estimates

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020, as Amended, and, pending the approval of the County Executive, assigns a local law number consecutive to the last local law adopted and approved in 2021.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 29** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$173,689.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for NYS OMH State Aid pass thru.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter asked if any discussion took place at the Public Health meeting. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider informed committee members that no discussion took place.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 30** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for the methadone treatment program.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels inquired as to how many days a week the clinic is open and if there is a waiting list. Deputy County Executive

Marc Rider assured he will follow up with answers to these questions.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 82** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Awareness, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$12,500.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Haynes, and Maio  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 83** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 84** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$61,305.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 85** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People’s Place For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with People’s Place, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 86** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$28,750.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 87** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$60,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 88** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2021 Appropriations- Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$325,800.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 89** – 2021 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to pay to the Mid-Hudson Library System the sum of \$77,700.00 for the Ulster County Libraries Program.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 90** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$25,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 91** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Dispute Resolution Center, Inc., from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$26,500.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 92** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2021 Appropriation – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$12,500.00.



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

**Discussion:** Legislator Parete expressed concern over appropriated funds to a profitable organization while ignoring other performing arts centers within the County. Legislator Haynes agreed.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

**Voting Against:** Legislators Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Parete

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 4

**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 17: To discuss Resolution No. 97 – Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution requires that for every contract entered on and after September 1, 2021, compensation for covered employees employed by covered employers shall be set in an amount no less than fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per hour worked, in addition to retirement, health, or other benefits received by the overed employee, if any.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Parete remarked the policy is long overdue, emphasizing that cost savings should not be at the expense of individuals who are not earning a living wage but are completing County services. Legislator Bartels acknowledged the opportunity to circumvent the County's own policy to pay a lower wage. Further discussion pursued on the size of the issue, how the County can enforce the policy, amending the language to tie the hourly wage to the NYS minimum wage to prevent future inadequacies, and the Policy's scope regarding covered individuals. Deputy County Executive John Milgrim expressed concern over the financial impact. Further discussion pursued on the bid process's role in County costs, the minimal variance between \$15/hr and the current minimum wage, and the exclusion of non-service contracts such as leaseholds. Chairman Gavaris suggested postponing the Resolution so the County Executive has the opportunity to ask questions on the policy. Legislator Bartels asked that someone look into the method of enforcement.

**Motion No. 18: To postpone Resolution No. 97** – Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution requires that for every contract entered on and after September 1, 2021, compensation for covered employees employed by covered employers shall be set in an amount no less than fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per hour worked, in addition to retirement, health, or other benefits received by the covered employee, if any.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 98** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The City Of Kingston – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement for the sharing of short-term rental inventory information and any related amendments with the City of Kingston.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 99** – Approving An Increase In Funding For Design, Testing And Construction Services Of Phase 3, Campus Roof Project For Hasbrouck Hall And Exterior Emergency Façade Renovations Related To The Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs And Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund – Ulster County Community College

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves funding in the amount of \$2,448,000 for Phase 3 of the Campus Roof Capital Project for Hasbrouck Hall Roof and Exterior Emergency Façade Renovations, related to the Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489, and amends the 2021 Capital Fund accordingly.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, 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

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**Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 101** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an application with required assurances, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office for the Aging for the MIPPA Program, for the term beginning September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 102** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$65,000.00 Entered Into By The County – GTL, Incorporated D/B/A Link To Life – Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with GTL, Inc. D/B/A Link To Life to extend the term of agreement for personal emergency response systems from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for an additional \$65,000.00, making the contract total \$239,200.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 103 – Rescinding Resolution No. 455 Of 2020, And Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$66,641.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the Family House Program in the amount of \$66,641.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer inquired of the contract's reduction and the timeline as the contract is being approved after the completion of services. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that funding was delayed throughout this year, that the County thought they had the full funding, but State cuts later reduced the value. Further, Mr. Rider confirmed that it's common for these contracts to be executed only once funding with the State is confirmed. Legislator Walter asked for confirmation that services were provided.

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 104 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health For LHD Support For Flu And COVID19 Response – Department Of Health**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The New York State Department of Health for LHD Support For Flu and COVID-19 Response for the period June 5, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$39,153.00 to expand and enhance LHD influenza vaccine outreach, promotion, and mass vaccination activities for the 2020-21 flu season.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 105 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$284,859.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Health**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for substance abuse prevention campaigns in the amount of \$284,859.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer asked if this program is duplicating services provided within the County's current contract with Awareness, Inc. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that this contract covers all substance abuse prevention, stating he believes Awareness, Inc. is alcohol-focused and isn't authorized to discuss other substance abuse issues.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 26: To approve Resolution No. 106** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Samadhi Center, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for expansion of the recovery outreach program to cover 24 hours 7 days a week in the amount of \$112,500.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 27: To approve Resolution No. 107** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Community Services – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Hudson Valley Community Services from January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for the development of a street outreach program for Ulster County residents struggling with Opioid Disorder in the amount of \$100,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 28: To approve Resolution No. 108 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Enhance The County’s Family First Readiness Initiative – Department Of Social Services**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2021 Ulster County Budget upon notification from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation of the award of \$10,000.00 in funding to support the continued implementation of strategies and practices to strengthen the County’s readiness to implement the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act (“Family First”) in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 29: To approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2021 and the February 16, 2021 Regular Meetings**

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 30: To approve Resolution No. 109 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Intermunicipal Agreements With The Town Of Saugerties And The Village Of Ellenville To Provide The Services Of Domestic Violence Investigators To The Ulster County Family And Child Advocacy Center – Department Of Social Services**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute intermunicipal agreements with Town of Saugerties and Village of Ellenville, and any related amendments to engage the activities of investigators assigned to the County’s Family and Child Advocacy Center.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 110** – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Child Abuse Or Neglect Prevention And Treatment Act (CAPTA) Comprehensive Addiction And Recovery Act Of 2016 (CARA) Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the Ulster County Budget upon notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services of the availability of Federal Child Abuse or Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 funds to help states improve their response to families and infants affected by substance use disorders (both alcohol and drugs) in the amount of \$70,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 111** – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Continue Safe Harbour Programming – Department Of Social Services



**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2021 Ulster County Budget upon notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services of an allocation of \$33,000.00 for the continuation of Safe Harbour programming for calendar year 2021 to expand and enhance services to raise awareness of the problem of sexual exploitation of children, and to provide for services to address the needs of sexually exploited children in the amount of \$33,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 33: To approve Resolution No. 113 –** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement With The City Of Kingston For Economic Development Services – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Kingston for performance by the County of Economic Development services, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, business retention and expansion services, support for startups, and new business formation, and attraction of new businesses.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 34: To approve Resolution No. 114 –** Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) And Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute an agreement and any related amendments with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation in the amount of \$95,558.00; authorizes the Director of Economic Development to act as certifying officer including the filing of any certifications necessary for the purposes of implementing this award; and amends the 2021 Budget accordingly.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 35: To approve Resolution No. 117 – Amending Capital Project No. 479 - Ulster County Midtown Linear Park (PIN 8761.21) - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications And Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation For Funding Construction And Construction Inspection Phase And – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Planning**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 479 – Ulster County Midtown Linear Park to authorize the County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; appropriates the sum of \$1,744,275.00 to Capital Project No. 479; and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute all necessary agreements, certifications, and reimbursement requests for federal aid on behalf of Ulster County with the NYS Department of Transportation.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 36: To approve Resolution No. 119** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$249,273.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. D/B/A HVEA Engineers – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. D/B/A HVEA Engineers to expand the scope of work for engineering services to include construction inspection services from March 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for an additional \$249,273.00, making the contract total \$447,218.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 37: To approve Resolution No. 120** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,411,940.75 Entered Into By The County – A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. from February 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 for construction services related to the Midtown Linear Park in the amount of \$1,411,940.75.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 38: To approve Resolution No. 121** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. – Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for software support for ARCGIS from May 12, 2021 through May 12, 2022 for an additional \$22,500.00, making the contract total \$89,536.44.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 39: To approve Resolution No. 122** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$14,362.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tracker Software Corporation Inc D/B/A PubWorks – Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Tracker Software Corporation Inc. D/B/A PubWorks to extend the term of agreement for work order software support and maintenance from April 30, 2021 through April 30, 2022 for an additional \$14,362.00, making the contract total \$158,992.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 40: To approve Resolution No. 124** – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate Revenue For Opioid Response As County Law Enforcement (ORACLE) – Ulster County Sheriff’s Office

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2021 Budget to increase Revenue Misc. Local Source and to increase ORACLE Computer Equipment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a check received from Ellenville Regional Hospital to assist with ORACLE supplies and equipment allocated by a BJA Grant the Hospital received for 2020.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes Abstained:** Legislator Gavaris

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**No. of Votes Abstained:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 41: To approve Resolution No. 125** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,926.30, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Visual Computer Solutions Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Visual Computer Solutions, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for POSS/COSS officer scheduling software support and maintenance from May 31, 2021 through May 31, 2022 for an additional \$11,926.30, making the contract total \$142,661.50.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 42: To approve Resolution No. 126 –** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. – Department Of Probation

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for electronic alcohol monitoring system from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for an additional \$27,000.00, making the contract total \$129,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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A motion to recess was made by Donaldson, seconded by Walter. The committee took a brief recess from 6:15 PM to 6:32 PM.

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

**DATE & TIME:** March 9, 2021 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID 973 8844 8114  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Gavaris, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler

**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 6:35 PM), Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio (arrived at 6:34 PM), John Parete, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

**ABSENT:** None

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Cahill, Greene, Heppner, and Uchitelle; Legislative Counsel, Chris Ragucci; Legislative Counsel Victor Cueva; Minority Counsel, Nick Pascale; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Alicia DeMarco; Director of Economic Development, Tim Weidemann

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM**

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**Motion No. 43: To discuss Resolution No. 112** – Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located At Enterprise West, Town Of Ulster To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the transfer title to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance in fee unless in the event the County shall need any of the Property for a limited period of time, then the County may transfer a title and/or a leasehold; and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature and the County Executive to execute any and all documents related to the disposition, including the deed and/or lease, along with any other agreements, forms, certificates, or applications necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Discussion took place on the composition of the board of directors of UCEDA and how this composition affects the ability of the Legislature and the County Executive to vocalize input once the property is fully transferred. Committee members discussed several difference potential options for board composition, agreeing that the majority and minority should be equally represented, how the board composition is altered, how the size of the board affects productivity, and how a vested interest can affect a board member's decisions. Legislator Bartels acknowledged the fact that an agreement has not yet been reached regarding the UCEDA board composition. Deputy County Executive John Milgrim said he believed the agreement was for three current board members who are staff to be replaced with non-staff members. Legislative Chairman Donaldson disagreed. Legislator Parete

emphasized concern with members of the board having a conflict of interest. Further discussion pursued on the process of changing the board.

**Motion No. 44: To postpone Resolution No. 112** – Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located At Enterprise West, Town Of Ulster To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the transfer title to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance in fee unless in the event the County shall need any of the Property for a limited period of time, then the County may transfer a title and/or a leasehold; and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature and the County Executive to execute any and all documents related to the disposition, including the deed and/or lease, along with any other agreements, forms, certificates, or applications necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 45: To block Resolutions No. 131, and 133**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 46: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 131** – Establishing Capital Project No. 589 – 2021 Guide Rail Replacement Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)



**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 589 Guide Rail Replacement Program for the replacement of damaged and destroyed guide rails in the amount of \$130,000.00 and amends the 2021 Capital Fund accordingly.

**Resolution No. 133** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Chemung Supply Corporation – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Chemung Supply Corporation from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for guide rail repair and replacement in the amount of \$130,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer questioned if these services were once completed in-house, inquiring if there has been a philosophical change regarding the outsourcing of DPW services. Legislator Ronk informed the Committee that the equipment to install guiderails has changed over the years and that DPW staff has been reduced, so some work was required to be outsourced.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 47: To block Resolutions No. 134 and 136**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 48: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 134** – Establishing Capital Project No. 590 - 2021 DPW Asphalt Overlay Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 590 DPW Asphalt Overlay Program for final overlay over various roadways in the amount of \$5,130,000.00 and amends the 2021 Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

**Resolution No. 136** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$5,130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Peckham Road Corporation from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for asphalt overlay services in the amount of \$5,130,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 49: To block Resolutions No. 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, and 147**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Parete

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 50: To postpone the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 137** – Establishing Capital Project No. 591 - 2021 Reconstruction Of Various Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 591 Reconstruction of Various Roads for pavement preservation of various County roads in the amount of \$650,000.00 and amends the 2021 Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

**Resolution No. 139** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Peckham Road Corporation to extend the term of agreement for chip sealing services from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 140** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gorman Brothers, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for cold in-place asphalt recycling from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 141** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gorman Brothers, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for application of fiber mat/fiber reinforced bituminous membrane from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 142** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gorman Brothers, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for fiber reinforced microsurfacing from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 143** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gorman Brothers, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for paver placed surface treatment from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 144** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gorman Brothers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gorman Brothers, Inc. from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for reclamation services for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 145** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Highway Rehabilitation Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Highway Rehabilitation Corp. to extend the term of agreement for hot in place asphalt recycling from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 146** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Sealcoat USA, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Sealcoat USA, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for pavement crack sealing from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 147** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. to extend the term of agreement for road striping from March 31, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer vocalized concern that a spent-to-date value has been provided but that no anticipated cost has been communicated. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider said the scope of work for these contracts is unknown until the winter is over and damage to the roads is known, that the budget lines maintain the not-to-exceed values of contractual spending, and that the construction season is short and the contracts have to be in place before the season starts. Legislator Archer requested an estimate of the total amount of spending anticipated.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 51: To approve Resolution No. 148** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alleymor, Inc., D/B/A Pestmaster Services – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Alleymor, Inc. D/B/A Pestmaster Services to increase funding for carcass removal from February 16, 2021 through May 31, 2021 for an additional \$50,000.00, making the contract total \$63,040.10.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 52: To approve Resolution No. 149** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gentech Ltd. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gentech Ltd. To increase the not-to-exceed amount for generator repair and maintenance from February 16, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for an additional \$32,500.00, making the contract total \$168,425.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 53: To approve Resolution No. 150** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$59,800.00 Entered Into By The County – North Eastern HVAC/R Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with North Eastern HVAC/R Corp. from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for replacement of waste line at Enterprise West in the amount of \$59,800.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked why County dollars are being requested at the same time permission for the transfer of the property title is being requested. Legislator Gavaris requested clarification as to the services to be provided. Legislator Archer questioned why work is being completed on the property when it is being surplus. Legislator Walter asked about how the Capital Project is affected by the Capital Improvement Program where the funding budget was delayed a year. Discussion pursued on the relationship between the Capital Fund and the Capital Improvement Program.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Ronk, Haynes, and Parete; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, and Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 3  
**Disposition:** Approved

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### **Old Business:**

**Motion No. 54: 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 Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**New Business:** None

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

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 7:16 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Amber Feaster  
**Minutes Approved:** April 13, 2021

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 9, 2021 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID 973 8844 8114  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Gavaris, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (out at 5:59 PM), Lynn Archer,  
Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio (out at 6:00 PM),  
John Parete, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Bruno, Cahill, Criswell, Delaune, Heppner, Lopez, and  
Petit; Legislative Counsel, Chris Ragucci; Legislative Counsel  
Victor Cueva; Minority Counsel, Nick Pascale; Clerk of the  
Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County Executives Marc  
Rider, and John Milgrim; Director of Planning, Dennis Doyle;  
Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Alicia  
DeMarco; Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick; Director of  
Economic Development, Tim Weidemann

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**Chairman Gavaris:** Out of order of the agenda. I've asked Legislator Criswell and Legislator Delaune to speak on Resolution 81. So if they would like to?

**Legislator Delaune:** Well, thank you, Chair. So this is an attempt to make what is a difficult process, budget process, a little easier. And what we are suggesting is that perhaps rather than the way we've handled it in the past, maybe there's a better way of doing it. And we're hoping this, we're headed in the right direction. And that is to look at Ways & Means, go to Ways & Means early in the process, and ask for an allocation for these various programs that we have. And in addition, look for initiatives out of the Legislature that may be of particular issue in any given year. And I used as an example with, with the Chair yesterday, that, you know, in the midst of COVID, it seemed to me that getting food to people is a very serious issue, and one that needed to be addressed. So, again, just using that as an example, in any given year, perhaps that would be something that would rise to the top that we would look to help fund. I don't know is, is Amber here? Amber, are you here? No? Peter?

**Amber Feaster:** I'm here. Sorry, I was on mute.

**Legislator Delaune:** That's okay. I mean, one of the, one of the things that, you know, we've talked about is, is timing. And so that really has an impact on your office's Amber, and perhaps you could go through, you know, why we chose those, the time we did.



**Amber Feaster:** So the deadline for applications on this amended policy, as before you tonight, is changed from July to the end of January. And so we, those applications are then not a part of the process or the conversation during the budget cycle. So it's possible to do a budget amendment to increase or decrease the lines to move money amongst the lines, of course. But the applications won't be a part of the discussion. And this concept of per organization or per agency funding wouldn't be part of the conversation. That would come up when it's time to approve the contract. So then the agencies are told of their funding award at the time of contract approval.

**Legislator Criswell:** I think the other advantage that we talked about was just giving legislative programs a longer amount of time to, we've, we've talked about a couple things. One is creating some sort of a matrix or, a, a more significant vetting process to look at different organizations against. It would give us a longer time to kind of get the word out that there are legislative program dollars, we could solicit more widely to deserving organizations really looking at targeting underserved populations, a larger demographic of, of folks that have previously been awarded funds. So it would give us that time to do that. And it will also give us time to kind of get our ducks in a row in terms of doing research. You know, providing more information about these organizations. I was saying to Legislator Gavaris, the other day just you know, a short simple one sheet about who the organization is, what their priorities are, you know what we could expect them to be using the dollars for, something that's really straightforward. So back ending that the the money conversation, you know, by several months would allow us as a committee just have a lot more time to do that legwork and have a much more robust presentation when it comes time to actually approving.

**Chairman Gavaris:** So I was reminded that I actually didn't get any motion to discuss so let's

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Bartels, okay, great. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, a couple comments. But first, I just want to understand the the timeline because now I'm a little confused. So January 31st is the deadline for the applications from the organizations. Correct? So the, so January 31st, the organization's come in. But May 31st is an, is a date that I have down where Ways and Means is supposed to tell Legislative Programs, how much money we're working with? I'm confused, maybe maybe someone could just talk me through the timeline?

**Amber Feaster:** May 31st is the deadline for Ways & Means to come up with the the request for the County Executive Recommended Budget, to get the, to attempt to get the budget for those programs set at the beginning of the budget process. If the Ways & Means recommendation is awarded, let's say by the County Executive, um, you just, you know, can basically ignore that number or if somebody disagrees with the Ways & Means recommendation, you, you know, you can change whatever you want through a Budget Amendment, um, but the applications and the budget all go to the subsequent year. So it's May 31st, of the current year, discussing programs for the following year.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, yeah, I think that the biggest benefit here is that, you know, again, it's not that we're gonna, it's not gonna stop us from fighting about this money in the budget, per se, but it stops us from fighting for our own particular, you know, pet projects, it gives us the opportunity to have our disagreements about an overall number, rather than should Awareness, get \$10,000 or \$15,000, or \$20,000. There would be conceivably, I mean, you could do it a number of ways. But I think the best way to do it would be to put in, you know, you know, a single line for, you know, contract agencies or community projects or things of that nature. And then, you know, we get the applications and the money is awarded by contract out of that. So we all get a vote on that as well anyway. It, to me, it unmucks up some of the budget process.

**Legislator Delaune:** And hopefully it makes it a little easier for Ways and Means, which, you know, currently, you don't have a lot of time to think about these various contracts, bring folks in, understand what, you know, what's going on, really. And that it, that becomes our responsibility.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. Yeah, you know, I, I, I spoke with Legislator Delaune about this briefly. And, you know, I still struggle with this a little. I appreciate and I agree there's a problem, particularly with Ways & Means dealing with all these last minute requests and trying to, to, to make decisions and, and make determinations as it relates to the, to the budget, but I still, I still struggle with with is that as sort of an overarching issue, you know, the idea that we have one number associated with how much money we have to spend. And then we have some process whereby we're reaching out for worthy organizations. And we're going to be contracting for services, because we all know, we can't give grants, something that I feel like in general should be happening through the, through the budget process for the most part. And then we also have certain, certain, and I don't mean, the budget process, the Legislative budget process. I mean, the Executive budget process, I think how we came to this, in part, is we had programs that the Executive didn't fund. And then the Legislature said, Oh, but these are worthy. And they found their way into this. One of the things that I like best about what you're proposing is that it might take away the assumption with the exception of a few organizations that I think of very differently, like Soil and Water, Cornell Cooperative, the Libraries, and the College, obviously, which, you know, we're not, we're not exactly talking here, but works through programs. For the rest of them. I think there's an assumption that they're going to get funded year over year. And once you make, once you make it on the Legislative list, for the purposes of budgeting, we asked for a flat number. But there's also a real assumption that well you got funded last year, you're going to get funded again, and that that I thinks, a problem, but I'm still struggling just with the idea of you know, what feels sometimes like member items, but I, I trust that this committee would do a better job of kind of working through that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer then Ronk.

**Legislator Archer:** Yes, thank you. And I think to the very point of the programs, how are you going to address the issue that Legislator Bartels brought up, which is just because you got it one year, you're going to get it the next year? How, how are you going to approach it in this new environment to ensure that you're broadening the reach of programs that may be beneficial to the county?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator, Legislator Criswell if you want to answer that, and then Legislator

**Legislator Criswell:** Yeah, I think, I think we've been talking very clearly about creating some sort of a matrix. Some sort of a very clear delineation of what we're looking for in terms of reach out to, so that we're, so that we're reaching as far as we can in the county, so that we're reaching the most underserved populations that we can. And what I'd like to do and what I've talked with Legislator Delaune about is actually talking to every Legislator and finding out, you know, what is it that you would like to see in this matrix? Trying to get a, a really comprehensive document and then letting Legislative Programs, whittle that down and make something that makes sense, so that there is actually some sort of a spine that we're looking at every program against, that we're saying, does it really match what our desires are? So I think it's actually a much more thorough vetting than what I've seen in my short time as a Legislator in the past, which is basically somebody throws it on the wall and sees if it sticks. And I, I don't think that that's a way to spend taxpayer dollars personally.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, just to Legislator Archers point and, and to, you know, expand I think a little bit on what Legislator Criswell said. It's the the reason that this is gonna stop things from being member items, and, you know, sort of thought of every year as recurring funding, is that right now, the process is that, you know, the Clerk submits to the County Executive, everything we had last year, which has the specific line items in it, which has these organizations believing that they're going to have the funding moving forward. What we would do now is Ways and Means, you know, would set a dollar amount that we are going to request to the County Executive's office, without individual projects or organizations included. So the money almost becomes open, competitive, rather than, you know, I know this group, so I'm going to fight for it in the three days of Ways & Means Budget Appeal Hearings. So I actually think that, you know, this would have organizations, not necessarily thinking oh, well, I'll get at least what I got last year, maybe I can get, you know, insert Legislator here, I'll use Legislator Belfiglio, just for an example. You know, Carl Belfiglio is going to put in X number of dollars for said organization, and then, you know, we either have to, you know, in three days adopt it or not. You know, I think that this is a much better process for the Legislature. And honestly, I think, you know, you know, Legislator Parete brought this up during our last budget process, you know, this may open it up to more organizations who don't know that there's funding available, who don't, who don't typically apply, and could put together a better application for, you know, for funding than some of the ones that we've been funding for 10 years, that do the same thing. Maybe they do the same thing better, maybe they do it for less money. I think those are all benefits that we can see from doing it this way.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, Chair Donaldson then Legislator Walter.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Yeah, I think when we're looking at this, so you have to also understand I don't think anybody was throwing things against the wall to see if they could stick. That, that I kind of take a subject with. But like, for instance, there's, one's Community Action is one that always gets funded, because they are county wide organization that does, you know, outreach and various things for, you know, those less fortunate and the arts have been funded in a very, you know, very particular manner. And it's been vetted and vetted, and vetted. And it is an excellent program, the way it is being done now, and to change that would be kind of foolish. But there are other things and and I agree with such that that Legislator Parete pointed out is that there are other places that need to know about this funding, and I agree that maybe some people could do certain things even better. Like but I would say I would be very leery of changing the method in which Arts Mid-Hudson gets funding and

what they fund that would be, I think would be quite foolish. Because that was really well thought out. And it was something that, you know, was worked on for well over a year, it might have been quite a while ago. But it's done in a, in a manner that is other places have begun to emulate. So it really does make sense to do that in that manner. And the same thing with Dispute Resolution Center or the CASA program, these are programs that are going to be funded, most likely they should be funded every year because of what they're doing. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which is actually run by the Dispute Resolution Center now, but it's the we fund that and it would be really, you know, foolish not to, because it would actually end up costing more money, but I think there's a method that we have to come up with, with other ones. And, you know, particularly like, for instance, you People's Place was thrown in there, a lot of it was, had to do with the idea that you know, the COVID situation, along with them, you know reaching out, and being very effective in what they do. But having said that, there's other places that do a similar thing that you know, maybe touch more people, and more as much people. I so what I would be careful at throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. We, we've, this is the third amendment to this process in a short amount of time. I think there's a lot of things that we're hoping we'll see change in this process. But I don't think this resolution is trying to do everything, and that viewing it on its own merits, just in terms of the timeline, recognizing that there can be a later amendment that talks about the process or the matrix or whatever, but that as far as just the timeline change request, I think it's good. I think that but again, I, I would urge us to not judge the, the merits of this resolution on all the changes that might need to be made to this process. But just, you know, recognize that we'll have to, we'll have to see some, they'll probably be one or two more amendments to this process before we feel like we've got it right. But this isn't trying to cover everything in my mind.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** You know, I appreciate having this conversation today. Because it's brought me to a little more comfort with this because I was feeling I had many more concerns before sitting in this meeting. But I do still want to understand as it's currently written, is Cornell, Soil & Water, the Libraries, and the College, are they all a part of this? Or the College, is the College is separate, and the other three are in this? I'm seeing nods from Amber and Vicky. So yes, so Cornell, Cornell, Soil & Water, and the Libraries are a part, are a part of this and will be treated in the same manner.

**Clerk Fabella:** This policy allows for those agencies to be contracted with, if you choose to do that.

**Legislator Bartels:** I do think that those, in particular, those three are distinct. I mean, it's some of, some of the issue is listening to Chairman Donaldson, you know, each of us are going to say, oh, there's this organization that should be funded every year. And so in fact, that's makes me feel a little more comfortable that there's one number and it's going to, to programs to look through. But I do think Soil & Water, and Cornell are especially are really different organizations, the Libraries as well. But those first two.

**Legislator Delaune:** They absolutely, I'm sorry.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Go ahead Legislator Delaune, if you want to.

**Legislator Delaune:** Yeah, I was going to say that, that they absolutely are. And I don't know that, you know, Legislative Programs is really even the place for this to reside. Maybe it's really a matter of the County Exec's Budget. There's not much latitude here. You know, we need to fund those organizations.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Parete were you trying to?

**Legislator Parete:** Yeah, if I, if I might. I mean this is developing of a matrix and listing the scope of services. This is supposed to be a competitive exercise, nothing is guaranteed. Some of the outfits that you've been talking about at one of your last meetings should probably be under the Executive's Budget and not subjected to a, a yearly conversation. But thus far what this Legislature have been doing are so far outside the the recognized standards of accounting and, and audit principles, that I'm amazed, it hasn't been changed a long time ago, there are said guidelines. So anybody that wants to say there's an assumption of earmarks of member items, is correct. And the only way out of that is to have a standard matrix, a matrix, something they have to live with outlining the scope of services, and make it competitive and the, the, the cream will rise to the top.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thank you, um, you know, I don't necessarily disagree with some of the things that Legislator Donaldson had talked about due respect to him, I think some of the comments that he made about the arts and about People's Place, and, and other, you know, organizations, there are evidence that we need some kind of a competitive process. Um, you know, CASA and others are organizations that he's been advocating for, for very many years and more power to them. It's, you know, it's just that there may be other organizations that can do similar things, and a competitive process would, would allow that. You know, that having been said, you know, to the, to the comment about what can be, you know, or should be funded every year, I think that, you know, there's ample opportunity for the County Executive to work with this committee and this Legislature, to get those in a different area in the Executive Budget. You know, I, I think that, you know, the Tourism budget or someplace like that, you know, could be a great place for Cornell Cooperative Extensions money to go. I think that, you know, CASA and programs like that, if we're going to fund that organization every year, you know, the Department of Social Services budget would be a great place for that money to go. I think that one thing that County Executives have used over the years is that, you know, they put in, you know, their budget with maybe a little bit more of a tax increase, or maybe money in different areas, and then the Legislature goes in and adds that money back in or increases that money. I think it would be a much more balanced product, and much more, you know, you know, honest product to the taxpayers, if the pot of money that we were going to spend on this were included in the Executive Budget, you know, or, or had the opportunity to be included in the Executive Budget, so that people could really know where their dollars and cents are going when the Executive releases his budget and we pass the budget.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I think, you know, when you're talking about advocating for things, like for instance, the Court Appointed Special Advocates, you can't put that in the Social Services. And the reason you can do that is because when they when those people are appointed, they're volunteers that

serve and they're appointed by a family court judge to represent a child and only the child, they do not represent social services. They do not represent the parents, they represent what's best interest for the child.

**Legislator Ronk:** Just a point of order for Dave, I'm, I'm, I'm not talking about making social services, folks do the job, I'm just talking about what line the money would go in to hire the people to do.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Right, what I'm saying is it would be a conflict if, if CASA money went into there, that's why it comes through us or could go through the Executives. But it's a it's something that, to me is the same thing like Cornell Cooperative, it's going to be something that should be funded every year along with that of like, for instance, Supervised Visitations by Family of Woodstock. I that that ends up with us when in fact, that should be something that is funded through the County Executive budget because it's something that you're going to have to it regardless. And if you don't do it, we would have had lawsuits, if you're not dealing with supervised visitations. So those and Soil and Water, these are things that really are something that should be put in other areas in the Executives budget and overseen possibly in different ways. But I mean, the others are different. So there are things that are here that we had been and people, a lot of people need thinking that Oh, I'm advocating for CASA and I am advocating for them because I know exactly what they do and what they say. And then the point is, you're, it's not quite mandated, but it is almost mandated because the family court judges assign that. So they are assigned by family court judges. So it's something and I think John Parete and I once you know went to fight for that organization once before when we actually had to meet with Social Services because they were not cooperating with them. And they weren't cooperating with them because they, you know, the CASA group basically called them to task, you know, with a, with a particular child so that those types of things and I don't want to, you know, go off task here because I think there are things as Legislator Bartels' points out, and probably should be just in other words taken outside of this realm, because it's something that has to be or should, you know, has to be budgeted every year like we're not going to be cutting Cornell unless we absolutely have to, and that can be done through the Executives office. Alright, Legislator Archer, but let, let's stay on topic here. I think we're getting too much into the minutiae here. Let's, lets

**Legislator Archer:** I was just going re, regroup and redirect, I think between what has been said already and what Legislator Walter said that, you know, there's enough information for perhaps Legislative Programs to go back look at what programs should be funded every year and may and where that best fit and develop their matrix and come back because I, I think what's happening now is we're re-advocating for various groups, and I don't think that was the intent of their legislation. So I think that we've got a good start, but there's more work to be done. And if we can move from there, I think, I think we could get everybody on the same page.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. Does anybody have anything else that was, that's related to this and not minutiae? Okay. Any, anybody? All those in favor? Anybody want to vote on this? Or are you

**Legislator Parete:** Yeah move the question.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Moving the question, all those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? Okay, so carried. Thank you Legislator Delaune and Criswell, I appreciate it.

Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Delaune:** Thank you.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, Mr. Chairman. I've actually got to jump off for a few minutes. Is it possible to take resolution 95 out of order?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Absolutely. All right, scroll down to 95. Resolution 95: Adopting Proposed Local Law Number 13 of 2020, as Amended. A Local Law, Amending the Ulster County Charter, Local Law Number 2 of 2006. And amending of the Administrative Code of the County of Ulster Local Law number 10 of 2008. To further clarify, departmental agency office, or unit estimates.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk. Second, Legislator Archer. Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, I'd like to make a motion we postpone this until next week's meeting. My concern about acting on it right now is that we've got a Public Hearing on it in 45 minutes or so. I really feel like it would be disingenuous to the public if this committee acted on it to move adopting the law to the floor prior to having the Public Hearing. I'm I have concern about it being introduced the same month as the Public Hearing. It's a concern I've had, even when when members of my caucus have put in resolutions to adopt a Local Law that we're having a Public Hearing on the same month. I feel like the idea of a Public Hearing process is to, you know, reflect. And, you know, you know, we imagine that we have a we have a Public Hearing, we'll have public comment, I don't imagine we're going to have people beating down the door to talk about this. But you know, you have to operate in a world where you would have a lot of public comment, you want to you know, reflect on, you know, that having been said I think that for us to act on it before the Public Hearing would would go even beyond that. So I think that we should postpone this until at least next week.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, there's a motion, is there a second?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels. All those in favor on postponement?

**Group:** Aye

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thank you, I'll be back.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter were you a yes? Okay, thanks. All right, returning back to the agenda.

Resolution Number 29: Approving the Execution of a contract for \$173,689 entered into by the County Health Alliance Hospital Broadway Campus, Department of Health.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Move it. Second? Legislator Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor? Oh, Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** I'm just curious if there's any, anything we should know from health. I know that they postponed this last month. Is there anything? Did it pass through them? Or did they not get it yet? Sorry. I don't remember when they meet

**Deputy Executive Rider:** [inaudible] for a conversation and then it passed.

**Legislator Walter:** Okay, thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. Any opposed? Okay, so carried.

Resolution No 30: Approving the Execution of a contract for \$100,000 entered into by the County Health Alliance Broadway Campus, Department of Health.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Bartels. Any discussion? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I don't, I do, I was unable to attend the health meeting. Did we find out how many days a week they're running this methadone clinic and also whether or not there's a waiting list for it? There was a question was asked in the Chairs meeting, but I don't

**Deputy Executive Rider:** I have not gotten those two yet.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, can, can, can we get the answers to that? I'm okay with voting on it. But I would like to know the answers.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** I'll get it to you before session.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Anybody else? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.



**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried. Resolution Number 82: Authorizing the Chair of the County Legislature enter into an agreement with Awareness, Inc for 2021 appropriation, Legislature. And motion? I don't see any hands. Legislator Bartels, Second Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor. Any opposed? Legislator Haynes and Legislator Maio.

Legislative, Resolution 83: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the Walker Valley Engine Company Number 1 for the 2021 appropriations.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? None, so carried.

Resolution 84: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District for 2021 appropriation. Motion?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Bartels, second, Chair Donaldson. Any discussion? All those in favor? Any Opposed? So Carried

85, Resolution 85: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with People's Place to, for the 2021 appropriation. Motion?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? So carried.

Number 86: Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Community Action Committee Inc. for 2021 appropriations.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Bartels:** Move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second Legislator Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any opposed? So carried.

87: Authorizing the Chair the Legislature to execute an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson for the 2021.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Chair Donaldson. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Carried.

Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with Cornell Cooperative extension for the 2021 appropriations.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson. Second, Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any opposed? So carried.

Number 88.

**Legislator Archer:** 89.

**Chairman Gavaris:** What's that?

**Legislator Archer:** 89.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah, I scrolled too fast real quick there. I had to get my spot again. Thank you.

Resolution 89: Appropriation for the Ulster County Libraries program.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** You skipped 88, 88 wasn't there it's Cornell Cooperative. You didn't do that one yet.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Let me.

**Legislator Bartels:** We did that one.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** We did?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah. Motion by Bartels. Second, Legislator Archer. All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So Carried.

90: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement for Family Woodstock for the supervised visitation program for 2021. Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Motion by Chairman. Second, Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? Thank you.

91: Authorizing the Chair to execute an agreement with Dispute Resolution Center for 2021. Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Bartels. All those in, any discussion. All those in favor? Any opposed? So carried.

92: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ulster Performing Arts Center 2021. Move?

**Legislator Archer:** I'll move it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Bartels. Any discussion?

**Legislator Parete:** I have a discussion,

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Parete.

**Legislator Parete:** If I might, on this resolution, if there's ever been an example of some of an organization, that has [inaudible] redeeming value over the last year, completely [inaudible]. It's a \$14 or \$15 million organization with endowments that any of us would be proud to see. And for them to want to get revenue from the county to help pay their electric bills. And we we ignore the Shadowland and we ignore the Rosendale Playhouse, the Woodstock Playhouse, the Shandaken Theatrical Society, and a number of other ones is just unconscionable. This outfit has no redeeming value to our community during the past year. And if there's ever been an earmark, this is it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Gavaris:** You're welcome. Any other discussion? Legislator Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes:** I agree wholeheartedly with Legislator Parete, and I will be voting in the negative for this. Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? All those in favor? All those opposed? I'm opposed as well. What do we have here? Madam Clerk if you want to give me the number, because it's hard to see all the, who's still here on my screen.

**Natalie Kelder:** It's 4-4, the motion fails.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you.

Resolution Number 95: Adopting a Proposed Local Law Number 13, as amended, Local Law Ulster County Charter, we already did this. I apologize.

97: Requiring the payment of living wage employees of, living, living wage to employees of contractors and subcontractors provide services County of Ulster. Can I have a motion?

**Legislator Parete:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels, second Parete. Discussion?

**Legislator Parete:** Yes.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Parete. You want to?

**Legislator Parete:** I guess maybe I nodded. I did. Oh, I second did it. I guess it You said Legislator Bartels moved it?

**Chairman Gavaris:** She put her hand up first but I thought you wanted to speak. Does anybody want to speak on this? Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Parete:** Well I, I do then. This is. this is long overdue. This is long overdue. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** No, no please do. I, I, you may answer my question. So please go ahead.

**Legislator Parete:** Well, you know, the contract agencies that we're talking about are really doing the county business. Some of them are, are under contract because they can underbid or cost less money for the services than if they were county employees. And I get it, that everyone wants to save money. But we shouldn't be saving money, taxpayers money on the backs of folks that are that should be earning a living wage, if possible. This is not an imposition on your local paper, your local hairdresser, your local food service establishment, your local grocery store workers. This is something that all of the taxpayers in Ulster County, and as far as I'm concerned, the state of New York have a responsibility to the folks that are doing their bidding, or in this case, our bidding.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer

**Legislator Archer:** Do um,

**Legislator Parete:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

**Legislator Archer:** Through the, through the Chair to Legislator Parete. Do we under, do we know the scope of the issue? And I, I did see that you're putting it, at your recommendation is to put it in effect in September, which gives everybody plenty of time to adjust to it. I'm not opposed to the \$15 an hour, but I just want to understand, is this a huge problem? Is that why we're putting or is this to just ensure that everybody understands our position and the county's position on this?

**Legislator Parete:** Um, I think there is a problem because some folks over the years have been excised from the county because with the county need to have a pension. When you outsource it, they don't have a pension. And I think it's our responsibility to pay the folks that are doing our bidding a living wage, if and a number of them are not, and I can't tell you exactly how much. And I don't really think it matters, because this is taxpayer funding. It's county services that are being accomplished. And I think it's, it's long overdue that we recognize that the work they're doing the orderlies and people like that, that have been serving us, serving us and not being adequately compensated.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer and then Bartels.

**Legislator Archer:** Yeah, just a follow up through the Chair to Legislator Parete. Just for point of clarification in your resolution, is this also stating that you would expect these individuals to get benefits?

**Legislator Parete:** No.

**Legislator Archer:** That, that, okay, so it's just it's so you just don't want the \$15 an hour to include benefits? Correct?

**Legislator Parete:** Yes, ma'am. Yes, Legislator Archer, yes. And maybe the raise will enable them to get benefits on their own or through their organization or through their own 401k's or whatever the matter may be.

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you for your clarification.

**Legislator Parete:** Yes, ma'am.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I think this is a, I think it's a really good idea, particularly since we have the county policy. So to Legislator Parete's point, the idea of circumventing the county's own policy to, to pay lower wage just makes sense that the time has come and I thank Legislator Parete for bringing it forward. I just have one question. And I looked at it, but I don't I'm not looking at it right now because of the way my computer is, are we, how do we require that they prove to us that they pay the \$15 an

hour? Are we requiring that they submit their payroll? Or or how are we going to verify that they're paying, they're paying.

**Legislator Parete:** Is that to me?

**Legislator Bartels:** Yes.

**Legislator Parete:** Well, not having an LLP, behind my name. I mean, I think the contracts that are drawn up with the County Attorney, and the legal staff, can have assurances, requirements, much as they do with other contracts, whatever they may be, whether it be employment, whether it be what I'm trying to think now, oftentimes, some, some contracts require other outsourcing of work, but I think illegally, they would be required to report once like the IDA, let's say, always a bone of contention. But they require 15 [inaudible] somebody reported it accurately, then the IDA has to decide what they're gonna do.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'm, I'm happy to vote on it this week, Legislator Parete, but I also would like to make a friendly request that maybe in the interim, between this and next week that speak with counsel to see if there's some language or even the Comptroller's office as well, since they're familiar with doing audits, to have some language to put in that would protect the county's ability to actually get that information by requiring it in the, in the resolution itself. I just think it would make it stronger.

**Legislator Parete:** Absolutely.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. Um, I, I really appreciate this resolution as well. Um, the only disagreement I have is, I don't know if I agree that \$15 an hour is a living wage, unfortunately, it is our minimum wage, which does change. And I guess if there is some consideration of, of adjusting parts, I wonder whether it makes more sense to have the language tie it to whatever the minimum wage is because that way, if in a year from now, or it goes to \$16 or \$15.50, that this kind of goes along with that. Just a thought.

**Legislator Parete:** Understood.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? So I'll just ask a question. And this will be, this might be a question for counsel. This, if a company contracts with the county for services, but the people who are actually working on whatever it might be that we're having them do, they make the \$15 an hour, but others in their company do not. How does that apply? We have is there an answer to that right now? If so, please feel free.

**Legislator Parete:** Well, I mean, okay, yeah. Yes counsel.

**Counsel Ragucci:** Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you Legislator Parete. I, I think it's a great question. I think it all comes down to the language and the specificity within the contract. As this resolution is

written now, it tends to guarantee that the wage would be paid to those employees that are working on whatever specific project is covered under the scope of the contract, if you wanted to amend, and I'm not suggesting that we should, but it probably could be clarified to either expand that scope or further restrict that scope, depending on what policy you want to implement. But right now, it really focuses on the project contract itself and those workers working within that project.

**Chairman Gavaris:** That was my understanding of it as well. So now, I'll throw it back to Legislator Parete, was that your intent? Or was your intent that the entire company be paying a \$15 an hour wage to all of their employees?

**Legislator Parete:** No, those doing the work for us.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, thanks. Deputy Executive Milgrim are you raising your hand? Because it's hard to see your, yeah, I think you are. Go ahead.

**Legislator Cahill:** So, so am I John, when you get a chance, Brian Cahill.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, yup, I see it on the bottom there. Go ahead Deputy Exec.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** If I, I do. I did have just two items I wanted to point out on this, if possible, Chair. Number one, the resolution, this has the potential having significant impact on county finances during the current fiscal year and the resolution does not include any sort of financial analysis as to whether it would impact the budget negatively positively. We would ask that there is a financial statement requirement in the resolution that that analysis is done. Because, you know, we do work under a balanced budget premise. Number two, love some clarification. And at the same time, let me make clear, I think it's admirable to push for, you know, a wage that I think many in this country are considering, you know, bare minimum to, to get by on the living wage. But just some clarification, we do as a county have contracts with organizations to provide various services that are with for profit groups that many of the services are currently done by volunteers. For example, the railroad that provides a tourist train service for the county under contract is almost all volunteer as a for profit corporation, would they be subject to \$15 an hour wage for each of their members. Same thing with the county fair, for example, would every subsidiary of the county fair all the vendors be required to pay \$15? You know, to provide a County Fair for the County ultimately. Just love that clarification in there, and what this financial impact would be for the county, I think we have to know that.

**Legislator Parete:** If I might, if they're volunteering, they wouldn't be paid. I mean, that's, that's stands to reason, in terms of the absolute financial impact. You know, not to be cavalier about it, but I don't care. These people are entitled to get if it's not a living wage, the, the wage that we're talking about is being bandied all over. Do I think it will be a huge impact? You know, I chat with people, somebody said maybe one half of 1% of the budget might take a hit on it, maybe not. But there's a reason why we're we we farm these things out. And I think it was unfair to start with, and I think we have to catch up with it. And, and, and, and support the people that are doing our bidding.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Cahill, then Chair Donaldson.

**Legislator Cahill:** Thank you, Chairman. So I just have a really quick question. So this is a, in regard, I didn't get a chance to really scour through the resolution, I'll admit that. But my question is, this is for contractors who contract to do business with the county. Right? Is this how we're talking about?

**Legislator Parete:** Yeah.

**Legislator Cahill:** Okay. So then I have a, a much larger question. Do all of our collective bargaining units make the 15 bucks an hour? That we're talking about, the living wage, for our own employees, every one of them are good there?

**Legislator Parete:** May I answer that, Mr. Chairman?

**Chairman Gavaris:** You may but it sounds like everybody else is also shaking their heads. It looks like

**Legislator Parete:** Okay, well all I know is some, we, some of us brought this issue up a few years ago for the County, for the County to pay the \$15. And we were told by the former Executive, there's only four or five people that fall into that category. And that is being corrected. So to Legislator Cahill, that's the only answer I can give you right now.

**Legislator Cahill:** So maybe one of the Deputies might be able to give me a, a more concrete answer on that. Because I think it would be, you know, if we have our own employees, we should make sure that we're requiring the County that the same thing we're asking our vendors to do.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Yes, everybody, they all make \$15 an hour. After the policy changed, everything, it was corrected. That that Legislator Parete was talking about.

**Legislator Cahill:** Great, thank you very much.

**Legislator Walter:** At a minimum, I hope.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** At a minimum.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson, go ahead.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Yeah, the, for the, to figure out what the budget impact would be would be a little difficult in that you wouldn't know until you actually went out to bid, whatever you're going to be bidding to have the job to be done. So once they do that there, they'll have to look at the thing and say, Okay, well, I have to pay my employees \$15, so then they will bid accordingly. So I mean, it won't have any impact until we go out to bid on something. And so, I mean, that may be, make the timing of it important, and that, when do we normally go out to bid for things? So maybe it should go into effect, just, you know, at the beginnings of, you know, at a point where we typically are going out to bid, for items. I don't know if there if there is if that if there is such an animal, but I don't know, but for a time period, shall we say. But, again, we won't know until we actually bid the project.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter then Bartels.



**Legislator Walter:** I would just add that to Legislator Parete's earlier point, if this wasn't put out to bid, it would have been done internally, which meant that these same employees would be responsible for the county to pay for retirement and other fringe benefits. And so by default, if it was here at the county, they'd have to get at least the 15 hour plus all the other fringe that no matter what, we have to be saving money by contracting, even at the \$15 an hour since we, I guess we don't necessarily eliminate the fringe because they may tie it into their contract prices. But you know, I it seems like no matter what it is a reduction in cost. That's why we put it out to contract anyway.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. Yeah. I mean, in terms, just a follow on that, in terms of the financial impact, the difference between the current minimum wage and \$15. I think is \$2.50 an hour right now in our region. Is that right? Dennis is shaking his head no but

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** No it's

**Legislator Parete:** More than that.

**Legislator Cahill:** No, it's \$12, \$12.50.

**Legislator Walter:** \$12.50.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** \$12.50, Yeah, so

**Legislator Bartels:** So it's \$2.50 an hour.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Correct.

**Legislator Bartels:** Which, you know, would mean a lot to the person who's getting the additional \$2.50. But I don't think it's going to make a giant difference in, in our budget based on how many people likely are getting paid that that wage, the minimum wage, that are bidding on contracts as and also to answer an earlier point about the Fairgrounds, the Fairgrounds, I don't it's not a contract for service, they have a they have a lease. So I don't know, does it apply to all the lease holds? Or the contracts for service?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** That's the clarification I'd like to see put in. I mean specifically with the fair and those are just two I can think of off the top of my head. I'm sorry, Chair, if I may? I just

**Chairman Gavaris:** Absolute No, feel free to answer the question.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Just that off the top of my head, for example, Catskill Mountain Railroad, the lease specifically says to run a tourist operation. Whether that's carved out specifically and yeah, I understand. they're volunteers, but they're still employees, they're still covered by workers' compensation. And if this law requires everyone under contract with the county as a for profit or not for profit entity to pay a minimum wage for their employees, would this pull them into it? Same thing with the fair. Yes, it is a lease but the lease is a contract and it's to provide a service, specific service and

running our Fairgrounds for you know, the span of a year. Whether there's, again, that's just a clarification. I'm sure there's some language that counsel can make sure the clarification is in there for such types of organizations. But that and the financial impact, I, I do believe that there would be significant especially with Family of Woodstock, for example. Some of our other health contracts there. They are fairly wide ranging and as well as DSS. So.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, so Legislator, Counsel Ragucci, if you want to speak on that and then next Legislator Archer.

**Counsel Ragucci:** I'll, I'll defer to Legislator Archer. Legislature Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** In fact, I will tell you, it's probably what you're coming up with. If they're already volunteers, they're not getting a salary, they would not be entitled to a \$15 hourly rate. So I think that's pretty clear. I think it just may mean some clarification on some of the language in the resolution, just so it's clear, but I think, you know, we're fairly clear and the lease doesn't give us permission to basically tell them at that juncture, that they're parameters within the lease of what they can and can't do. I don't think us dictating that volunteer should give \$15 an hour? I don't I, don't know that that's necessary. Anyway. Sorry. Go ahead.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Counsel Ragucci.

**Counsel Ragucci:** I mean, a lease hold obviously addresses issues in property and a property interest, not the salary of an employee or a worker on a project. So I mean, I understand the question, but I just don't think, I think we're kind of grasping for issues that don't exist here. I mean, it's fairly straightforward. These, these are service contracts, as we handle, you know, for services that we handle on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. And I think the purview of the resolution speaks very specifically to the scope of those contracts in the form of contracts related to services. But as always, I'm happy to work with the County Attorney if the County Attorney has concerns on these issues.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels, before you go I just have a question, I guess to Legislator Parete. Is there any issue with postponing this a month to allow the Exec's Office to get the answers that they're asking for? Considering that this is September implementation anyway? Do you know of any reason why this would have an effect on it?

**Legislator Parete:** Was that addressed to me Mr. Chairman?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yes Legislator Parete. Yep that was to you.

**Legislator Parete:** No, no, listen, it's moving in the right direction. I granted the what if I, what if questions can go on ad infinitum. But to answer the, to to answers to questions.

**Chairman Gavaris:** You You're cutting out there, unfortunately,

**Legislator Parete:** be foolish to say, No, we have to do it right now. Pardon?

**Chairman Gavaris:** You cut out a little bit, but I think the answer was no, it doesn't necessarily

**Legislator Parete:** I'm sorry, the but no one. That's where you live in hillbilly Heaven, you know, the internet is is spotty,

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels and then

**Legislator Bartels:** So again, just to if it's going to be held a month, if if who's ever looking at it, if Counsels looking at it, if they could also just determine how, that there's a mechanism in place, verifying that and allowing access to information to in order to verify that people are getting paid the minimum wage, both contractors and subcontractors. And you can also think about because without that there'd be no method to enforce it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** I was just going to make a motion to postpone because we got a lot more resolutions on here.

**Legislator Archer:** And I'll second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Correct. Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Bartels:** Deputy Executive Rider has his hand up though.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, Deputy Executive Rider if you'd like to.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** I'd just, real quick make one clarification. It's just being postponed a week right, to the next Ways and Means meeting?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Technically a week, technically a week,

**Deputy Executive Rider:** We can probably get our answers in the in the next week.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Deputy Milgrim does not seem to agree with you.

**Legislator Walter:** Well, I since I made the motion. Legislator Parete seemed to be okay with the month so that was my motion.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** You can't.

**Chairman Gavaris:** You can't we have to do a week. To the next meeting.

**Legislator Walter:** Oh, we do?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah.

**Legislator Walter:** Okay. Well then that's my motion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay. Second by Legislator Archer. All those in favor on the postponement?

**Group:** Aye

**Chairman Gavaris:** Anybody opposed? No opposed. Okay. Thank you. Alrighty.

Resolution 98: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the sharing of information relating to short term rental properties with the City of Kingston. Have a motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson, second Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Resolution 99: Approving an increase of funding for design, testing, and construction services of phase 3, campus roof project for Hasbrouck Hall and exterior emergency facade renovations related to the campus roof Capital Project number 489. Campus roof and amending the 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund. Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Second, Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor? Any opposed? So carried.

Resolution 101: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement for grant application with required assurances for Medicare improvements for patients and providers.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Second, Archer. All any questions, any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any opposed? So moved.

Resolution 102: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$65,000 to agreement with GTL Incorporated. Motion?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Anybody Opposed? So carried.

103: Rescinding Resolution Number 455 of 2020 and approving an execution of a contract for \$66,641 entered into an agreement with Family of Woodstock. Can I get a motion?

**Legislator Archer:** I'll move for discussion.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second it, Bartels.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Moved, second, Bartels. Discussion, Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** Yeah, I, I just need, if someone could explain what transpired here. We put in the, I believe, the resolution at the end of last year for a contract for the full year of, of 2020. And now were rescinding that making a \$40,000 reduction, it would just be helpful to understand what transpired. And question are we in? You know, are we was there a reason why this contract was done at the end of the year, even though they were performing services throughout the year?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** This is one of the OCFS contracts, many of them, because of the, the funding questions were, were delayed throughout this year, with the Youth Bureau contracts. Many of them didn't come to you because they weren't necessarily over the 50 or whatever. But this is one that was that we, we had the funding for we believed back in December, and we're putting it through and then OCFS came back and reduced the amount that they were going to provide for this contract. So this reduction is just an inline reduction with the State funding cut.

**Legislator Archer:** So was this an anomaly that this contract didn't get written till the end of the year, even though services were being performed throughout the year?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** No, I, I mean, many of these families family, sorry, Youth Bureau contracts with OCFS, they're delayed implementation. I mean, they normally sometimes our summer, youth contracts, for the different camps, etc. We don't get to them. And we don't get the funding approved with OCFS, until the Fall after the contracts are already in place. This one agency and, and the Youth Bureau contracts are notoriously like this each year. And it's a frustration for the Youth Bureau Director too. But we don't get to plan it, you know, we get the plan approved in like mid to late Fall. And then we have to get all these contracts approved after the plan. The plan is submitted, you know, much earlier in the season, back in the Spring, but it takes OCFS that long, and this year was even worse because of COVID. But generally, it's not good in non COVID years.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay, thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? All those in favor? Oh, sorry, Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. Marc, if you could just there was something you explained in the Chairs meeting too, that was helpful. I thought that and maybe I'm remembering wrong, but because of the long delay, this isn't necessarily services that were provided, that it was that they were waiting to hear? Is that correct?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** [inaudible] to double check. I mean this is our our family house shelter. And they are providing services to youth but I, I think this helps offset some of our other. This is specifically for OCFS and the Youth Bureau. This is kind of like a supplemental contract. On top of whatever other contracts we provide to them for the family house shelter under DSS. We do provide other funding for them for this service. But this is like a grant from the State that covers 60%. So that's why it's written slightly differently. And it's administered through the Youth Bureau. I do think these services were provided. But, you know, Family of Woodstock is aware that this, these, this funding is at risk from year to year. And, and they know that this is just kind of grant funds that help supplement their costs.

**Legislator Walter:** And then do they know about this reduction, right now?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** They do. Yes.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

104: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to executed agreement with New York State Department of Health or LHD Support for flu and COVID response. Motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

105: Author, Approving the execution of a contract for \$284,859.00 entered into by the County, Family Services, Inc. Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** Yeah, I just, you know, we had the conversation earlier about programs going through Legislative Programs and my question, when I started to read the contract, and maybe I'm not reading it appropriately, so I'm looking for some guidance here, is this program sounded a lot like Awareness. And so I was just trying to find out if, this is a new program, is this not? And if it is, could you just give me, or give us an overview of what this program is and where it may be similar not to Awareness?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** So this is coming out of the the Healing Communities study, work group. And, and so, um, I don't know if Legislator Walter has anything to add. But this was kind of like mini RFPs, each of the sub committees worked on on these contracts. I believe this is overall, you know, substance abuse prevention. I believe it's working with students in in the different classrooms, I think, you know, Awareness focuses on alcohol, this is more opioid related. I mean it's going to be quite a bit different of a program than than she, then awareness runs, I believe.

**Legislator Archer:** It is a, it is a peer to peer, correct? You're setting up councils, it is peer to peer in the school system.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Correct.

**Legislator Archer:** So I was just trying to understand. So you think one is substance abuse and the other is alcohol?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Yeah I, mean, that last I was aware, I don't think that awareness has the OASIS certification to do anything other than alcohol. Unless that's changed more recently.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Just a reminder that we have a Public Hearing. So try to speed through these a little bit more.

106: Authorizing the Execution of a contract for \$112,500 for SAMADHI Center.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Walter. All those in favor? Any questions, discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

107: Approving the Execution of contract for \$100,000 for Hudson Valley Community Services.  
Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair. Second, Legislator Parete. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

108: Amending the 2020 Ulster County budget to accept allocation of funds from Redlich Horwitz Foundation to enhance the county's Family First Readiness, Initiative.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Bartels. All those in favor? Any opposed? I am getting asked to get a motion to approve the minutes.

**Legislator Bartels:** So moved.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Seconded.

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

**Group:** Aye

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed?

Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter into, to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Saugerties and the Village of Ellenville. I guess there's no one else here. The Town of Saugerties and the Village of Ellenville to provide services domestic violence investigation and Ulster County Family and Child Services Center.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** Second.

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

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

110: Amending of the 2021 Capital Budgets to accept allocation from children for allocation of child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment, comprehensive addiction and recovery act of 2016 from the New York State Office of Child Family Services. Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Archer. Any discussion? Leg discussion? No. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Amending the, Resolution No. 111: Amending the 2021 Ulster County Budget to accept additional allocation of funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to continue Safe Harbor Programming. Motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

113: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, intermunicipal agreement Shared Services agreement the City of Kingston Economic Development for, motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair. Second, Legislator Walter, all those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

114:



**Legislator Walter:** Did we skip one?

**Legislator Archer:** Wait a minute, wait a minute

**Legislator Bartels:** I'm sorry. I'm going to I'm like, what did I miss 112?

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah, we skipped 112.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Skipped 12. Okay, well,

**Legislator Bartels:** That's probably a good thing.

**Legislator Archer:** That's probably a good thing.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Let's let's skip those right now and come back right after, yeah, let's come back after the Public Hearing.

**Legislator Walter:** Wait, are we, is that what we're doing?

**Chairman Gavaris:** I'm gonna recommend it. But I [inaudible]

**Legislator Walter:** Don't we have a caucus at 630?

**Legislator Bartels:** We'll have to come back to having finished this meeting first.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah. All right. I think we can get a couple more done here.

Resolution 114: Authorizing the County Executive to execute a contract with New York State.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? So carried.

117: motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Discussion? Legislator Archer. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

119: Approving the execution

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

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

120: motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

120, 120 or 119? I'm losing track here, guys. I'm sorry.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** You said 120.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay. 121 Approving the Execution agreement. Chair Donaldson, your motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Bartels any discussion. All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any opposed? So moved.

122.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** Second.

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

124.

**Legislator Archer:** Move it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

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

125.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

Let's get 126 out of the way. 126.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So Carried. All right. Can we come back right after

**Chairman Donaldson:** Adjourn until after the Public Hearing.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Can I get a motion to adjourn to return

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** to the Public Hearing.

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Chair Donaldson. Second. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. All right, see you all right afterwards. Thank you.

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**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Pat indicated that he wouldn't, could take off all the employees on the UCEDA if, if that's what we would want, he would prefer not to. I kind of agree with him on that. I think one, Evelyn Wright should probably stay on it because of her position. And I think I might be wrong, but I believe Brian Cahill agreed with that, also. And I think that would make sense, the board would be then appointed as opposed to, you know, employees being there. And of course, the employees that are there now would still be assets, because we do have an MOU with the, I mean, UCEDA has a MOU with the County to do like financial statements, etc. That, that they don't really need these voting, those members and voting members of UCEDA. I talked about also the idea of increasing the size, but they, that was not something that they wanted to agree with. And they didn't feel that they needed to do that. But they did agree with the idea of employees being, in other words, not necessarily the best thing

to have. Although, having one employee possibly, Evelyn on there because of her position, you know, and other than that, that's all I can really tell you, I mean, it's a, you know, a work in progress, but they made the commitment, each one of them and made that commitment. John Milgrim made the commitment, Pat made the commitment, and so did Evelyn that, you know, they would be making those changes, but of course, that has to be done by a vote of UCEDA themselves.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** You know I, I appreciate hearing from the Chair, the update, but but even the update is a moving target, you know, we want all the employees off. So they're gonna agree to all the employees being off, but maybe they want one employee and maybe the Chair and another Legislator think there should still be one employee. And this is the problem, you know, I would like to know exactly what the makeup of the board is going to be, not in terms of the names of the people, but the agreement as to what the makeup of the board is going to be, prior to moving this property. I also strongly believe that there should be two more Legislative appointments, still gives the majority of appointments to the Executive. But that's something we've been talking about since the beginning. And this is the first I'm hearing that there's no agreement on that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson and then

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** One of the problems with you know, changing that is, then you know, you're going to be like nine members and the other problem lies in that you know their, their point, and they do have a point in that the IDA is made up of strictly Legislative appointees. And this is more or less, there are a part of economic development. And they're also agreed to have another discussion on how we tie in the economic development from all the you know, the different avenues.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Cahill.

**Legislator Cahill:** Thank you very much. So, you know, my take is, is really very simple. I think it's important that, you know, we keep, you know, and I'm not hung up on numbers, I'm not hung up on people, where they're from, how they're allocated. But I think it's very important that we keep at least one Legislator, and one representative from the Executive's Office on this board. And here's why, I'll give you two examples. The IDA and the RRA. We don't have Legislators on those boards that are voting, and it's a problem, right? We don't have control of them, and they're out there doing things that a lot of Legislators don't agree with, and have fought for, for against what they're doing and try and influence what they do. But we really can't, because they're an autonomous board. Just like UCEDA would be. And so, my take is that, you know, you know, just think about what we're looking at, and the next, you know, year to three to five years, really, just on that one site. The county's got a big, big responsibility to do this, right. And I think we'd kind of be abdicating our responsibility a little bit, if we didn't maintain a presence on the UCEDA board, and have our voices heard as a Legislature and it through the Executive branch. Because let's, let's not forget the Executive is elected, you know, he has, he has a responsibility to make sure this is done right. And I believe that, you know, he should he or his appointee, should have some influence on how things go on, on that site. So for me, you know, I personally feel like you know, as I stated to a group of you, I don't know if it was in a public or a caucus or whatever it was, but, you know, I don't think we throw the baby out with the bathwater, I think we change the bathwater. And I think in this, this is a perfect example of where, you know, the UCEDA

board that was set up for a specific task, when it was set up. But now that task has changed, we now have different goals, we have to iterate through this, and get it to a point where it's going to be accomplishing the goals we, we want, without losing sight that we have a responsibility as elected people to do this the right way. And you know, that are you know, really honestly, those those are the only two things that that that I am adamant about, right? In my opinion, those are, those are things that I think we should keep, we should keep one elected Legislator, one elected person from the Executive, not elected, but someone from the Executive level of government, it could be the Executive, I don't care, but it just, you know, one from each level of government, and then I don't care what happens to the rest of the board. I just think that, you know, we'll, we'll do okay, if we just, you know, move forward, because this is a huge, huge project. And we're at we're at a really a tipping point here. And I think this is kind of like a tangential issue to, to what we're trying to do here. And that's move Enterprise West forward. Thank you, Chairman.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer, Walter, Parete, then Ronk.

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you, Chairman. I agree, we do need to move this forward. But I think that we're at a very critical stage, where you know, where there's going to be some decisions made. One of the questions that I have, because this keeps getting thrown back at us about the IDA, is they're really structured very differently than UCEDA. And I would ask our Legislative Counsel if he could highlight for us the differences. One is a sole proprietorship that is basically, there is a board but the board is dictated by the sole proprietor, and the IDA structure is very different. They are not the one in the same and it is not same, unless Legislative Counsel can tell me differently.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislative Counsel, go ahead and respond.

**Counsel Ragucci:** To Legislator Archer's question I, I agree they are completely different forms of boards, the IDA is a, a product of State, very strict and stringent State regulations which guide the memberships, the terms, the way the entire board operates. UCEDA is a much more flexible entity. There, there are no restrictions that I found. And actually, Legislative Council and I have both done research on this, that restrict the membership of the UCEDA board in nearly the same way that the IDA board is restricted again, by state regulations. So to answer your question, you know, generally speaking UCEDA is a flexible entity that certainly could have a change in board structure, depending on what the sole member deems appropriate. And the sole member, of course, being the County Executive.

**Legislator Cahill:** Can I just respond to it real quick Chairman, because I my point was not

**Chairman Gavaris:** [inaudible]

**Legislator Cahill:** was not my point was not that the makeup of the board and how it's constructed. My point was that we have no control of what happens on that board after it is constructed. And if we, if we have the ability, as counsel just said, to have people on that board than I think we should, and that was my point, not not so much that you know how, how the board is constructed by law or anything like that. But if we have the opportunity to put them on there, we should. That's my opinion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. So I guess I'm hearing that several Legislators feel like we need to somewhat change the structure of the board, that the Executives Office is open to changing somewhat the structure of the board. I guess, I wonder why then are isn't this being articulated in writing, just like the structure of any board would be articulated in writing? What would it take to just have this documented, this new plan? That it seems like everyone's in agreement would be beneficial? And, and could we just get that in writing? And then, and then it would satisfy potentially Legislators who are concerned about passing this forward until they just see it in writing? I guess I'm not, I don't understand why if the if they're all if people are supportive of this idea why we can't just get this in writing.

**Chairman Gavaris:** So I'll just quickly respond to that, from what I've heard Legislator Walter, is that there's not a concrete plan as to the makeup. So if somebody's willing to make a motion to you know, to amend the resolution to add that that would be one thing, but so far, I don't know that there's a specific plan that I've heard of. That's my only comment. Let me go to Legislator Parete, whose next.

**Legislator Parete:** Okay, if I, if I might, Mr. Chairman. [inaudible] RRA, Resource Recovery Agency, by law a Legislator cannot be a member of the RRA board. Because suddenly they would have a vested interest and maybe a political interest in the discussions that and and the policies. So by statute, they can't be. Now the makeup of this, I'm not sure. But I do know, it was sort of a structure like this when Golden Hill and I can just, I guess I lost you guys, can you hear me Mr. Chairman?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah we can now.

**Legislator Parete:** Because I got to know, okay there you are. I mean, I know with Golden Hill, if I may, sir. It was a huge, a huge problem in my family, because I had two members of the Legislature, sitting where you guys are, one voted one way and one voted the other. And in the end, one of them said we should have had a member of the Legislature on the board, because they could be influenced. Maybe that's a good idea. Maybe that's a bad idea. I can't answer that from my little perch up here. But um, we want to hope that nobody has a vested interest, even if it's their own reelection.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right.

**Legislator Parete:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, I apologize. I came in on, you know, some one of the middle of the conversation. Um, but, you know, I heard Legislator Cahill talk about the desire to have one Legislator on there, I would just want to, you know, make it clear that I wouldn't support, you know, a scenario where there wasn't one Majority and one Minority Legislator on the board. But I just, you know, I just wanted to make that clear. I, I also believe that there should be Legislators on on the board. I think that, you know, to make sense, one from the Majority and one from the Minority. I agree, that when you make a board too large meetings become untenable. You know, but I just want to ensure that the Minority is, you know, represented.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you. Any other discussion? Legislator Archer, then Bartels.

**Legislator Archer:** Yeah, and, and I agree, I think both both majority and majority should be represented. If nine is too big, then maybe seven, maybe remove moving it to five would be appropriate. I mean, right now, what you have is a board of seven, the Chair and Deputy Chair of Economic Development sit on UCEDA, which I think is appropriate, then you have three paid employees, and two outside individuals, one from the Chamber of Commerce, which makes sense and a, another individual who I think has great credentials, the Chair is, has a finance background, and I think she's brought a lot to the table. All I'm saying is that if we're making a decision to move this important piece, that we need better balance on the board, and representation. And even if it means if, if, if they're willing to go to nine, having Majority Leader and the Minority Leader both add an extra person, whether it's another Legislator or somebody from the outside with a level of expertise that can add value to the board. That's, that's what I thought we were talking about, now to hear, we're not even entertaining, a better balance of the board. There are, there is entertainment around maybe removing two of the three paid employees. I think that prior to making any decision on this or voting on it, we need to have something in writing that says this is what the, the makeup of the board will be. And I believe that as the sole proprietor of the LDC, the County Exec has the authority they serve at his pleasure. He can make any changes. And I'm not sure and I guess I'll put this out to Council. If in fact, the bylaws of UCEDA require that the board has to approve this or does the sole proprietor have authority to that, you know, the folks on the board serve at his pleasure. So thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislative, I'm going to go to Legislator Bartels first then I'll go to Legislative Counsel.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. Yeah, I was I'm just going to concur with that, that. I'd like to, I'd like to see it in writing my understanding and I guess councils going to saying the minute that, you know, any changes made to the board, you know, as a vote by the board would have to be approved by the sole member, which is the Executive. So the Executive does have ultimate authority, and obviously the Executive, we could make an agreement to change and the Executive could change it at a later time. I think, you know, I have I would have trust in the whatever agreement was reached, but we haven't reached an agreement just in the course of this meeting. My understanding of where we were coming in, has changed fully. Now we're back to talking about paid employees. And I also just want to add that I, I agree with Legislator Ronk, that if there's a Majority member of the Legislature, there needs to be a Minority member of the Legislature, if it were, and if it were not going to be a member of the Legislature, if it was a Legislative appointment, I would want it reflected as a Minority appointment as well. I think there would need to be balance no matter, no matter how we came about those appointments, I would want to see balanced with the Majority and the Minority.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Counselor Ragucci and then Chair Donaldson.

**Counsel Ragucci:** In response to Legislator Archer's question, it would be a motion, seconded and then approved by a Majority of the UCEDA board, to change the bylaws, which would change the makeup. Thank you.

**Legislator Bartels:** But can I just ask for a point of clarification? My understanding is that the, the sole member has to approve any changes of the board?

**Counsel Ragucci:** Right as a subsequent to the majority vote of the board? Yes I this, yes, that's correct.

**Legislator Archer:** They serve at the pleasure. So if in fact, the the sole member wanted to change the whole board, they have, the sole member has the authority to do that without a board approval? Correct?

**Counsel Ragucci:** Well, I mean, the bylaws dictate the makeup of the board. And I think I think we probably circulated what the makeup is. That includes I think it's five to two, if I'm not mistaken. So the five are obviously appointed by the sole member, so he could replace them, I believe at his or her discretion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** My, yeah, there was there wasn't any discussion about taking the two members off, you know the two Legislative representation. Some people may have gotten confused by that. But no, those two presently the same makeup as it is now unless we, you know, decided that it'd be something better to do. But that wasn't part of the discussion to take those two off. The discussion was over the idea of removing employees, and the possibility of increasing the board. And that was part of the discussion. But the removing the employees who didn't seem to be no, you know, no real problem, they, as Pat pointed out, he would prefer to keep like Evelyn on that. He would prefer to have, you know, the Deputy County Executive on that, to me, that kind of makes sense. But he wasn't locked into that. And you know, he just wants to move forward. And I think, you know, we should be able to work this out you know, pretty quickly. Maybe, John, I'd like to hear from Deputy Executive Milgrim on this.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Does anybody else have anything? Deputy Exec Milgrim, do you want to speak?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** I, I'm, I've actually been listening, but I think it was fairly clear at the Economic Development meeting. A couple days back what the structure would be and what the, you know, determination was Legislator Uchitelle was part of that discussion. I had a final recommendation from him, based on his discussions with a few members, including the Chair, Chair Cahill, we agreed to that, we committed to that and in good faith we're ready to move forward.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Tell me what that is.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Yeah, that they, the three members who are staff members would be replaced by non-staff members.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Yeah, that's never been my agreement. Just so you know. I mean, I, I agree with the concept, but I also felt that I agreed with the Executive that made sense and so did I think Legislator Cahill.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. Legislator Parete, then Archer, then Ronk.

**Legislator Parete:** Mr. Chairman, I just might ask, is time of of the essence of this particular resolution? Would anybody want to respond to that, or I'll just go a step further. And say, when you want people to make the right decision. You have to make sure there's no conflict of interest, whatever they may be, economically or politically, to be on a board. So I don't know if time is of the essence. I'm a little new to



this discussion right now to be quite frank with you. But I have seen over my lifetime, yes, we're Legislators, we appoint somebody to the board to do as we tell them or to do what they think is the right thing to do. And I'd like to hear that conversation.

**Chairman Gavaris:** So I think the answer your question it's it's subjective, Legislator Parete. It's, it's, you know, how fast we want to get this property sold or, or off of the County's payroll, you know, and get it to something that's productive?

**Legislator Parete:** I get it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** It's a question. So that's a subjective answer unfortunately. I think Legislator Archer I said was next.

**Legislator Archer:** Yeah, and and at being at the Economic Development meeting, I, I think that there was still a lot of ambiguity at that meeting. But there was a, a, request to trust that we would get it worked out between now and session. And as I think this conversation highlights, it still isn't worked out. And so I would propose that we postpone it till Tuesday's meeting, and hopefully, between now and then we can sort out, recognizing that there are folks that, you know, are looking for a couple of things, one, removing paid employees as board members with a vote, not to say that they shouldn't be a part of an advisory committee, because I think they're invaluable to what is going to happen there. And I think it's important that they still participate at some level. But from a voting perspective, that's where I think the concern lies because of the balance issue. And, and that still may or may not be addressed if in fact, we're not reducing or adding to have better balance. Understanding that sole member still has the majority control of the board. So I would just put that out there.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right so Legislator Archer before you make that a formal motion if I can just go to the Legislator Ronk for his comment.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, I just for clarification, Minority Council took the liberty of sending me the section of the UCEDA bylaws, on bylaw changes, and it says these bylaws may be amended, repealed or adopted by a majority of the entire Board of Directors of the corporation, for which at least 20 days written notice has been previously given to the member and directors. So it takes a majority, you know the member can't change the bylaws themselves. It takes a majority vote of the directors and 20 days' notice.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thanks, Legislature Counsel Ragucci.

**Counsel Ragucci:** Yeah, and to Legislator Ronk, excuse me, Leader Ronk's point. The last sentence I think is also pretty important in that any provisions here of affecting the rights and powers of the member. They don't take effect without the consent of the member. So that was really to Legislator Archer's initial point. Which was even if it's the majority upon the 20 days' notice the member must consent. And the member of course being.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, Legislator Archer was that a formal motion, you were going to make, to postpone?

**Legislator Archer:** Yes, I make a motion to postpone it till next week in hopes that we can resolve these issues before we make a final vote.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, second Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thank you. I, I will support the motion to postpone until next Tuesday. But you know, I, I have every intention of voting for it when it comes back before us next Tuesday.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you. Any other discussion? All those in favor on the postponement until next Tuesday?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Anybody opposed? Legislator Walter, it's hard to see you. But

**Legislator Walter:** Sorry, I'm a favor [inaudible] raising my hands. I just can't [inaudible] there.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay. Based on this the, the what you just said, I think you may be in the parking lot next to Legislator Parete. Your signal's cutting out as well. All right. Any, Anybody opposed? All right. So carried. So postponed to next week.

All right, Resolution 131. And I guess we're going to block these, 133. They're establishing the Capital Project for the 2021 Guide Rail Replacement Program.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move we blocked those resolutions together.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Archer. You're still on mute Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** Sorry. Thank you. Just a question. Is it, did we not do a lot of the rail work ourselves? I feel like there's a number of services that are being outsourced that we used to do in house and I was curious as to is there some philosophical change around outsourcing versus doing it in house, it just seems like some of the stuff that we used to do and our DPW used to do is now moving on and being outsourced. So I was just wondering if someone from the administration can just give some insight into that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** It looks like Deputy Exec Milgrim is the only one here. So if you'd like to answer.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Actually, I'm gonna have to defer to Marc who stepped away for a few.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Leader Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks. I mean, without you know, speaking for Marc Rider, I, I believe that part of this reason is because the equipment to install the guide rails has changed over the years. And also, you know, we've significantly reduced staffing at the Department of Public Works. So I think that with the reduced staffing and the new equipment, it just makes better sense to contract out for some of this work.

I'll, I'll let him you know if he comes back, but that would be my estimation. I know that, I know that we've significantly staffed down the Department of Public Works over the last five years.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I think I actually did not actually take the vote for blocking these.

**Legislator Parete:** I thought you did, but I'm a yes.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay.

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. Any other discussion? All right, all those in favor on the block? Any opposed? So carried.

All right, 134 and 136 get a block on those? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Ronk:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Ronk. All those in favor on the block?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right, discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

137, 139, 140, 141, 42, looks like all the way down to 47. Can I get a block?

**Legislator Parete:** I'll move it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Seconded.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Chair Donaldson. All right, all those in favor on the block?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. Opposed? Any discussion? Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay, in the resolutions here. Normally, we're getting this new spent to date number which tells us how much has been spent to date but what we're not getting is what is being anticipated and on specifically on Resolution 144, there seems to be reclamation services that are being identified as indefinite with no up to amount so I'm just wondering are we changing something here? This, I don't recall seeing this before. Do we have anybody that can respond to this?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Doesn't look like Deputy Exec Rider is here.

**Legislator Archer:** Well, I can't vote on it till I understand what we're talking about spending we're being asked to put resolutions through without understanding what we're being asked to spend?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Leader Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks. You know if it, if it would please Legislator Archer, I'd be fine with postponing the Gorman Brothers resolution until next week, unless Marc comes back before the end of the meeting.

**Legislator Archer:** But but that hope, I appreciated it Legislator or Minority Leader Ronk, but all of those in the block have spent to date numbers but do not have what they're projecting to spend. So that that's why I was asking the question, I see.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah, Deputy Executive Rider is back.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Yeah, sorry about that. I got pulled out.

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** What was the question?

**Legislator Archer:** We just blocked Resolutions 137 through 147,

**Legislator Ronk:** The paving contracts.

**Legislator Archer:** Right. They all have spent to date numbers but no, no projections on what they're spending and specifically Resolution 144 has indefinite in the, in the resolution with zero amount as to what they're anticipating. So, you know, I'm, I'm just curious as to what's changing, why are we putting it in and why we have no numbers in this?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Yeah, I mean, so for the bulk of these contracts, these are contracts that we don't know which work we're doing until the winter hits, and is over. And we can see the damage that's been done to these roads and which process will need to happen, we set aside in the budget, a set amount of money that we're going to spend on road projects, and we can't go over that. But that's why we do rates over \$50,000 in each of these, you know, standalone contracts, because Hot In-Place Recycling may work for this road, these potholes, these problems, but the other types of paving services may be what we need to use for others. So we really don't, that's, we provide, you know, they're, I believe, three year contracts, we're amending for some of these. So that's why they provide what's been spent to date, meaning last year, others but um, a lot of these, we just don't know, but we need to get them in place, because construction season is short.

**Legislator Archer:** So what is, what is the total number? I mean, we don't even have a total number where, you know, we don't even know what we're saying yes to. I, I get that you're trying to anticipate and get ahead of the season. And you're talking about how quickly can they turn around and analyze what roads need to be done when, I guess it all depends on when the weather breaks. So we're being asked to get these all teed up and ready to go. But we have no frame of reference as to what the up to number is.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** It's what is budgeted lines in, in the budget. So I

**Legislator Archer:** We don't get line items. We don't get line items on these Marc.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Not on these contracts but, I mean, yeah, I, I can pull it up, I can if you want to. If you want to hold these over a week to get, you know, the budget lines that that these are attached to. We can't outspend the budget that you approved last year. So I mean, if you want to know the exact lines that these are going to in the Capital Projects, these are going to. This is something we talked about, at the Chair's meeting that we can provide in the future, where this county funding is coming from, whether it's a Capital Project, or whether it's an operations line, but that didn't happen this month for these contracts. It's something that I've worked with the County Attorney's office to do going forward. But I mean, I think that the highlight is that we can't overspend the money that you've approved in either a capital project or an operating budget, we don't move money back and forth between operating and capital.

**Legislator Archer:** So if you can, if you can, if you can, if we can hold this over till next week, and then you can just provide us so that we can foot back to where this is coming from that could be helpful.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Is that motion Legislator Archer?

**Legislator Archer:** I'll make the motion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Second, Legislator, Leader Ronk.

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All those in favor of postponement till next Tuesday?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any opposed?

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you. All right, Resolution 148: Approving the execution of the contract amendment of \$20,000, causing the aggregate to be in excess of \$50,000 for Alleymor, Inc. Pestmaster Services. Motion?

**Legislator Ronk:** Moved.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk. Second? Second, somebody?

**Legislator Walter:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed?

149: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$32,500 entering into the county by for Gen, Gen Gentech, Ltd.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer, any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 150: Approving the execution of a contract, \$59,800, entered into the County for North Eastern HVAC/R Corp.

**Legislator Ronk:** God bless you.

**Legislator Parete:** Thank you. I'm sorry. I apologize.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I'll take that as your motion Legislator Parete.

**Legislator Ronk:** Second.

**Legislator Parete:** You got it. Thank you for being light on the whole thing.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Leader Ronk. Any discussion? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Is this, are we on 150 now? I'm sorry.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yes.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, so yeah. So I'm just again I'm, I want to get some clarity on this where we just had a long discussion about transferring the property as a surplus to UCEDA. And yet we're being asked to have use county funds to connect 24 waste lines on the second-floor bathrooms to the first-floor waste line. I'm assuming the bathrooms are currently not in operation since the building was mothballed. And given that we don't know what's going to happen to the building and what the next step is. Whether or not there's going to be a total internal demolition or building demolition. I mean, there's many options on the table. I don't know why we're going to be spending money right now, County money on connecting waste lines from the second floor to the first floor.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Other discussion? I'll, I'll just say that I've been in touch with him and it looks like Leo Maneri. And I still don't have all the answers that I have asked questions on. So I'm not comfortable voting on this tonight still. The picture that was sent to me, this sounded like it was an entire waste line, the pictures that were sent to me were a single piece of pipe that couldn't be more than a foot long. That was leaking. It's not an entire sewer line. So I'm gonna reach out tomorrow to get further clarification, but it sounds like this is not an entire floor that I originally made it sound like.

Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you Chair. Um, you know, we just we've got another resolution in here that basically says all the improvements to the building and to separate it and to make it sure it was standalone have been done. And now we're being asked, I mean, once again to spend money on something we've already identified as surplus. So if we're surplus-ing it, why do we need to spend the money? Let it be surplus-ed, let the LDC decide. And then if they need to do anything based on whatever decisions they all make, let them take care of it. I'm not sure why we're asking the taxpayers to do this.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. And thanks for bearing with me on my drive. So I guess and I brought this up at the Chair's meeting, I was confused about where the '21 budget to postpone any more funding in Tech City until 2022. I think I was told that it's residual money from 2020. I'm not sure if that's accurate. So before, can I have a two-part statement? Can I can John or Marc confirm where that money's coming from?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** I, I'm happy to. Capital Projects carryover from year to year. So the work that was done in the, the Capital Project that you approved in November of 2020. For I think it was a \$350,000 Capital Project, you approved that to, to get the temporary C of O. This is that, this is part of that work, it's the only contract there that was part of that work that exceeded \$50,000. So it's the only contract that we've brought to you but it's the last piece and will be complete prior to the building being actually surplus-ed. You may vote to surplus before the, that is complete. But that transaction takes a little bit of time. And this work will be completed prior to the property going over to UCEDA if you choose to do that. It's work that needs to be done. Safety is not gonna allow people in a building where there's a sewer line, that's that's not properly working. And, and you can possibly get sewage from the second floor to the first floor.

**Legislator Walter:** Okay, so I'll just finish. Thank you for that clarification. So I, I am a little confused because when our tour of what it would need in order to be able to move forward with it, this wasn't included. I don't know if it was just something that nobody realized and it showed up later. I'm also, just, I understand when capital projects carry over year to year when those capital projects are inclusive of a following year, but I guess I and this is you know, I'm only my year and a half in or whatever but, if we actually stopped the funding for something, I mean, any project that was approved in 2020, that didn't ever, like if a, if a bridge never got completed in, say 1999, would you have the freedom to just say we never spend that money in 1999, we're gonna spend it now? Or I guess I just I'm not quite clear where the parameters are where, especially in a, in a capital project that we've decided, should no longer be, should not be funded during this particular year, whether that carryover concept is still applicable. And

I'm not I don't know if you know the answer, or if it takes someone else sort of looking at that, but it just sort of it sounds a little, I would like some more clarity on that.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** That Capital Plan is that, it's a plan. And when you have a capital prod, so what you approved and what we moved money for from '21 to '22 was the capital plan. Right? So the capital plan lays out a five year capital plan, and we had you have money in prior years. You have money that's anticipated being spent in '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26. We move the money that was approved in prior years, right, that's approved in prior years. And that was approved in 2020. So this \$350,000 was for the '21, 2021-2026 Capital Plan, would have been in the prior years. On the request of Legislator Archer, there was money spent to be spent in 2021, that would have had to be a a project that was separate amending the project, we took that out and pushed it to 2022. Because she pointed out that if we surplus, we're not going to do the work. And we said, Yeah, that makes sense. And we pushed the 2021 money to 2022. But that doesn't mean that the prior year's money that was approved in 2020 goes away, we can still continue to work, it would have been impossible for us to get the 2020 capital project that was approved, done in that month to finish the year.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Parete.

**Legislator Parete:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, practically speaking, the most efficient way to surplus anything, let alone real estate is to bring it up to code or to bring it up to usefulness. Unless there's something horribly deficient about what we're talking about. I think it's time to move forward.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? All right. All those in favor?

**Legislator Parete:** I am.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson? Opposed? 1, 2, there's 3 opposed. Motion carried.

Under old business. I don't know if Legislator Walter's still there, but under old business we have Resolution No. 7. We had wanted to postpone, Legislator or Leader Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** I was gonna just make a motion that we postpone this.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah. Thank you. Second on that?

**Legislator Ronk:** To the next meeting.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels. Yeah. Legislator Bartels. All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Anybody opposed?

Motion for Adjournment.



**Legislator Ronk:** Moved.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Bartels.

All in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Good night everybody. Thank you.