

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 12, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 842 1794 1984
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: Legislator Walter
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Heppner, Maloney, Nolan, Petit, & Roberts, Clerk of the Legislature Fabella, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Feaster, Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executives Contreras & Kelly, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, Comptroller Gallagher, Alicia DeMarco, & Samuel Sonenberg – UC Comptroller’s Office, Commissioner Gulnick – UC Finance, Molly Scott – UC Recovery & Resilience, Lorne Norton & Kevin O’Connor – RUPCO, Richard Gerentine – Silver Gardens Senior Housing Development, S. Deacon Bill Mennenga – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheryl Schneider & Lanny Walter – UC Residents

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

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE Minutes of the March 8th & March 16th Regular Meetings**

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolutions for the April 19, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 11: Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature For A Special Law In Relation To The Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Rates In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution requests the enactment of a Senate and Assembly Bill in the New York State Legislature to increase the Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax to 4% and the Short-Term Rental Tax to 8%.

Motion No. 2: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 11**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels

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

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

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2017 Capital Improvement Program to reallocate American Rescue Plan funding to Capital Project No. 604 ARP Water and Sewer Infrastructure in the amount of \$5,000,000.

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 96**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

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

Resolution No. 154: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With SG Pioneer PV, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487 – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with SG Pioneer PV, LLC for the years 2023 through 2037 in the anticipated amount of \$216,167.70.

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 154**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 159: Establishing “The Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation”, A New York State Landbank

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes the Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation, a capital generating and revenue sharing program created to increase the availability of affordable, workforce, multifamily, and socioeconomically diverse housing, the preservation and restoration of productive farmland, and the preservation, improvement, and redevelopment of commercial and mixed use areas.

Motion No. 5: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 159

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 160: Dedicating ARPA Funding For The “The Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation” – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Ulster County Budget and commits \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to fund the Ulster County Land Bank Corporation.

Motion No. 6: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 160

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 162: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 634 - Grady Park Construction, Town Of Marbletown – ARP Infrastructure And Trails – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to establish and fund Capital Project No. 634, Grady Park Construction, in the amount of \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan funds.

Motion No. 7: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 162
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 8: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 162
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 163: Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 631 – A Geothermal System For Silver Gardens Senior Housing Development – ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes and funds Capital Project No. 631, a geothermal system for Silver Gardens Senior Housing Development, in the amount of \$600,000 in American Rescue Plan funds.

Motion No. 9: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 163
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 164: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$600,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with RUPCO, Inc. for the purpose of aiding in construction of a portion of the Silver Garden Senior Housing rental development in the amount of \$600,000 of American Rescue plan funds.

Motion No. 10: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 164
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 165: Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 629 – ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment – Planning Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to establish and fund Capital Project No. 629 - Brownfields Redevelopment, in the amount of \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan funds.

Motion No. 11: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 165
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 166: ~~Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 632-598~~ – Crisis Stabilization Center, Purchase Of 368 Broadway – ARPA - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Plan to fund Capital Project No. 598 – Crisis Stabilization Center, in the amount of \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan funds for the purchase of 368 Broadway in Kingston, NY.

Motion No. 12: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 166
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, & Gavaris
Voting Against: Legislator Ronk
Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 168: Authorizing A One-Time Reimbursement To Ulster County 2021 Real Property Taxpayers

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes a one-time reimbursement to the Ulster County 2021 Real Property Taxpayers in a total amount of \$34,312,169.

Motion No. 13: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 168**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 14: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 168**
Motion By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 169: Electing A Cents Per Gallon Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes On Motor Fuel And Diesel Motor Fuel, In Lieu Of The Percentage Rate Of Such Taxes, Pursuant To The Authority Of Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, By Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1969 Adopted February 13, 1969, As Amended On Various Occasions

Resolution Summary: This Resolution, effective June 1, 2022, amends Resolution No. 286 of 1969 to change the calculation from a percentage-based formula to a cents-based formula.

Motion No. 15: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 169**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 16: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 169**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, & Gavaris

Voting Against: Legislator Fabiano
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 173: Confirming Appointment Of Tara McDonald, LMSW, MPA As Commissioner Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Tara McDonald as Commissioner of Mental Health for an annual salary of \$110,001 for the 2022 calendar year.

Motion No. 17: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 173**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 176: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$121,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Creighton Manning Engineering LLP – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP for the development of a Town of Ulster Route 9W corridor management plan in the amount of \$121,600.

Motion No. 18: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 176**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 177: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$234.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Area Transit

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment to add two additional radios and related equipment to the lease in the amount of \$234.00 for 5/1/2022 through 10/31/2022.

Motion No. 19: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 177
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 179: Establishing Capital Project No. 628, Galeville Bridge Replacement, Town Of Shawangunk – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement plan and establishes Capital Project No. 628 – Galeville Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$110,000 for engineering costs.

Motion No. 20: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 179
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 181: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$99,720.00 Entered Into By The County – Creighton Manning Engineering LLP – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Creighton Manning Engineering LLP for the design services for the replacement of the Galeville Bridge in the amount of \$99,720.

Motion No. 21: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 181
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 182: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Town & Country Bridge and Rail, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Town & Country Bridge and Rail, Inc. for shotcrete repair services on various bridges and large culverts in the amount of \$150,000.

Motion No. 22: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 182**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 183: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,700.00 Entered Into By The County – C&S Engineers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for design services for the public safety radio tower on Tonche Mountain in the amount of \$80,700.

Motion No. 23: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 183**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 185: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$286,314.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County Inc. to extend the term of an agreement for summer youth employment payroll services in the amount of \$286,314 for a term of 11/1/2021 through 10/31/2022.

Motion No. 24: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 185
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 186: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with the United Way of Ulster County Inc. to extend the term of an agreement for year-round youth employment payroll services in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 through 3/30/2023.

Motion No. 25: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 186
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 187: Approving And Executing A Ten-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement Dated September 1, 2019 Through August 31, 2029 Between The County Of Ulster And The SUNY Ulster Faculty Association (SUFA) – Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a ten-year collective bargaining agreement between the County of Ulster and the SUNY Ulster Faculty Association at the Ulster County Community College commencing on September 1, 2019.

Motion No. 26: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 187
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 188: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With West Shore Solar LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with West Shore Solar LLC for solar energy systems in the amount of \$2,500 per year for 15 years or a total of \$37,500 of anticipated revenue from 2023 – 2037.

Motion No. 27: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 188**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 190: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Department Of Justice For Asset Forfeiture – Ulster County Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Department of Justice for the reporting of asset forfeitures through Asset Forfeiture eShare Access.

Motion No. 28: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 190**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, & Gavaris
Voting Against: Legislator Bartels
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 191: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$588,533.58 Entered Into By The County – Axon Enterprise, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for the purchase of body cameras and related equipment, software and cloud storage space in the amount of \$588,533.58 for the term of 6/1/2022 – 5/31/2027.

Motion No. 29: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 191

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 192: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$985,163.00 Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for an upgrade of the Black Creek Super Display Touchscreen control system at the Ulster County Jail to implement the Windows 10 operating system in the amount of \$985,163 for the term of 4/1/2022 – 11/30/2023.

Motion No. 30: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 192

Motion By: Legislator Cahill

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 193: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services And Create One Part Time Mental Health Specialist Position - Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept an allocation of funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$144,670 to be awarded in three annual payments of \$48,224 to create a part-time Mental Health Specialist position and purchase computer software upgrades, program supplies, office equipment, and client supplies.

Motion No. 31: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 193

Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 194: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$601,140.04 Entered Into By The County – New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment to extend the term and expand the scope of work for project management services through implementation of the new public safety communications system upgrade in the amount of \$601,140.04 for a term of 3/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Motion No. 32: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 194**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 197: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign Agreements With Various School Districts In Ulster County For The Use Of Polling Equipment And Material – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to sign agreements with various Ulster County School Districts for the use of polling equipment and material for the May 17, 2022 Ulster County School District elections.

Motion No. 33: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 197**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, & Gavaris
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 201: Increasing The Employee Contribution Towards The Cost Of Health Insurance Benefits For New Hire Management Non Union Employees

Resolution Summary: This Resolution increases the employee contribution towards the cost of health insurance benefits from 10% to 20% for new hire management non-union employees effective October 1, 2022.

Motion No. 34: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 201
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 35: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 201
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 203: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,480.00, 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 to extend the term of an agreement for software support and maintenance services for the ArcGIS suite of software products in the amount of \$23,480 for a term of 5/13/2022 – 5/12/ 2023.

Motion No. 36: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 203
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 204: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,374,887.64 Entered Into By The County – LA Dell Marketing LP – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for Microsoft enterprise license agreements in the amount of \$1,374,887.64 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2025.

Motion No. 37: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 204
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 205: 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 to extend the term of agreement for maintenance and support of the Work Order Management System in the amount of \$14,362 for a term of 5/1/2022 – 4/30/2023.

Motion No. 38: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 205
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 206: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$55,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Capital Markets Advisors, LLC – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for analysis of the County Executive’s recommended budget in the amount of \$55,200 for a term of 1/1/2022 – 12/30/2022.

Motion No. 39: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 206
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 207: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept a payment of \$15,803.17 in unpaid taxes for conveyance of county-owned property to the original owner.

Motion No. 40: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 207**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 208: Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, Inc. On Behalf Of The Ulster County Deputy Sheriffs' Superior Officers' Unit, For The Years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 And 2024 – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the memorandum of agreement between the County of Ulster and the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, Inc. on behalf of the Ulster County Deputy Sheriffs' Superior Officers' Unit for a total additional cost of \$303,446 for the years 2021 – 2024.

Motion No. 41: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 208**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 210: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Include Additional Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging - Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to include additional funding from the New York State Office for the Aging for food services in the amount of \$85,688.

Motion No. 42: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 210
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 211: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$30,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Home Health Care, Inc. – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for level I and level II personal care aide services for seniors in the amount of \$30,000 through 3/31/2022.

Motion No. 43: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 211
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 212: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment to expand the scope of services to include temporary meal program to citizens aged (60) and older in the amount of \$150,000 for a term through 5/31/2023.

Motion No. 44: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 212

Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 213: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$68,551.58 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for community linkage services to medication for opioid use disorder and naloxone distribution for high risk individuals living with substance and opioid use disorder for \$68,551.58 for a term of 1/1/2022 – 7/31/2022.

Motion No. 45: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 213**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 214: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Westchester County Health Care Corporation D/B/A Westchester Medical Center – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for forensic pathology services with Westchester Medical Center for a term of 5/1/2022 – 4/30/2023.

Motion No. 46: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 214**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 215: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Access: Supports for Living, Inc., for expanded mobile mental health services in the amount of \$150,000 for a term of 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022.

Motion No. 47: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 215
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 216: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$42,192.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Astor Services for Children & Families to reduce the previously contracted amount by \$42,192.

Motion No. 48: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 216
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 217: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$42,192.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Family of Woodstock for Family Peer Support Services in the amount of \$42,192 for a term of 2/23/2022 – 12/31/2022.

Motion No. 49: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 217

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 218: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Workforce Grant Funds From The New York State Office Of Mental Health – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept an allocation of workforce grant funds from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the amount of \$30,000.

Motion No. 50: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 218**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 219: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services To Expand Services Under The Raise The Age (RTA) Plan – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept an allocation of funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$796,753 to expand services under Raise the Age.

Motion No. 51: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 219**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 220: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The New Paltz Central School District For Preschool Special Education Transportation Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the New Paltz Central School District for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services for \$16,600 for the term 4/20/2022 – 6/23/2022.

Motion No. 52: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 220
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 221: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$300,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Abbott House – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Abbott House in an amount of \$300,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 222: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Access: Supports for Living Inc., in an amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 223: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Astor Services for Children & Families for \$1,000,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 224: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$300,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth in an amount of \$300,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 225: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Childrens' Home Of Kingston, New York – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with The Children's Home of Kingston in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 226: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$3,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Home Of Poughkeepsie – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie in the amount of \$3,000,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 227: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$300,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Village – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with The Children's Village in an amount of \$300,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 228: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Albany, Community Maternity Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for foster care services with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, Community Maternity Services in the amount of \$500,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 229: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Devereux Foundation – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Devereux Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 for the term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/24.

Resolution No. 230: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Green Chimney's Children's Services, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 231: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hillside Children's Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Hillside Children's Center in the amount of \$100,000 for the term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 232: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Jewish Child Care Association Of New York – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Jewish Child Care Association of New York in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 233: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. – Department Of Social Services.

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 234: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – KidsPeace National Centers Of North America, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with KidsPeace National Centers of North America, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 235: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – La Salle School – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with La Salle School in the amount of \$1,500,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 236: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Parent And Child Society, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 237: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$300,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Parsons Child and Family Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Parsons Child and Family Center in the amount of \$300,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 238: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Rising Ground, Inc. in the amount of \$500,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 239: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$300,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Saint Anne Institute in the amount of \$300,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 240: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St Christopher's, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with St. Christopher's, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 241: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Catherine's Center For Children – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with St. Catherine’s Center for Children in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 242: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vanderheyden Hall, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Vanderheyden Hall, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 243: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Willian George Agency For Children's Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with The William George Agency for Children’s Services, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000 for a term of 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Resolution No. 244: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$850,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Whitney Academy, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for foster care services with Whitney Academy, Inc. in the amount of \$850,000 for a term of 4/1/2022 – 6/30/2024.

Motion No. 53: MOTION TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 54: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Nos. 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions ADOPTED

Resolution No. 245: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$273,508.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract to increase the per diem rates for Darmstadt and Family Inn homeless shelters in the amount of \$273,508.

Motion No. 55: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 245
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Comptroller Gallagher provided a brief update on the Investment Policy audit. See attached transcript.

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

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:31 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder
Minutes Approved: May 10, 2022

Chairman Gavaris: All right, I'd like to call the April 12th meeting of Ways & Means to order. Can I get an approval of minutes from March 8th and March 16th regular meetings?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Second? Brian, thank you. All those, I can't hear you Brian but I'm assuming

Legislator Cahill: Do we have a quorum?

Chairman Gavaris: We do.

Legislator Cahill: Now we do. I didn't think we had a quorum yet. All right. 1,2,3,4. Okay, now we do. All right. Sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Resolution number 11: We, requesting enactment of Senate Assembly Bill for special law relates to Hotel Motel occupancy tax. Can I have a motion to postpone this to next week?

Legislative Chair Bartels: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Anyone want to second it? Okay.

Legislator Ronk: I'll second the postponement.

Chairman Gavaris: I heard Legislator Ronk but I, oh there he is. Okay. All right. Second. Any discussion? All those in favor on postponing?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right, so carried.

Resolution 96: This is an ARPA, amending 2022-27 Capital Improvement Program, many capital projects for project Ulster County recovery and resilience projects. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it

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

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

154: Authorizing the Chair to execute a payment in lieu of taxes with SG Pioneer PV LLC for solar systems. Can I have a motion? Motion, Chair Bartels. Second?

Legislator Cahill: I'll second.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Okay. Let's see. 159 to 166 are going to be ARPA resolutions.

Resolution 159: Establishing the County Land Bank Development Corporation. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second Fabiano. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I just want to say that this is, this is related to an ARPA resolution. But in itself, it's not. This is, we've, we've talked about it a lot. It was in Economic Development for several months last year. This is the first step toward our land bank application. And that is seating the board. So and, and establishing so again, thank you all for your patience, in getting it here.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

160: Dedicating ARPA funding for the County Land Bank Development Corporation. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second?

Legislator Cahill: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those, Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Well, I just want to say again, so this, this will come before the committee, again, should that should we get the approval at the state level. A contract would come before the committee before final approval, but this is certainly going to strengthen our application at the state level.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

162: Amending the 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program for Grady Park construction. Can I have a motion?
Legislator Cahill. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So, this, this got we, we have the scores from the ARPA committee. This went to ARP, this one to the ARP committee with along with all the other projects. And for all of these the scores are were I guess, are in this packet. It, then it did go to Public Works. I wasn't at the Public Works Committee. You know, I think that this is a, is a worthy project although I'm, I'm not, I'm feeling uncomfortable at the moment about, about using ARP funds for it, I would like to have a conversation in caucus. I don't know where everybody else in this committee is on this one. But I've heard very little bit about this project thus far.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan: Thank you. In the Public Works Committee, we were concerned that this project might not be shovel ready, and therefore might not be the best project for ARPA funding. And the sponsors were agreeable to that. So that's the reason it didn't, I don't think this passed out of Public Works.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I can't hear you Chair Gavaris, but I think you're saying I can,

Chairman Gavaris: hear me.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Now I can.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Yeah, keep going.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So, thank you. So I think it did pass out of Public Works. It got a very low score. I don't know if Amber, if Amber has the score from the ARP committee. Maybe we could ask Amber for the score for the ARP committee. One of my concerns is that it's a very, it's a very narrow focus in terms of one local park. I know it does have connectivity to the rails, but again, it didn't I don't believe it scored very high from the ARP committee. So can I through the, through the Chair ask Amber.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Amber do you have that?

Deputy Clerk Feaster: Yep. Just give me one second to pull it up, if you don't mind.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, I'll go to Legislator Maloney first and then come back to you.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah I just think that I mean, I like the project, I'd like to see that kind of project in a lot of towns, you know, we just did a water sewer kind of approach that allows all the towns to kind of come and have an equal opportunity. I think if other towns knew that you could have got some park work done this way, I think they everyone would have fired one off. This seems like a first come first serve that kind of no one else was thinking of this and it kind of just slipped through some of these, I was surprised that didn't get postponed or put off in some of the committees. I liked the idea of the project, but I think that we ought to, I agree with postponing and talking about a process to make sure every municipality would have the same opportunity to use ARPA funds in this way if that's what we want to do, but there hasn't been a lot of real discussion about this.

Amber Feaster: Okay, ready. This project scored a 12 or I'm sorry, a 3.2 out of 12 for goals and mission which is 27%. An 8.8 out of 36 for equity distribution, which is 24%, 10.2 out of 37 for community impact, which is 28% and 2.6 out of 15 for financial management, which is 17% for an overall total of 24.8 out of 100 or 25%.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Nolan: Yes, I think I misspoke on this project. I was confusing it with another project from the same sponsor. So thank you for letting me correct that.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? So Chair Bartels, is it your desire to postpone this or

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move to postpone it.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. Second, Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: I'll second, yup.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Discussion? All those in favor of postponing?

Group: Aye Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay. Postponed. Thank you.

163: Establishing Capital Project 631 geothermal system for silver garden senior housing development. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Move it, second?

Legislator Cahill: I'll second for discussion.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: Cahill, second. Discussion?

Legislator Cahill: So, just want to clear up. So this is, this 600,000 will be sent over to RUPCO to administer the geothermal heating system for this project. Is that correct?

Chairman Gavaris: Chris, go ahead.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yes, that is correct. So it's for the installation. I believe the estimate is about 1.1 million on the full system. And this will be in support of 57 units of senior housing. I think 19 of them of which are supportive for chronically homeless or [inaudible].

Legislator Cahill: Can I ask how this scored on the ARPA fund? Please. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels can go ahead and then we'll come back to Amber.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thanks.

Deputy Clerk Feaster: I'm echoing. So this project scored and 8.8 out of 12 for goals and mission, which is 73%, a 30.4 out of 36 for equity distribution, which is 84%, a 25 out of 36 for community impact, which is 68%, and an eight out of 15 for financial management, which is 53% for an overall score of 72.2 out of 100, which 72%.

Legislator Fabiano: Good.

Legislator Cahill: And one more quick question about that. How does that rank with some of the other ARPA scores that we have that are requesting funding as we start now, distributing that funding? Does

Deputy Clerk Feaster: This is, 70's, are the highest, I've, I think I've seen, I'm not sure that any other projects have exceeded 78, I want to say about that.

Legislator Cahill: It's right up there, then. Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you.

RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor: Just one point of clarity, if I may, Chairman.

Chairman Gavaris: I'll let Chair Bartels go first and then we'll come back to you.

RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor: Thank you.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Um, as, as mentioned, in the other committee there was discussion and I get, and I realize it's, it's relatively technical, but about either a recapture clause or a seller's note. And I know that Nate Litwin from the ARPA team, proposed some, some of that language, I just want to, through the, through the

Chair of the Committee to Deputy Executive Kelly, I just want to make sure that before next week, when we vote on it, that we, that we're able to distribute language or what that's going to look like to everyone. So there's the confidence in that. And again, that's, that's with the understanding, Mr. O'Connor, the last meeting, you know, confirmed that, you know, the agreements for these projects are you know, essentially recaptures at the, at the higher level of government and higher level of funding for 50 years. So we could fully expect that these, this project is going to stay senior housing and supportive senior housing for the full 50 years. But again, I just want to have that protection clause in place.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair and thank you, Chair Bartels. That's why I had my hand raised was to finish my comment, which is yes, the language is being circulated. And we're, we fully intend on having that circulated before next Tuesday. So thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Mr. Gerentine did you want to jump in? You're good, Mr. Gerentine.

RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor: Kevin O has a comment.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Kevin, go ahead. Nope, you just muted yourself.

RUPCO CEO Kevin O'Connor: Sorry about that. Thank you. I just wanted to point of clarity. Chris, thanks for your comment before, fully 50% of the 57 units, so 29 will be, will provide permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless seniors so fully half the project. So thank you.

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

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. So carried.

164: Approving execution of a contract for 600,000 for RUPCO. Can I have a motion? Can I have a motion?
Chair Bartels. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? You're opposed Ken? Legislator Ronk, I couldn't tell whether you were opposed or not. I'm sorry.

Legislator Ronk: [inaudible]

Chairman Gavaris: You don't have good service. You, all we heard is robot voice.

Legislator Ronk: I'm a yes.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Thank you. All right. All right. It passes, thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: 165: Establishing capital funding project 629, for ARPA brownfields. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Okay.

Legislator Cahill: Yup.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion?

Legislator Cahill: Yeah

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator, hold on, Chair Bartels and then Legislator Cahill.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. So, I totally support this project. I think, I know Legislator Ronk was an early advocate of this in the ARPA discussions, and I, you know, he brought a really important issue to the, to the, to the fore. You know, I just want to say to this committee that, and I've stated it publicly before, I think it's great that we're using ARP funds for it, but I think we, we need to budget for it regularly. We need to, we need to relieve this, do whatever it takes to relieve this list. And, and so I hope that moving forward in, in the next budget cycle and the budget cycle after until, until we maintain a, a clear list, that we, we are actually budgeting for that. It's, it's critically important.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill, and then Ronk.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, I'll, I'm gonna make a motion to postpone this for a month, there, there's a property in there that I'm not quite comfortable with. They owe over \$10 million in taxes for over 10 years. And I'm in discussion, I've discussed with Deputy Executive Kelly, a couple of times about it, I've reached out to our town supervisor to try and get a better understanding of what the situation is. And you know, quite frankly, it's one of the nicest buildings in town. And I am certainly not aware of any potential contamination on that site. It was never used for anything more than offices in a computer [inaudible] and to my knowledge, I actually worked in that building for a bit. So anyway, Legislator Bartels here.

Chairman Gavaris: Well, yeah, you've made a motion, I need to get a second otherwise, it's going to fail. I will continue on the other way. So if we get a second,

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: for postponement, all right. So discussion, Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So you know, I, I share Legislator Cahill's concerns about that property. I, you know I saw the list, I don't know why I'm echoing but. But I don't think that that should slow us on, in terms of postponing this resolution. This resolution is to do the first phase study on, on some of the properties. It's not even going to be all of the properties. So I don't want anything to slow us down on clearing this list. I, you know, I have strong feelings about that one property. But I think we can move this resolution forward begin to clear the list, get the Phase One studies done. While we're also separately dealing with, with that property. With all due respect

Legislator Cahill, I absolutely share your concern, but I don't think, I don't think we should slow this process on, on other properties, in the meantime.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly, then Legislator Ronk, and then Cahill.

Legislator Ronk: Thank you. I share Legislator Bartels opinion on that. You know, this ARPA funding is specifically to do phase one and phase two assessments to find out if there is contamination, and if so what kind, which I think might clear up some of Legislator Cahill's questions on the property in question if it weren't to be done that property. But I don't think that this resolution ties us to, to doing that property. You know, it's just one of them listed as a potential that has been left off the tax.....for potential environmental concerns, so I, I definitely don't support postponing. I think we should move forward with it. You know, quite frankly, we do have a dedicated fund for environmental remediation of properties in the tax foreclosure list [inaudible] utilize it yet, and there's not a lot of money there, but I would not been opposed to putting money in there yearly.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly and then Legislator Cahill.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair. I do appreciate Legislator Cahill's comments. And we have been in discussions as I've had discussions with the Chair last week on that property in question and the Town of Ulster. I will commit to continuing to do the research and then brief the group back on what we, what our potential options are with that location. I also agree that I think we can do both. We should, we should be doing both because we do have several dozen properties that we know have a bit more history with in terms of the environmental concerns. And I do think that starting this process, which this plan currently envisions a two-year process here, will, will allow us to begin to address the, the property backlog here while we're doing the research on this other one, which is pretty substantial chunk of those properties that haven't been foreclosed upon. Thank you.

Legislator Cahill: So reading a, reading a little bit further in the resolution, I see that each project will be, have its own capital project assigned to it. Is that correct? Okay, so with, with that in mind, I'll withdraw my motion to postpone.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano, you'll withdraw your second?

Legislator Fabiano: Yes, I do.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay, thank you. All right, Legislator Fabiano, you had your hand up. You wanted more, you have discussion on this? Or

Legislator Fabiano: No, the only thing I wanted to know is how is the issue of the back taxes, how will that be addressed?

Chairman Gavaris: I'll let Deputy Executive Kelly answer that.

Deputy Executive Kelly: So, it, it really depends on what the ending disposition of the piece of land is. So some of these and you typically hear anything with petrochemicals, gas stations, they tend to be dirtier. So they may be eligible for different Superfund or brownfield cleanup programs, and wouldn't be quite ready to, you know, say,

here's the phase one, phase two investigation, and we're going to put it out for auction with that investigation piece done. Or if the assessment is not as bad we can, and you can correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner. But if the phase one and phase two come back, and there are environmental concerns, we can at least disclose that when we're auctioning off the property. In terms of what we recoup on the back taxes, that's what we get at the auction. So whatever we sell the property for, that's the portion of which we'll get back on our taxes. And in some circumstances, it could exceed, it often doesn't. When you're talking about larger properties with larger debt owed to the county, it's unlikely that we'll recoup that full amount.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah, I don't know as much about this, maybe it's all in there. And I should take a look. But what, how long, what was the first date, when did this hit 36 months? How long ago did this become that point at which we could take it? And is it still functioning? Or is it abandoned? Can anybody ask me, answer me those two questions?

Chairman Gavaris: I guess. Well let's go with Deputy Exec Kelly and

Deputy Executive Kelly: So is this, this is in regards to the one property, 701 Grant Avenue, I'd suspect.

Legislator Maloney: The, the one that Legislator Cahill was speaking to. In the town of Ulster, I assume.

Deputy Executive Kelly: So I, I believe it was approximately, it's 10 years. Mr., I'll defer to Commissioner Gulnick.

Commissioner Gulnick: The oldest year of tax is 2012. But it would be, it would have been eligible for auction in 2015.

Legislator Maloney: Okay. It's not still, is it still a functioning business or is it abandoned?

Commissioner Gulnick: As far as I know, I don't believe, I don't believe it is.

Legislator Maloney: And we okay. And we believe this long, it's been sitting there, and we're pretty sure there's environmental issues. I just, seems odd

Legislator Cahill: May I?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill, go ahead.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so this is a functioning facility Legislator Maloney. There's people that work there every day and have been from day one, it's never been in disrepair, it's never been run down. It is an older building. But if you drive by it, it's one of the nicer office buildings in the Town of Ulster, quite honestly. So we, you know, there's discussion that has to be had on that property, as far as being considered a Brownfield, in my opinion. And that's why, you know, I raised the question at all on this.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly, you still have your hand up from before or you have a new, okay, Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Why have, why have we waited especially with questions? That's really, that's the main reason that we would wait to, to act on something like this right, an environmental protection. Why have we waited this long, if there's a fully functioning business that's not paying their taxes? And it seems like a building that we would we shouldn't be necessarily scared of? Why would we have waited this long?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk, then Deputy Executive Kelly.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. So for years back in maybe the like early, late 2000s, early 2010s. We were doing what we're doing now, which is what's called a temporary incidence of ownership, where we're given the ability to go on to the property and do the environmental assessment without actually foreclosing on the property. Because once we foreclose on the property, we assume all environmental liability and have to remediate anything that we find or that is found even after the fact. So I want to say that there are environmental concerns at that, at that site, but it was about 10 years ago that Judge Williams stopped allowing us to use the temporary incidence of ownership in order to get onto the properties, and I believe that that we're now able to use that again. So, you know, the Executives Office can clear up any anything that I said that was untrue, but as far as I know, that's what the situation is.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yeah, I, I, also believe that to be true. And what I'm doing now is going back to any correspondence regarding that property with the County Attorney's Office with the Commissioner of Finance, if there are any, I'm just trying to basically do a back trace on anything on this property. I've had contact with the, the seller, or the leasing agent, who's a local realtor on this to start to understand the different businesses are in there. Because the reality is, is if we do take title, it does become we do end up severing the existing lease agreements. So that's part of the thinking here is when, when an if we ended up performing the action that's within our authority, what are the consequences and how will we properly prepare for those, so we're not going into this situation without a well thought out plan, and contingency, especially for those businesses that are currently operating out of there and paying, they're paying their leases, they're paying their rent. So we want to make sure that we think this one through. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah, I think we'll be talking about this at the next Ways and Means but I do think the county needs some real procedures, probably something codified by the legislature, as far as an actual policy to ensure that, I mean, you have you have a building that's fully functioning looks good for seven years, I think the Commissioner of Finance initially suggested that it wasn't functioning a minute ago, but now, now it is, and you have somebody not paying their taxes, making a lot of money for seven years, and we may find out doesn't have a lot of environmental issues. That's a failure of everyone in this room on behalf of the taxpayer. I mean, that's a big failure. And, you know, it's it, you don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to wonder about situations like this, and whether or not it would have been handled differently depending on who owns it or whatnot. So I really think this is a problem, seven years not paying their taxes, making a lot of money, fully functioning, building and may not

have environmental problems, we don't have a procedure that we can speak to or show why we made this decision or haven't acted on this. I mean, this is, you know, remnants of some things that happened over Golden Hill even though we, or a, Tech City, even though we do know, there was some environmental issues at Tech City, but we have a lot of these other questions on the timing and why and why not and continuing to allow someone to make a lot of money and not pay their taxes. But geez Louise, seven years, not paying your taxes and us just not acting on it. And once again, we may find out there's no real environmental issues. And now we're not really given a procedure or any real reasons why other than who, who was the person in the county that decided that there might be environmental issues, and we're just not going to act on this or collect taxes for years and years and years. Who made that decision? Can anyone tell me?

Chairman Gavaris: That's for another time, though, that's not really relevant.

Legislator Maloney: Always is. Yup.

Chairman Gavaris: We can, we can have this conversation next week. But for terms of this resolution, is there any more discussion on this? All right, all those in favor? Opposed? Legislator Fabiano, you're opposed?

Legislator Fabiano: I'm in favor.

Chairman Gavaris: Favor. Okay. Thank you. Alrighty.

166: Establishing capital funding project 632 for a crisis stabilization center purchase of 368 Broadway, can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Second?

Legislator Cahill: Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks, I'm gonna be a no on this. I've been pretty consistent that the City of Kingston is the wrong place for this facility, in order to be able to best serve the county as a whole [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, Legislator Ronk, we're losing you again. All right, we'll go to Legislator Maloney and then we'll come back.

Legislator Maloney: Did I, did I, I thought I remember hearing that this wasn't going to be or am I thinking of a different project, that this was stated that it wasn't going to be in the City of Kingston early on or am I mistaken, thinking of a different project? But I remember seeing this recently and seeing that City of Kingston and thinking I thought but I might, I might be mistaken.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislator Maloney: I happen to agree with, with Ken.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So um, I think, I think you are mistaken Legislator Maloney. But the thing that we did talk about making sure, making certain would not be placed in the City of Kingston is the respite homes and that those would be placed in other parts

Legislator Maloney: That is correct. That's what I'm

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah. And I, I look forward to that. I think it's important that we, that we, we cite services across the county, in this case, I mean, I, I did get to see the building and I encourage legislators through Deputy Executive Contreras, ideally, we'll be scheduling a tour of the of the building again. You know, it's, I'm, I'm really looking forward to it. I think it's, it's, we're gonna, it's gonna something we'll all be very proud of.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk did you want to try again? You cut off like halfway through what you were saying before.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, sure. I, I was just saying that, you know, I, I've been saying all along that the City of Kingston is the wrong location for this facility, if we're going to best serve the residents [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, Legislator Ronk, again we're losing you.

Legislator Ronk: which this administration seems focused on serving best, so my constituents won't be served [inaudible] I don't know.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Any other discussion? I will just say I'm, I'm having a hard time with this one myself. The again, I agree with Legislator Ronk, the City of Kingston here we are, again, in the, the most expensive real estate for commercial real estate in the county is the City of Kingston, pretty much. And it just seems hard to spend this kind of money here. And, and on top of this, we still do not know what our needs for space is through the entire county, we've got departments who need to be located and expanded. And we just don't know that yet, and to now purchase another place. I struggle with this.

Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: I just wanted to say that the, the county passed the policy in October '21, including \$3 million for the creation of a crisis stabilization center. And what we're doing as part of this project is executing on \$2 million dollars of that, for crisis stabilization. I understand the concerns, and they are not falling on deaf ears about trying to spread out and get more services located in other parts of the county. Part of the benefit of having it where we are locating it now is it is a setup medical facility, which will be co located with other services that are already in existence. So there is a certain synergy that exists with the services where they currently exist that I think come uniquely within this space and within this area. So we do feel very strongly that this is a good price for the building, it is in good shape, it's going to require minimal work. Not that it's not going to require any work because we are changing the use of it. And it's currently a condo'd unit for doctors and medical offices. But we do think that this is a really positive first step in order to execute on the legislature and the executives mission of creating a crisis stabilization center in Ulster County. Thank you.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you. Deputy Executive Contreras.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yeah, the only other thing I'll add is in addition to collocating other services, we also do want to move the mental health department there if possible. So that's kind of to your point about the need for space for other departments in general. So there's a couple of different reasons why this would work.

Chairman Gavaris: In, in terms of what the Deputy Executive Kelly just said that the space is medical already. When you say that you mean it's exam type space, not treatment, and trying to think of the right word for it, do you know if it's approved by OMH for this type of use already, Office of Mental Health for the state.

Deputy Executive Kelly: I, I don't believe we sought the approval just yet before we've purchased the space for that. But I mean, I believe we'll be competent, confident that we'll be able to retrofit and do the construction to meet the need. That's our intention after touring Dutchess County space and kind of learning from their experience, we look to apply that here.

Chairman Gavaris: So you do have at least a model of what it needs to look like in the end. And that's what you're basing it on.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yeah, Dutchess County has had this underway and I'm sure there's going to be some things that we'd like to do differently and learn from their experience, but certainly they've had experience and our and a lot of our team, including Johanna and others have toured their facility as well. So we have a good partner across the river that can help us learn from their successes and kind of pitfalls that they I've encountered as well. I think they retrofitted in old school space actually an order to execute on theirs. So the retrofit was different. And they came out with theirs prior to a lot of the state funding and the SOQ or whatever they're calling it statewide when they're looking to actually create these more regionally, throughout the state now within this existing state budget.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Contreras.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yes, in order to get a license, you have to actually be working with a provider to stand up the center and the provider will then go through the process of applying for a license. Yeah, sorry, there was one other thing I wanted to add, but it's escaping me right now.

Chairman Gavaris: My question is more around, it was around the design of it. And because healthcare design is very specific, there's not a lot of wiggle room into it, the code is very clear. And that's why I'm just saying sometimes as I found out the hard way, renovation is not cheaper than new construction, because of those limitations of their preexisting condition that's there that it's not easy to change. So that's why I was asking if this, but if you've already know what it needs to look like, and you know I'm trusting that you have at least some experience with, you know, looking at a space and realizing what it can be renovated as that it sounds like, it's a little bit more comforting. But, Deputy Executive Contreras

Deputy Executive Contreras: Yes, sorry, that's where I was going to that and one of when we toured the Dutchess County facility, a few of the things that they suggested was that it be located on a major road, that there'll be a separate entrance, that it'd be on the first floor, those types of things that there'll be room for a

bathroom facility near the front door, that kind of thing. So we were looking at all those possibilities when we went through the building.

Deputy Executive Contreras: Thank you. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thanks, um, this is a technical question. I just want to make sure because that we, that we read the resolution, right, because the the resolution was amended. And I saw I don't know if our agenda has the title, as amended. It's in the OneDrive amended. But just that it's funding a different, different capital project number than what the agenda had stated. I don't I don't recall what was what was read, but I think it might have been set it might have been establishing and funding capital project 632. But it was, that was changed.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, it's 598, now. Capital project 598.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah. And it was it's in the OneDrive that way. It's just I don't know that the agenda was changed to reflect that. So I just want to make sure that the record is correct. In reflecting the change.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, mine says 632, so 598. Okay.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah, it's and it's not estab, it's just, it's, it's funding the funding it and it's the purchase of Yeah. Thank you.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? I going to be a yes tonight.

Legislator Ronk: I'm a no.

Chairman Gavaris: You're no. All right. I'll be yes. But I'm likely to be a no on the floor. But we'll see next week. All right. So we have four sorry, so motions carried.

168: Authorizing one time reimbursement to the county for 2021 Real property taxes. Could I have a motion?
Chair Bartels. Second? Legislator Fabiano. All right. Discussion? Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah, I mean, we haven't even had a chance to talk about this. And it's obviously a starting point. So I was going to ask that this be postponed after I make a quick comment or two, I realized that the budget is a, you know, a living organism. And just because it says, you know, we're up on sales tax doesn't mean we actually have access to exactly 34 million. I would like to, you know, take a look at, you know, if we're off by 8, 10, 12, or something, I would like to look at what drove that? What were we what were we down on? What were we up on in the budget? And I think that'd be a healthy conversation to have, as far as you know, was it overtime in the jail where you know, where is that money going throughout the year. But if we did, I would just like to

remind everybody of a couple things. If we did have a time machine and went back and hit the sales tax number perfectly, we would have taxed our property tax owners, our homeowners, 34 million less. It really is their money. But I understand it's there is no such thing. And we now have we're now sitting on a decent lump sum of money, whether it's 34 million or not. I think you're going to talk in a minute maybe the next resolution about a gas tax. I'll remind everyone heating bills and fuel oil all those things are going up too and this could be an opportunity to send some money back. You know, the same idea. I spoke to, to Chris about it, the same idea that the the approach we're having trying to alleviate some of the pain of this inflation and these fuel costs by, you know, teaming up with the, you know, it looks like the sponsors of this next resolution you're gonna be talking about or might be teaming up with the state to take a quarter off the overall gallon of gas. That's a conversation that you all are going to have. And I know there's different points of view on that. But it's the same theory that we could be sending a legitimate amount of money back at a tough time, money that is theirs, to, to counteract that. Doesn't have to be the whole thing. So that's what I, I look forward to talking to everybody about. I had talked to Ken, he thought 20, or 30% was an appropriate number to talk about. So I look forward to talking in caucus with everybody about that. And so I will ask for a postponement or no action right now, to go over all those things in caucus and see if there is 12 or more legislators that that really want to have a serious conversation about sending some of that money back for a lot of different reasons back to the homeowners.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion?

I actually agree with the postponement not for the reasons that the Legislator Maloney said, but I actually would like to postpone myself otherwise, I will be a no tonight on this. So I'll make a motion to postpone it to next week. Second, Chair Bartels. Thank you. Any discussion on the postponement? All those in favor? Opposed? You're opposed, Legislator Fabiano?

Legislator Fabiano: Yes.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. If you oppose then we go back to the original motion, which I'm going to vote against and it's going to go vote down completely.

Legislator Fabiano: All right, I support, I support the postponement.

Financial Analyst Kelder: Three is enough.

Chairman Gavaris: I'm sorry?

Financial Analyst Kelder: Three is enough.

Chairman Gavaris: I thought we had to have four with Chair Bartels present?

Financial Analyst Kelder: Only if every committee member is present, which is not the case tonight.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh, we lost Ken. All right, I didn't

Legislator Cahill: So I'm, I'm gonna I'm gonna yes on postponement. I don't know if you got that.

Chairman Gavaris: Yes. Yes, I got you. I just didn't Legislator, all right, so all those in favors vote to postpone was everybody's in favor now. Thank you. Opposed. All right. So we'll postpone to next week. Thank you.

169: Electing a cent per cent per gallon rate of sales and compensating tax on motor fuel and diesel motor fuel. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels, motion. Second, Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So yeah, I do not know what that was. I like to. I'd like to ask for a week's postponement on this, too. I'm, I'm interested in talking about this in, in caucus and hearing, hearing what colleagues have to say. That's not to say that if, if there are members that want to talk about it here, I'm certainly open to hearing people's thoughts on it. You know, I've had one on one conversations, I have serious concerns about this. But again, you know, I'd like the week to, to be able to talk to the caucus and talk to other members about it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second for postponement?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Unless someone else wants to speak on it before I make the motion. Okay, so then I'll make a motion to postpone for a week.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

I'll second it. Discussion on it? All those in favor of postponing to next week?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Can I just,

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, go ahead.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'm just gonna, since I know that there are members here who want this to pass. If we vote on this today, similar to the last if we vote on this today, I'm definitely a no. So I don't know where that will. I don't know where that will shake out in terms of it passing or failing on its merits today.

Chairman Gavaris: I'll be a no as well tonight, so it would fail.

Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so I mean, are we, are we saying that if, if we don't postpone it, it's a done deal here. And you won't support it, then? Or are you saying that you won't support it? You know, if we postpone it anyway. I mean, you've already voiced your opinion that you're against it. And so I'm wondering if a postponement will make much of a difference in this time in a week. Just a question.

Chairman Gavaris: Who, who has voiced their opinion that they're against it?

Legislator Cahill: Chair Bartels did.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. I just want to clarify who you're referring to. Sorry. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah, I mean, I, I have had a conversation with Legislator Cahill about it and I have had individual conversations, but I have not had a conversation with the caucus as a whole. Nor have I had, you know, conversations with any of the minority caucus on this. Although I know as sponsors that you're supportive, I would like the opportunity to talk to the caucus about it. Certainly, if we have to vote on it today. I'm, I'm a no, it's very possible that I'll be a no next week. But if we vote on it today, it fails on, it fails on my vote. So I'm not sure that that's what you want to happen. You know, this is a serious consideration. It's foregoing millions of dollars in revenue, which may or may not have the implications that we intend, and I think it's worthy of a further conversation. But we're talking about a week if you don't want to afford the week, I'm, I'm ready to vote on it today. That's fine. I still want to talk about it in caucus.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano and then Maloney.

Legislator Fabiano: Um, yeah, I'm a little concerned about the threats. So that right there in itself, I don't like to be threatened. So I am definitely going to be a no on a postponement.

Chairman Gavaris: I'll let Chair Bartels go first and then [inaudible].

Legislative Chair Bartels: Legislator Fabiano, I'm certainly not threatening. Legislator Cahill asked me what, why postpone if I'm going to be a no, in a week, and I'm asking for the week to, because I haven't had a chance to talk to anyone in the caucus about this. We have not had a bigger discussion about that. That's not a threat. He asked me where I stand at the moment. I'm a no on this. So it's likely I'll be a no next week. That's all I'm saying. It, to be fully, fully open and honest. It's likely I'll be a no next week. That's not a threat. It's just me saying where I stand, but I do want to hear with it where the caucus stands. And I would like to talk to the minority members about this as well. It's not a threat. It's just it's just an answer to the question of where I'm at with this.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, Legislator Maloney and then Deputy Executive Kelly and then Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Maloney: I didn't necessarily take that as a threat either. But sometimes it is frustrating to hear that, but I didn't take it as a threat. But um, I look, I think we should caucus more. I've said that before, especially and, and one thing even if we're not, it, it, it feels, I think it feels to me like we need to caucus more, because we haven't been in person. And I think something like this does need to be discussed. I'd hate to see you kill it in committee, even though with the low threshold for a petition to discharge. I don't think this is done. And I think it'll be on the floor regardless. But with a with, with, when we could still do this next week. Let's, let's talk about this in caucus. And I'm somebody that doesn't feel strongly either way yet. I've heard both arguments and appreciate both sides. But I'd hate to see this go down the road of having to be a petition to discharge I'd like to see some healthy debate and conversation and give people a chance to win it to get to that 12 votes. But I'd, I'd, I'd like to see it postponed. And, and let's give us a chance to debate and discuss properly.

Chairman Gavaris: Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you Chair, I'll just say that the county executive is fully in support of this. We do think it's important that where we have legal authority and strong finances to support giving relief to people that

desperately need it, I think inflation, another 8.5% number, March over March, year to year just came out this morning. So it's not abating. So the economic and, and kind of monetary policy measures are not having the instant impact, the state just spoke emphatically and they're reducing 16 cents of their share per gallon. I think if we step in and are able to do our part, while it may seem small, it ends up being on about \$4, we're talking 20, 20, 21 cents per gallon savings. It's also us looking at our current financial situation and saying we are benefiting and enhanced sales tax revenue due to inflation and increasing prices at the pump. I think it's important to tell our citizens that we're not going to take that enhanced revenue for a fixed period of time. And this is something I've talked about with the sponsor is, where we feel strongly, and hopefully through, through this dialogue, we will get this down to a two quarter period where we'd be able to revisit and see where we are at the end of this year. I think with our sales tax numbers even this year, current to date, we are experiencing approximately 27% over last year at this point. So last year was our last largest kind of year in terms of collecting sales tax. We are still above that number even last year. We have the legal mechanism. I think that it's important that we do this and I also think showing unity with a lot of the different state leaders who have already executed on this will have a larger impact for the residents. So I do look forward to continuing this discussion. I know the county executive does as well. So if, if the sponsors are all right with it, and everybody's okay. We're happy to continue the discussion. I don't think it has to end today. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right, Legislator Nolan, then Ronk then Maloney. I think I'm sorry, then Cahill.

Legislator Nolan: Yes, thank you, Chair Gavaris. I would ask for support for the postponement. I think there are complicated issues here. I, I do support this resolution, because of many of the reasons that Deputy Director Kelly just mentioned, and I think that a little time to share, understanding about the benefits and the liabilities of proceeding in this way, could be very helpful. And a week's postponement just gives time for that conversation. So I would ask for support for the postponement and some healthy dialogue among all the members who feel strongly or have positions on this.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Actually, I forgot, Legislator Cahill had his hand up before. So I'll go to Legislator Cahill, then Ronk, then Maloney.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. You know what I'll support postponement because I think that there'll be enough support and legislators support this, because the people that I speak with, they're, they're worried about today, and tomorrow, and the week after that, they're not so much worried about long term things at this point. I mean, they go to the grocery store, their groceries are 15, or 20% more than they were a year ago, they pull up to the gas pump, and it's 45 or 50% more than it was a year ago. And, you know, I, I am, you know, I'll just say very plainly, you know, it's, it's one topic that I hear about quite regularly, you know, and we have an opportunity here with what Deputy Executive Kelly referred to, we we're, we're flush with cash, right, we had a \$34 million surplus. And we're going to get more this year, and talking about relieving three or \$4 million, or even if it's \$5 million, whatever it is, from the tax for the taxpayers and not having to pay that out of their pocket when they really need it most. Right now. I just think it's a no brainer. I mean, I'll vote, I'll vote for a vote for postponement. But I, I honest to goodness think that there's enough legislators that are hearing what I'm hearing from my constituents that it's getting to a point where it's unbearable, and we need, they need a break. And if this, if there are negative ramifications to this, well, you know what, we have to weigh the good with the bad. And at this point, I'm very

confident that the, the benefit of relieving taxpayers of a few bucks a week putting their gas in will benefit them more than any of the impacts. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk and then Maloney.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks, I mean, you know, I, I agree with everything that Legislator Cahill just said, everything that Deputy Executive Kelly said, much of what Legislator Nolan said [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: We lost Legislator Ronk again. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: Yeah, I mean, there's other things to talk about, obviously, we I think we need to talk about and maybe that's in there, and I don't know, but the thruway stops, I think we have three of them, which is a lot. But, and, and that's got to be talked about. And and just I think we need to have an honest conversation about how we look at this, this isn't just, every, every, every penny we take off of this is not necessarily getting to the gas pump. And there are plenty of people that are filling up in Ulster County, it's not all Ulster County residents. But you know, you're talking about a crafty group of businessmen and women that, that aren't necessarily and there's a lot of literature out there, and a lot of reports out there about, you know, half of this money being put in the pockets of the gas station owner, something that we have to at least be aware of. So let's not all be just celebrating the fact that we're going to lower everybody's gallon of gas by 25 cents, because in all honesty, we probably won't. I've discussed this with, with Chris, about ways of maybe, you know, figuring out a way I mean, if we could, you know, I hate putting businesses and featuring businesses but looking into maybe putting out there using the county social media if this passes is to put out the best gas prices in the county to kind of hold them accountable to make sure they do that. But that's got to be part of the conversation and let's not kid ourselves, you know that, that it's not all this money that we're giving off is not necessarily going in the, in the pockets of the, the Ulster County taxpayer like it would if we just sent the, the homeowners a check. I think that'd be a much cleaner way to ensure that at least a lot of county residents are getting help but and I think that needs to be part of the conversation but it's not as cut and dry as just high five and that we're getting a quarter off a gallon of gas. And let's make sure if we do do this, that we definitely talk about the Thruway stops as well. But it's not, it's not as straightforward as, as we want to say.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk you want to try again, or you're, looks like he's frozen anyway. Chair Bartels and then

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Yeah, um, I, I, you know, I share some of the concerns that Legislator Maloney just brought up. Those are some of the things that I want to talk about. I'm also concerned that this was reported

Legislator Ronk: Can you hear me Legislator Gavaris

Chairman Gavaris: No, you're very broken.

Legislative Chair Bartels: This, this was reported that this was a holiday on the tax. And what I think before us is a permanent change, at least at this moment, it's a, there is no, there is no end date on this resolution, it's a

permanent change. So that's, that's a concern of mine, as well. And also, you know, the really understanding the, the financial impacts or lack thereof. So those are all things that I want to have, I want to talk further about.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair. So I just want to, I think we have to start thinking about this differently in terms of what's passed down. So the fact that we don't set item pricing at a state or local level on any goods, especially with these goods, means that we can never determine what that is going to be at any given moment. So we don't control the economy in that way. But what we can say is to that consumer, between our effort and what the state has already passed and put forward is we are not going to collect that 21, 22 cents per gallon from that person in addition to what they're already paying. So what we're saying is we're not going to add to that pain that they're feeling we're not going to add to the increased costs that they're experiencing at the pump.

Now to Legislator Maloney's point, you know, it is an uncomfortable position to since there's not a lot of legal mechanisms that have surfaced just yet, I'm looking at some state budget language and talking to both legislative council and our own, about strengthening that. We'll be talking to the Attorney General's office about potentials for enforcement or Department of Taxation and Finance. But when you're talking about the market, and the market sets the prices for these things, if somebody does on one side of the street, reduce it by the 21, 22 cents estimated at \$4 a gallon, and the station across the street does, does doesn't. That is where the market steps in and determines who's going to get that business. And that is what happens when you relieve the tax or not. We're saying with the state, with the locals, and even the federal representative, Congressman Delgado was saying we need to do something on the federal level. We can temporarily do this, I have expressed to the sponsors on this that the county executive feels very strongly that we do need to make this a temporary window to reflect the unique moment that we're in. There's a lot of different extraordinary monetary policy efforts being made in order to increase interest rates to begin to bring down pricing. Those take time to have an effect. This is one of those hopefully more instant pressure relief valves for the individual consumers. When it comes to the Thruway, when it comes to charging different taxes for different levels of petroleum. We don't have the authority or the structure in place to do that or to be exclusionary and setting up different taxation zones in different areas of the county. I think the fact that the state did this, I think that the fact that Dutchess County is currently going through this, it gives us some parity. So I don't feel like I don't know they're going to come to the Thruway in Ulster County, just to benefit from what we've done. They're going to be experiencing it statewide anyway to a large effect. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Discussion? So, talking again about postponement. I'm going to ask again, all those in favor of postponing to next week? [inaudible].

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed. All right, so Ken is not on now so this passes. So this is postponed till next week. All right, thank you.

173: Confirming appointment of Tara McDonald as the Commissioner of Health. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Can I have a second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Approving the execution of a contract for 121,600 for Creighton Manning Engineering. Can I have motion? Chair Bartels.

Legislator Fabiano: Move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? You're opposed Legislator Cahill. No? Okay, thank you.

177: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$234, causing the aggregate to be in excess of 50,000 for NYCOMCO. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

179: Establishing Capital Project 628, the Galeville Replacement Bridge. Can I have a motion, Chair Bartels. Second? Second? Fabiano. Thank you. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Legislator Cahill, are you opposed or you're?

Legislator Cahill: No, I'm um

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Thank you.

181: Approving the execution of a contract for \$99,720, for Creighton Manning for Public Works. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Second? Legislator Cahill. Second. Thank you. Discussion. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you.

182: Approving the execution of a contract for 150,000 for Town & Country Bridge and Rail. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: Move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

183: Approving the execution of a contract for 80,700 dollars, 80,700 for C&S Engineers. Could have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

185: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$286,314 for United Way of Ulster County. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

So carried. Thank you.

186: Approving the execution of a contract amendment 100,000 for United Way of Ulster County. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill. Second? Legislator, Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

187: Approving the execution of a con, approving and executing a 10-year collective bargaining agreement September 2019 through August 31 2029 for SUNY faculty. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Can I have a second? Second? Legislator Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay. Thank you.

Approving, Resolution 188: Authorizing the Chair to execute a payment in lieu of taxes for West Shore LLC. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Can I get a second?

Legislator Fabiano: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. Thank you. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.

190, Authorizing Chair to enter into an agreement with the Department of Justice for asset forfeiture. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill. Second? Fabiano. Discussion? Legislator, Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'm going to be a no on this. Um, you know, I have a, a I have a record of voting in opposition to our agreement as it relates to civil asset forfeiture. You know, the, the agreement with the, the federal government is in some ways, a workaround from stricter state regulations that exist. I'm on the record in terms of my opposition to civil asset forfeiture. So I'm going to be a, a protest no.

Chairman Gavaris: Sheriff Figueroa.

Sheriff Figueroa: Yes, good evening, Mr. Chair. Good evening, everyone. This resolution is strictly to authorize the chair in agreement the Department of Justice for reporting of asset forfeitures through the asset forfeiture, eshare access and this has to be in consultation with the County Attorney and the Chair of the Legislature. That's the purpose of the resolution.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah, I mean, I fully expect that it's going to pass and I certainly in my capacity as chair will, will go ahead and sign when it does. It's again, it's a it's a protest vote.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? One opposed, Chair Bartels. Thank you.

192: No sorry, 191: Approving the execution of a contract for 588,533.58 for Axon Enterprises. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you. Sheriff, is he still here?

Sheriff Figueroa: Yes sir, I am.

Chairman Gavaris: Did, did they give you a timeframe of when, how long it would take? Once approved?

Sheriff Figueroa: They did not. We're waiting for this to get approved and once [inaudible] approval, they'll give us a timeline.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. I'm just curious at how long it would take to actually [inaudible] you know, that our deputies have. Thank you.

Sheriff Figueroa: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: 192: Approving the execution of a contract for 985,163 for Black Creek. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you.

193: Amending the 2022 County budget to accept allocation of funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried?

Let's see. 194: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 601,140.04 for New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

197: Authorizing the Chair to sign agreements with various school districts for police, equipment and material, can I have a motion, I'm sorry, polling equipment and materials. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

201: Increasing the employee contribution towards cost of health insurance benefits for new hire management nonunion employees. Can I have a motion? Legislator, Chair Bartels. Legislator Cahill seconds. Discussion? Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: I mean, we haven't had a chance to talk about this either. I'll ask for a postponement. This is something that I started this conversation a couple of terms ago, we ended up settling on elected officials being at 20%, which I feel very good at. You know, I had a legislator at the time debating in caucus saying I will never vote to raise health care premiums on anyone in this county. And I said, well, have you voted no on all the union contracts over the last 10 years? And they said no, I said, well, then you voted yes, on raising the health care premiums on the rank and file of the county. You know, when, when there is a big savings, there, health care costs are rising. And that's never going to stop, it's a reality we have to deal with, we have to think about retirement and when they you know, when you retire the, the gift that keeps on giving. And I just think that we're going these days, higher and higher and higher. And I think it won't be long before we're asking some of our unions to then go to 25%. You know, my wife has worked in the County for over 10 years. So when she got hired that was at a 15%. So she's at 15% forevermore, we will as a family at open enrollment being going, you know, I'll be taking the insurance. So we'll be going to 20% so I can walk the walk. I truly believe the entire county should have a conversation. I know there's a lot of unions involved. And I don't know if you could ever retroactively go back and have them agree to do that. But the health care costs in this nation and where we're going. I think 10% is just too low. And it's not fair, especially considering that with regards to management, everyone working under you the rank and file who's making half of what you're making, is paying twice in health care premiums. And it just seems fair, equitable, good government and also, you know, good sense on behalf of the taxpayer to go to 20%. We're getting great health care, it's fair to be at 20%. If this was to pass everybody that was already hired at a certain salary, that that their rate went along with that they would stay no, it would be about new hires. We'd have to think about that. You know, we just put somebody's in charge of the budget making \$115,000 a year they're making, they're paying 10% towards their health care premiums, why the people under them are paying 20. I, I really feel like this is the right thing to do. It makes sense on a lot of different levels. And I look forward to talking to a new batch of legislators in, in caucus. So I would ask for a postponement so that we can do that and see if there's 12 people that agree this time around. We did do elected officials last time around and I think that makes a lot of sense. Juan's paying 20% towards his health care. Everybody in the, in the jail is paying 20% towards their health care with the new. I don't think, Juan, I don't think you mind paying the same as, as the, the men and women that are under you. You know.

Sheriff Figueroa: I agree. But I don't pay anything. I'm a retired state employee.

Legislator Maloney: Yes, you may not take the health care. But you know what I'm saying the point stands. Thank you, Juan. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Sheriff Figueroa: I do agree with you.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Sorry, I was having a, a moment unmuting. So I, I think it's a, it's a worthy conversation. It's a, it's a conversation, I do think that we should include as part of the salary conversation like the, the whole big picture. And, and also, in anticipation of that conversation, I would love to see, in one document, an analysis, a breakdown of what every class of employee is, is paying across the organization, because that would just help me. And I'm sure that's relatively easy. So I don't know who I'm asking for.

Legislator Maloney: Amber, we, we have that right. I've had that before. That's a pretty, that's, that [inaudible].

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah. If we could circulate me maybe that to everyone as well. But yeah, once Deputy Exec Kelly speaks, I'll be happy to make the motion postpone and look forward to having this conversation as part of the bigger conversation as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Exec Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair. So I, I just want to I think continuing the conversation is a good idea. I do want to just as part of that conversation, I want us to be conscious that I think that the other elected officials when trying to recruit and hire management positions would agree that it's becoming harder, it's not becoming easier. And we're in competition for if you're looking for bachelor's, master's degree level people to meet the qualifications of the positions we're hiring for. We're in direct competition with the private sector, I just got off a Workforce Development Board meeting with OET, BOCES, and a lot of the different private employers, they're struggling mightily too. So it's not that I mean, it's certainly always a worthy conversation to have. But I think we need to look at the whole package, and not just the one piece to achieve parity between management and CSEA. There are certain requirements and there are certain parts of work where management is required to do things with no overtime, they are capped on their comp time at 35 hours, they so we do have union employees that have leapfrogged their management and this has happened in the Comptroller's Office, this has happened in other places throughout the county. So I just want to be mindful that we don't just look at this narrowly at the one part of compensation package given to employees and hopefully look at the whole picture as we're comparing salaries and as close as we can with other counties in the region and other similar sized budgets, apples to apples as close as we can get and make sure that we right size, the approach. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: I'm all for that and, and I think that if once we see the salary study, we'll find that there are people that are underpaid and overpaid. And I still, I still think that equity when it when it comes to health care premiums, you know, you can still deal with that which would salary if that's the case, but I don't think a lot of people are asking about the you know, are going to be hung up on the difference between 10 and 20%. And I'll just remind you that it is hard to hire, we've had a hard time not losing DPW workers, we got a hard time hiring people to go into that jail. And last I checked, I don't think we've ever taken an accountant recently out on a stretcher, or, or anything else, like we have over at that jail, and I think they're largely underpaid. Talent is talent. And I heard Marc Rider say that a couple years ago, and it was quite offensive to it's going to be hard to find talent. You know, union workers are talented too. And so I, I think it's a good conversation to have and I think we should keep it all in mind. And when you're hiring people and figuring out salaries. Keep that in mind. If we do go to 20% that it's at 20% and we can make that up with salary if we really need to do it. Though, I do think there's a lot of salaries, there's some professionals in the county that wouldn't make it in the private wouldn't make the

money they're making that they're making in the county in the private sector in Ulster County. So and I think we got to keep that in mind. But we have this salary study, hopefully coming down the line eventually, and it will take all these things into account.

Chairman Gavaris: All right Chair Bartels, you want to make that motion then.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I will, I'll move to postpone a week.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

203: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 23,480 for Environmental Systems Research Institute. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill. Second? Legislator Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

204: Approving the execution of a contract for 1,374,887.66, I'm sorry, 64 for LA Dell Marketing. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Legislator Cahill, second. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Thank you.

205: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 14,362, causing the aggregate to be over 50,000 for Tracker Software Corporation. Can I have motion? Legislator Cahill. Second? Legislator Fabiano, second. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

206: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 55,200 for Capital Market Advisors. This is the final year of the agreement, that we can renew one more year. So ask for a motion to extend for the year. Chair Bartels. Second? Second by Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried, thank you.

207: Authorizing the conveyance of county owned property to the original owners. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried, thank you.

208: Approving a memorandum of agreement between the County and Deputy Sheriff's PBA. Can I have a motion? Legislator Fabiano. Second by Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

210: Amending the 2022 county budget to include additional funding from New York State Office of Aging. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Discussion? Discussion, all right. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

211: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 30,000 causing aggregate to be 50,000, for Family Home Health Care, Inc. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Legislator Fabiano: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes.

Legislator Fabiano: Did you skip over 209?

Chairman Gavaris: No, 209's not on my agenda.

Legislator Fabiano: Okay. Thank you. I apologize.

Chairman Gavaris: Am I missing, agenda? No. Okay. Thank you.

212: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 150,000 for Gateway Community Industries. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill. Second, Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Just clarifying, Cahill and Fabiano, you are a yes?

Legislator Fabiano: I'm a yes. Yes.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Thank you.

213: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 68,551.58, for Samadhi Center. Chair, Chair Bartels. Second, Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yes, thank you. I just want to take a moment and commend Deputy Executive Contreras, for bearing with me through my pestering her for more information on this project. I've raised questions about it being moved to where it was moved, initially. And every question that I asked Deputy Contreras facilitated that answer and got it back to me in a very rapid response time to my satisfaction and gave me the opportunity to discuss with my constituents who have called me about this project. What, what, Samadhi, going to do there, Samadhi, I'm sorry, is going to do there for the questions that they raised. And again, I just want to take a moment thank Deputy Executive Contreras for helping me and working with me on that. Thank you.

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

214: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for, for rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 for Westchester County Health Corporation. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

215: Approving the execution of a contract for 150,000 for Supports for Living. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Legislator Cahill, second. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Legislator Fabiano, you're in favor?

Legislator Fabiano: In favor, sir. Yes.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Okay.

216: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 42,192 for Astor Services. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried, thank you.

217: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 42,192, causing the aggregate to be over 50,000 for Family of Woodstock. Can I have a motion? Legislator Fabiano. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried, thank you.

218: Amending the '22 cap, County budget to accept allocation for workforce grant funds from Office of Mental Health, can I have a motion. Legislator, Legislator Fabiano. Second, Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you.

219: Amending the 2022 capital, county budget to accept allocation for Children and Family Services. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? So carried.

220: Authorizing the Chair to execute an inter-municipal agreement with the school, New Paltz school district for pre-K Special Education transportation services. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

221 through 224. Can I have a motion to block those? They're all foster care contracts.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it to block them.

Chairman Gavaris: Block. Okay. Second, Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah. Aren't there a group more? Aren't there a bunch more?

Chairman Gavaris: 221 through 244?

Legislator Cahill: Oh, 44. I'm sorry, I thought you said 24. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Nope, 244

Legislator Cahill: Okay. Thank you. Yes.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Thank you.

Chair Bartels are you the same thing. Okay, thank you. All right. All those in favor of block? Aye. Opposed? Thank you. All right. On the block. All those in favor? Opposed? All right, thank you. We're getting there.

245: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 273,508 for Family of Woodstock. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second? Legislator Fabiano. All those, discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Thank you. All righty.

We have some upcoming, forthcoming resolutions we're gonna have 161, 167, 189, and, 209. Is there any new business?

Controller Gallagher.

Comptroller Gallagher: Thank you very much Chair Gavaris. I wanted to share with the Ways and Means Committee members and others here today the findings from our audit of Ulster County's compliance with its investment policy. And I'll just give a brief overview, but we found that Ulster County could definitely better analyze alternative investment opportunities, maximizing revenues and diversifying our investments. If we had done so, we're over the last three years it would have resulted in at least \$650,000 in additional revenues to the county. The audit assumed that we keep a base level of \$88.4 million in checking so it's not like we're dipping into money that we're going to need for cash flow. We, in the county, lack written procedures for how we go about making our investments. Our annual investment reports and listed depository institutions that should have been generated and approved by the executive was not approved by the executive. But in addition to that, there is some responsibility on the legislature which should be analyzed should be reviewing the investment policy annually under General Municipal Law. So we look forward to bringing, potentially, a revised policy forward for you to look at. Appropriate investment policy and procedures would include consideration of things like our future cash flows, identifications of funds available for investment and review of alternative investment strategies. With investable funds of this size, we should be rebalancing the portfolio regularly, at least quarterly, if not monthly. Finance, the Department of Finance and the Commissioner did move \$70 million after the audit to a deposit plus account that has higher earnings, let me just stop and say our, our checking account does have interest. So it's not like we were not earning anything. And that new deposit account has earnings of 25 basis points. And it has since April 4th, when it was opened, earned \$3,800.31, 30, \$3,831.17. However, there are a number of other investment opportunities that could yield even more returns. And these actions, the moving of the money indicate that we could have been investing more strategically. So we really urge you to require more

frequent and active review of the county's available funds for investment. For example, what we looked at during our audit was New York class, we chose that investment vehicle because it had returns back to 2019 that we could look at that is currently earning 25.36 basis points a little bit higher than what we're in. But New York class prime, which is a new vehicle that allows a broader range of investments, which New York State law opened up to counties recently, by expanding our investment opportunities is 49 basis points, and Metropolitan Commercial, which is another vendor is 45 basis points. The point is this, that while we're sitting with these large sums of money, we should be investing them more strategically, it doesn't mean you won't be able to move them, it doesn't mean you won't have liquid access to those funds, if needed. And let me just also say that, to the extent that the investment policy, the way it is drafted is hampering us in earning more money for the taxpayer. Let us change the policy. We don't have to live with a bad policy, we should fix it, we should make it work for us, make it do something we want. We are not talking about eliminating the requirement that we have, a main depository institution within the borders of Ulster County. So I, I look forward to you know, any questions you guys might have right now or in follow up with me, please feel free to reach out. But we're hoping to come forward with a policy revision that will you know, meet everybody's needs. Thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I just want to thank the Comptroller and her office for their report and look forward to the recommendations and working through this committee with the Commissioner of Finance, potentially to, to make some updates to that investment policy. I'm not sure the last time that that was done in the legislature, but I take the, the criticism of the legislature seriously and I think it's, it's warranted. I think we do have to take a good look at this policy and, and be ready to, to make revisions where, where needed.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Sheriff Figueroa did you have your

Sheriff Figueroa: Yes, good evening again, everyone. In regard to forthcoming resolutions I've been in contact with the Legislator Maloney and Legislator Petit in regards to resolution number 189. And I understand the intent. I don't think anyone wants to make money on folks that are indigent from other counties. But there has to be a flexibility that we're going to discuss regarding public safety and emergencies that may be needed in times of emergency or the Sheriff's Office. Just so everybody knows we only have five board-ins from Greene County right now. And those are because the, the Greene County Jail has not been authorized to have female prisoners in their facility at this point. But since I've been in office, it's not my intent to bring in board ins, although I did bring him on board is when the future was bleak. When the pandemic started, we didn't know where the coffers were going to be in regards to the county budget. But I am looking forward to working with the legislature to come up with a resolution that will satisfy all of our needs. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right. Anybody else? All right, if not ask for a motion to adjourn. Before we do though, just next week, we're going to have the meeting start at five. We didn't postpone as many as I thought tonight. So I was tossing the idea whether 4:30 or 5:00. So we're gonna go with 5:00 next week. So can I get a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Fabiano: Move it.

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

Legislator Fabiano: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you all.