

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: April 13, 2021 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 963 7265 6182
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Gavaris, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes,
Mary Beth Maio, John Parete, and Eve Walter
ABSENT: Legislator Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Cahill, Heppner, and Uchitelle; Legislative
Counsel Chris Ragucci; Minority Counsel, Nick Pascale;
Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County
Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim; Comptroller
March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Alicia DeMarco;
Mario Tagliaferro, Deputy Sheriff-Detective; Tom Kadgen,
League of Women Voters

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM**

Motion No. 1: To approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Special Meeting, and the March 9, 2021 and March 16, 2021 Regular Meetings

Motion Made By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 97 – Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster

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

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

Discussion: Legislator Parete confirmed that he consents to the motion to postpone.

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

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 157 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Activities Associated With Sheltering The Homeless During Inclement Winter Weather (Code Blue Plan) – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget to increase State Aid and Professional Services by \$352,594.00 upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (“OTDA”) of its approval of the County’s plan to support activities associated with sheltering the homeless during inclement winter weather (“Code Blue Plan”).

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 158 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget for additional funds necessary to properly transfer State, Federal, and other grant obligations for fiscal year 2020 and 2021 and to allow processing and payment of 2020 and 2021 contractual obligations, thus increasing appropriations in the amount of \$219,829.00, Other Revenue in the amount of \$18,058.00, State Aid in the amount of \$39,566.00, and Federal Aid in the amount of \$162,205.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 159 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The Redlich Horwitz Foundation To Support Technology Tools for Child Welfare Virtual Casework – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget to increase Professional Services and Departmental Income Other upon receipt of notification from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation of the award of \$7,600.00 to support the purchase of electronic signature software which will assist in creating efficiencies to maximize workers' time supporting the children and families on their caseload.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 160 – Amending The 2021 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 Supervision And Treatment Services For Juveniles Program (STSJP) Annual Plan – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget to increase Professional Services and State Aid in the amount of \$132,394.00 upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) of approval of the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juvenile Program (STSJP) plan as submitted by the County’s Department of Social Services, Coordinated Children’s Services division.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 162 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For The Veteran Peer To Peer Support Pilot Program – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of funding for the Veteran Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program as per OMH State Aid letters dated March 3, 2021 in the amount of \$185,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Parete

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked who will be administering and overseeing the program. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered the Office of Mental Health because the funding goes through NYS’s Office of Mental Health and that the contract pertaining to the allocation will come before the Legislature in the following month, which will contain further detail on the program.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None

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

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 163 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of increased funding for Supported Housing as per OMH State Aid letters dated December 30, 2020 and March 11, 2021 in the amount of \$86,860.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Parete

Discussion: None

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

Comptroller March Gallagher thanked the Committee for their time, providing a brief update on the publication of the Comptroller’s Annual Report and the upcoming quarterly report which be available once the December 31, 2020 year-end financial statements are completed, and explained changes to the Office’s risk assessment procedures. Further, Comptroller Gallagher noted an anticipated \$18.2 million surplus for December 31, 2020, asking that the Legislature be strategic in thinking about what’s best for the taxpayers and recommending the body refund the tax stabilization fund.

Legislator Bartels asked if any revenues from the County’s agreement with Airbnb have come in. Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick explained that Airbnb offers two payment options, one is an annual payment in April, the other is a monthly payment, and that Airbnb has agreed to switch Ulster County to a monthly payment. Commissioner Gulnick confirmed that no checks have been received at this point and that the first one is anticipated for April, confirming the agreement’s effective date of January 1, 2021. Legislator Bartels expressed interest in a comparison of revenues received during and before this agreement.

Legislator Haynes asked if there is any anticipated issue against refunding the tax stabilization reserve with the surplus funds. Further discussion pursued on American Recovery Act funds and the recording of FEMA reimbursements in relation to their associated expenditures.

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 161 – Amending The 2021 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 2021 Operating Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) of approval of the Raise the Age Implementation Planning Instrument as submitted by the County’s Department of Social Services, Coordinated Children’s Services division, for additional revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$520,895.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 164 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Assertive Community Treatment – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of increased funding for Assertive Community Treatment as per OMH State Aid letter dated December 30, 2020 in the amount of \$4,454.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 166 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$125,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care And Diagnostic Center – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Anderson Medical, P.C. D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care and Diagnostic Center from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for client drug and alcohol screening in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 167 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 for substance abuse assessment, testing, and treatment monitoring for individuals applying for or receiving public assistance in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 168 – Approving And Executing A Two-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Community College Organization Of Professional And Administrative Personnel (OPAP) – Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves a two-year collective bargaining agreement between the County of Ulster and the Ulster County Community College Organization of Professional and Administrative Personnel (OPAP) beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2022, and authorizes the County Executive to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with OPAP.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 169 – Adopting Updated Reacquisition Policy Of September 11, 2003 -Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution revises the County’s Reacquisition Policy to include language concerning buyers’ premiums in the event of an online auction.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: Legislator Archer asked if this Policy is being updated for the movement to a virtual auction. Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick explained that this does address the use of online auctions as well as the option for the former owner to participate and pay back the fee for the transaction. Legislator Bartels confirmed that not many neighboring Counties have a Reacquisition Policy. Further discussion pursued on the process, notification to property owners, and upcoming auction dates. Legislator Uchitelle expressed interest in continuing conversations regarding this policy.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes Abstained: Legislator Gavaris
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
No. of Votes Abstained: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 165 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of increased funding for Gateway Community Industries, Inc. for Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) as per OMH State Aid letter dated December 30, 2020 in the amount of \$892.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 170 – Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment as set forth with respect to the parcels included therein, and authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to the owner making payment a quitclaim deed.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
Voting Abstained: Legislator Gavaris

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

Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 175 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$5,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 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 from June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for payroll services for the year-round youth employment program for an additional \$5,000.00, making the contract total \$75,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 18: To discuss Resolution No. 176 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$46,720.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 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 to extend the term of agreement from October 31, 2020 through October 31, 2021 and increase the not-to-exceed amount for payroll services for the summer youth employment program for an additional \$46,750.00, making the contract total \$288,210.00.

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

Discussion: Legislator Archer inquired of the program’s incentives. Legislator Bartels asked if Resolution No. 97 – Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage would apply to this contract if approved. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider agreed to follow up with the Committee on these questions.

Motion No. 19: To postpone Resolution No. 176 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$46,720.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 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 to extend the term of agreement from October 31, 2020 through October 31, 2021 and increase the not-to-exceed amount for payroll services for the summer youth employment program for an additional \$46,750.00, making the contract total \$288,210.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 177 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of The Summer Youth Employment Program And The Young Adult Employment Program

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into intermunicipal agreements with various municipalities for the worksite agreement for the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training’s Year-Round Young Adult Employment Program, as well as the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 179 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,141.00 Entered Into By The County – CB20 Inc. F/K/A Computer Professionals International Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with CB20 Inc. F/K/A Computer Professionals International Inc. to extend the term of agreement from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and increase funding for information systems technical and system engineering services for an additional \$60,141.00, making the contract total \$120,141.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked for a copy of the full contract. Legislative staff agreed to provide the document.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 180 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$850,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Accucare Nursing & Homecare, Inc. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Accucare Nursing & Homecare, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount for on-site nursing services related to COVID-19 for an additional \$850,000.00, making the contract total \$1,800,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 181 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services, Office Of Interoperable And Emergency Communications, For The 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for participation in the 2018 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG), for the period beginning March 1, 2021 and ending February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$6,000,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 182 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Counties Of Orange, Rockland And Sullivan For The Purpose Of Creating A Regional Partnership For Fire/Emergency Services – Fire Coordinator

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Counties of Rockland, Orange, and Sullivan to form a regional partnership for Fire/Emergency Services.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 183 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services – Sexual Assault Crisis And Prevention Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments thereto, pertaining to the contract (DCJ01-C01036GG-1090000) with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Sexual Assault Crisis and Prevention Programs; efforts for the contract period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 26: To discuss Resolution No. 184 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$165,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for alternative to juvenile justice program and restorative justice program in the amount of \$165,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislator Bartels noted the requirement of monthly and quarterly data elements to be reported within Resolutions No. 184 and 185, asking if an annual report could be included. Legislator Walter noted the standard reporting language approved for inclusion on Legislative contracts. Discussion pursued on standard reporting language, reports provided by Family of Woodstock, the provision for hiring minorities and women, and the opportunity to add an additional standardized article to the County's contract template.

Motion No. 27: To discuss Resolution No. 184 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$165,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for alternative to juvenile justice program and restorative justice program in the amount of \$165,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 28: To postpone Resolution No. 185 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$55,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for EVOLVE alternatives to family violence program in the amount of \$55,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 29: To approve Resolution No. 186 – Establishing Capital Project No. 570 - Purchase Of Highway Equipment — Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 570 – Purchase of Highway Equipment in the amount of \$2,585,000.00 for the purchase of equipment for the County Highways and Bridges Division.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 30: To approve Resolution No. 188 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign An Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz 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 Legislature to sign an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Village of New Paltz in Ulster County for the use of polling equipment and material for the May 4, 2021 Ulster County Village elections for \$228.00 revenue dollars.

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

Discussion: Legislator Parete asked if a Resolution is required for each individual municipality. Discussion pursued on the status of various local elections.

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

Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 189 – 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 Legislature to sign agreements, and any amendments thereto, with School Districts in Ulster County for the use of polling equipment and material for the May 18, 2021 Ulster County School District elections for \$11,330.00 revenue dollars.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

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

Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 191 – Approving A Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S4343 And Assembly Bill No. A6725, Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Elect To Reopen The Provisions Of Section 552 Of The Retirement And Social Security Law

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Clerk of the Legislature to execute and submit a Home Rule Request, pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, requesting the enactment of Senate Bill No. S4343 and Assembly Bill No. A6725 entitled “An act to authorize the county of Ulster to offer an optional twenty year retirement plan to certain deputy sheriffs employed by such county.”

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: Legislator Bartels summarized why the Resolution is necessary, asking if the language is comparable to the related and previously passed Resolution. Legislator Haynes confirmed that there have been no changes to the Resolution’s language.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

External Analysis of the 2022 County Executive Recommended Budget

Motion No. 33: To sponsor a Resolution for a Contract Amendment with Capital Markets Advisors to execute the first one (1) year option-to-renew.

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

Discussion: Legislator Bartels vocalized support for the creation of a resolution to execute the first option-to-renew. Legislator Archer affirmed support for continuing the contract.

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

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: May 11, 2021

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Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County Executives Marc
Rider, and John Milgrim; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy
Comptroller, Alicia DeMarco; Mario Tagliafierro, Deputy Sheriff-
Detective; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters

Chairman Gavaris: Then a couple people aren't here yet, but we can go back to them. March was going to give us a, have a discussion, so come back to her when she joins.

Can I get an approval of the minutes from the March 4th meeting, and the March 9th, and March 16th?

Legislator Parete: I'll move it.

Legislator Archer: So moved. Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Parete. Second, Archer. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay.

Resolution 97, I understand, Legislator Parete, you're going to, you're okay with postponing this to next week?

Legislator Parete: Yes, I am. I understand that things are moving along very nicely in terms of the numbers, but we want to get it as accurately as we possibly can.

Chairman Gavaris: Will you make a motion then, to postpone it to the next meeting?

Legislator Parete: I will do that. Yes, whatever is required.

Chairman Gavaris: Can I get a second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second, Bartels.

Chairman Gavaris: Bartels. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay.

Resolutions. Resolution 157: Amending the 2021 Ulster County budget to accept allocation of funds.

Legislator Parete: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: From the New York State temporary disability, okay. Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second, Bartels.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

158: Amending the 2021 budget for Department of Social Services. Motion?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it, Bartels.

Chairman Gavaris: Archer. Second, Bartels. Discussion? No. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

159: Amending the 2021 budget to accept allocation from the Redlich Horwitz foundation to support technology tools for child welfare casework. Motion? Archer, and second?

Legislator Parete: Yeah.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

160: Amending the 2021 budget for allocation of funds from New York State children and family to expand services under the supervision and treatment services for juvenile programs annual plan. Motion?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Archer. Second, Bartels. Discussion? Archers is that, you want to discuss? No, okay. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Carried.

162: Amending the 2021 budget to accept funding from New York state mental health for veteran peer to peer support pilot program. Motion?

Legislator Parete: I'll move it.

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

163: Amending the 2021 budget to accept increased funding from New York State Office of Mental Health for supported housing. Motion? Walter. Second?

Legislator Parete: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Parete. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Alright, let's pause here. Comptroller Gallagher is here to, to speak now.

Comptroller Gallagher: Thank you. My apologies for being late. I was having trouble getting in. I, I did want to take I really appreciate the opportunity to speak to you tonight. I wanted to mention just a couple things briefly. One is that we filed our annual report with the Legislature and Executive at the beginning of the year, at the beginning of the month. And our risk assessment over the coming year will probably change to be more of a continuous risk assessment process, which is what the current best practices standard is going forward. So I wanted to mention that. We have a series of recommendations from those risk assessments that will be shared with the Executive and then we'll put it out publicly after they have a chance to comment.

And then the second thing that I really wanted to mention today is just as we close out 2020, our office has a charter mandated responsibility to share a quarterly report with the Legislature and Executive and in this case, because there are still journal entries being made up to the filing of the AUD. It comes later than the other quarterly reports. We are really trying to narrow the time between the close of the quarter and when we bring information back to you guys. But unfortunately, with these, you know additional

changes that need to be entered. We're still not all the way there. However, I do have some numbers to share with you. We are looking at a pretty significant surplus for 2020 as of noon today, that was \$18.2 million in surplus for the 2020 budget, there are a couple of revenue items that I want to mention, which is that bed tax was 23% under budget, we're pretty certain that number is not going to change, sales tax was only 1% under budget. So you have a combination of reduced expenditures, which really has to do with the hard work of the Legislature and Executive and sort of reining in expenditures in 2020, as well as less impact on revenues from COVID than we anticipated. So I wanted to share those with you. So you have them as you move forward in your decisions, you know, over the next four to six weeks, while we're waiting for the AUD to come out and before your next Ways and Means Committee meeting. So, you know, there will be some additional changes. But I think it's a really important thing to note, we did not spend fund balance, we're ending 2020 with a surplus. And I think that it really means this, this information, with the Recovery Act funding that's coming, as well as a potential infrastructure national bill means that the Legislature is going to have to be really strategic, as I know, you will be in thinking about what's best for the taxpayer. Things like perhaps refunding the tax, Tax Stabilization fund that was used at the end of the year when we have so much uncertainty. So I wanted to share those things with you now, I'd be happy to answer a question if that is appropriate at this time. But given that we're not going to be able to pull our final numbers for our quarterly report, until quite some months after the end of 2020. I wanted to give you a verbal update now. Thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. And thank you for the update. I appreciate it. I'm curious about the bed tax have we started to receive revenue from the agreement with Airbnb?

Comptroller Gallagher: When I looked last week, we hadn't received anything I didn't look today. And we did talk to the Commissioner of Finance and he said he was waiting for his, the first check. So it may have come in in the last day or two. But as of last week, we have not received it yet.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, I see that Burt.

Chairman Gavaris: Burt. Burt.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, I, I can speak on that. It was reaching out actually through the County Attorney's office with Airbnb there, because they have so many municipalities that they have agreements with their system can only, is only set to do two options. One is the kind of April, which isn't our scheduled bed tax receipts, ours is normally due in March, or on a monthly basis, they're going to switch that to a monthly basis for us. So that way, I can kind of report those things back to Ways and Means on a, a better update. I have yet to receive the first check, but they are switching their system. I'll probably get it in April, then going forward, I'll get it on a monthly basis.

Legislator Bartels: Can I just asked a follow-on question, Chair Gavaris?

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, go ahead.

Legislator Bartels: When did the agreement become effective with them? When did they start collecting on, on our behalf?

Commissioner Gulnick: January 1 of this year Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: January 1, okay. Thank you. So we will be able to do a comparison. I know it's probably not fair during COVID times, but it would be interesting to see a comparison of revenue is received through the agreement versus revenues that we received last year.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, the real tough time is you got to remember March is when the pandemic kind of started. So we will have some comparison that first quarter because it's December, January and February. Yeah. But after that, with COVID. I think it's gonna be rather difficult for those first couple months after that.

Legislator Bartels: But we could look back even the previous year pre-covid.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, we definitely could. Yeah, I can go back, you know, to when we started collecting, that's for sure.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, Thank you.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yup.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody else? Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: We should have no problem returning the money to the tax, Tax Stabilization Fund? With the surplus money, there shouldn't be any issue with that?

Comptroller Gallagher: I would think not. Maybe you want to put more in.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you [inaudible].

Commissioner Gulnick: I will just put some caution to that because we still have yet to receive any guidance from the federal government as to the use of this. So I just until we receive that, I'll just say that, you know, as a cautionary measure.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: But again, just for clarification, when you talk about guidance from the federal government, that's the funds we're receiving from the federal government. If we, if we end the year with a surplus, we can put the surplus into the

Commissioner Gulnick: We could [inaudible]

Legislator Bartels: essentially utilize the surplus for that, if that, if that's what we chose to do as a policy.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. March just wondering for the, all the expenses that we're expecting ultimately FEMA reimbursable, did you count it as a real expense now or did you not?

Comptroller Gallagher: It's counted as a real expense.

Legislator Walter: Okay.

Comptroller Gallagher: I think that, you know, we've only tracked COVID expenses in personnel that we consider to be reimbursable by FEMA. So that is overtime. And obviously, materials contracts and supplies that are COVID related as well. But they are real expenditures. Yeah.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. No, I realized they're real. I'm just wondering how they went into calculate, for example, we have a resolution that's pretty high, right now. That, so I've just,

Comptroller Gallagher: Yeah.

Legislator Walter: clarify that they got counted as actual.

Comptroller Gallagher: Yes. Yes. That surplus includes all of those expenditures as well. Definitely.

Legislator Walter: Perfect, thanks.

Comptroller Gallagher: Yeah, yeah.

Let me just say one other thing, which is that we are expecting guidance from the Office of State Comptroller on municipal, you know, allocation of revenue of, of Recovery Act funding. So obviously, we'll share that along when we receive it, if we get it before you guys, yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: It, I have a question. I wanted to ask if I could ask a question about a resolution that's passed, when we're done with the Comptroller's presentation.

Comptroller Gallagher: I'm all set. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible] Thank you. Thank you.

Comptroller Gallagher: I apologize for being a moment late getting in.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, if we can return back. Gotta go back to 161: Amending the 2021 Ulster County budget to accept allocation of funds from New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Legislator Bartels you wanted to?

Legislator Bartels: I, I actually my questions on 162, which I know we, we advanced but I realized I had a note here. And that is that, so this is a pilot program who is going to be administering and facilitating this program? And do we have a description somewhere of what actually the full program, the full program is?

Deputy Executive Rider: It is administrated through, sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: Go ahead.

Deputy Executive Rider: It, it'll be administered through the Office of Mental, you know, Health and Mental Health. It is a program that is for veterans, but it, it goes through New York State OMH so our, our Department of Mental Health will administer the, the contract.

Legislator Bartels: And who is the contract, the contract is with who?

Deputy Executive Rider: Hudson Valley Reintegration Center.

Legislator Bartels: And do you have

Deputy Executive Rider: Hudson Valley Veteran Reintegration Center.

Legislator Bartels: Hudson Valley Veteran Reintegration Center? And do you have a description of the program itself? I would just like to read more about it.

Deputy Executive Rider: So we will be coming back to you next month with the contract for this specific allocation. It was just not ready. Between the vendor and, and the county this month. But it will have the detailed description of the program.

Legislator Bartels: Great. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you

165: Amending the 2021 Ulster County budget to accept increased funding from New York State Office of Mental Health, Gateway Community Industries. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it, Bartels.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

166: Approving the execution of a contract for \$125,000 entered into by Ulster County with Anderson Medical P.C., Emergency One Urgent Care Diagnostic Center. Motion? Walter. Second? Can I get a second?

Legislator Parete: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Haynes. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

167: Approving the execution of a contract for \$100,000 entered into Ulster County for Industrial Medicine Associates. Motion? Archer. Second, Walters. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

168: Approving the execution of a two-year agreement, two-year collective bargaining agreement between Ulster County and the Ulster County Community College Organization of Professional And Administrative Personnel, OPAP. Can I have a motion?

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

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it, Bartels.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

169: Adopting the reacquisition policy of September of 2003. Motion?

Legislator Archer: I'll move for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer. Second? Art, Walter. Does anybody else have any, I know Legislator Archer does.

Legislator Archer: So sorry, the dog had to go out.

Legislator Parete: That's good.

Legislator Archer: On this one, um, can, I, I, I was looking at this. We're, we're updating it is that because we are moving to using an online auction firm for? Just to understand why we're making these changes? I think we have Burt raising his hand, Chairman.

Chairman Gavaris: Burt.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah. Just to explain [inaudible]

Legislator Archer: We're loosing you.

Commissioner Gulnick: The reacquisition policy of 2003 didn't have.

Chairman Gavaris: Burt you were breaking up.

Commissioner Gulnick: Well, this addresses, with the online auctions, there is a sorry, it's about as best I can do, sorry about that. Um, the online auction has a, a buyers kind of fee, where the bidding, there's a 3% bidding premium on this. So if someone were to come after the auction, and want to bid \$1 more, this addresses the former owner, basically paying back the winning bid, that 3%.

Legislator Archer: So they'll pay, they'll pay the fee for the transaction through the Auction House.

Commissioner Gulnick: Correct. And, and really what this is, because the winning bidder basically would would lose that money if we didn't have the former owner, kind of get the money back to them.

Legislator Archer: Okay, um, then on, on point number three, you have an incomplete sentence. And I, it's the first one, and it reads, it goes into the second one. So you may just want to take a look at just correcting that.

Commissioner Gulnick: Okay.

Legislator Archer: It states the owner shall use the property in whole or in part for residential, business, or commercial purposes. And it has been so using it for at least two years prior to the application period. And then it says, and it just either you could do 'and' or capitalize 'documentary proof of this, you shall be submitted with the application'.

Commissioner Gulnick: Okay, yep. We'll update that.

Legislator Archer: Great, thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Just curious. Burt, do you know, do other of our neighboring counties, do they have reacquisition, are we the only one with this kind of

Commissioner Gulnick: We are, we are one, one of not many that have such a, a policy. I know our neighboring counties do not.

Legislator Bartels: Wow. I think that's something we should be proud of, that we have this policy.

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, I mean, we do give final final final choice. Remember, we also allow the kind of owners the Friday before auction to buy back from the county, a lot of folks set a, a date a lot of you know, a lot sooner than we do per se as we get closer to the auction.

Legislator Parete: Good.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah. Just a follow up. Are we in, in communication with those property owners? So they're, they're kind of fully assessed of where they're at in this process? There's no surprises, right?

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah. Yeah, I mean, we send them they have to sign the foreclosure notices we send out in October.

Legislator Archer: Okay.

Commissioner Gulnick: We send, the, the neighbors also are, are notified because, you know, sometimes a knock on the door will help too, so.

Legislator Archer: Do we have, do we have any dates yet for this year's auctions?

Commissioner Gulnick: Actually, I was kind of was waiting for this resolution to get passed. I will say we're gonna do the 2020 auction first, because we had to cancel that last year. My, my guess in terms of the date, probably sometime in June, I don't have a firm date yet. As soon as I do, I will pass it on to the legislature. And then the 2021 auction probably well, you're gonna see how we make out with 2020s first, probably towards the Fall. I can't do them back to back because their process of getting on auction takes a while, so probably the end, you know the Fall. Yeah.

Legislator Archer: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Gulnick: Sure.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle: Yeah, I just wanted to, to just share a little background on why Legislator Criswell and I, you know, offer this legislation at this time. We started to, you know, we're, we're seeking to learn a little bit more about the county auction process. And in our research, you know, in talking to Finance and talking to Clerk Fabella we, we learned that this was a blocking issue for you know, any of the, any of the, the auctions to really, or, or this was an issue that needed to be addressed. So I'll use this you know, moment in explaining that to just say anyone else who's interested in in that particular area of the county's work, especially considering that we have a housing crisis in our community right now, you know, I asked that you reach out to either Legislator Criswell or I, as we're very, very keenly interested in you know, not ending the conversation here but very much beginning it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? I'm going to recuse myself from this one.

I missed another one, apparently, because it's so, worded so closely, I didn't, I thought we are already read this but 164 is amending the 2021 budget to accept increased funding from New York State Office of Mental Health, for assertive community treatment. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second? Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Thank you. All right.

170: Authorizing the conveyance of Ulster County property, nope, yep, to the original owners, Department of Finance. Motion? Walter. Second, Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? I'm going to recuse myself as well.

Approving the execution of, 175: Approving the execution of an amendment for \$5,000 causing the aggregate contract plus amendment to be in excess of \$50,000 to Ulster, to the United Way of Ulster County. Can I have a motion? Motion, Walter. Second? Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

176: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$46,720.00 causing the aggregate to be in excess of \$50,000.00, United Way of Ulster County. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Archer: With, move for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Yup. Second? Bartels. Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah. When did we, I, I somehow missed this, and in, in Economic Development. When did we start giving incentives to participants in the program? I see there's two levels, one for I guess, the regular summer program. And then I mean, I know this is for payroll, but in there is the identification of incentives that we're providing to participants in this program. And for some reason, I don't ever recall this, just be my memory. Can anyone speak to that?

Deputy Executive Rider: I don't, I mean, I don't recall that we changed anything for this program. In the last couple of years. We can follow up with Evelyn. But I think this is I think these are incentives that we've included. It may just not have been as clear in the contract language.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, well, one is, one group is eligible for a \$50 to \$100 incentive. And I, I guess it's to finish the program. And I'm just curious, is this to incentivize them to finish the program? Are we having problems with people finishing the program? And the other is for the web based, and that's pretty significant. That's a \$400 to \$800 incentive. So I'm just curious, because I, I really don't recall seeing this before. And it just, it just caught I, I caught it this go around. And I'm just curious as to how it, you

know, and I guess if you have the money, so sometimes they get it, sometimes they don't it would be helpful to just get a better understanding of this.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? Legislator Archer, do you want to postpone this till next week?

Legislator Archer: I'm not looking to hold up but I do want to get an answer to the question. I mean, I guess if we hold it up till next week, get the answer. That'll be fine.

Chairman Gavaris: It's up to you.

Legislator Archer: I'll make a motion to postpone.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, second Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Can I asked a question? I mean, I, I'll second, but I just want to ask one other question. And that's regarding the, the rate that the youth get paid. Are, are the, are these kids eligible for the \$15 an hour based on the earlier policy we're talking about or what's what's happening?

Deputy Executive Rider: I can follow up with Evelyn on that.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Burt did you? All right, any others? We have a motion and a second to postpone Any discussion on the postponement? All those in favor of postponing to next week?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody Opposed? So resolution postponed till next week.

177: Authorizing the Chair to enter into an agreement, intermunicipal agreement with various municipalities for the operation of the summer youth employment program. Can I have a motion? Walter. Can I have second? Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

179: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$60,141.00 with CB20 Inc, Computer Professional International. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Archer. Any discussion? Legislator Bartels?

Legislator Bartels: You know, I meant to, I meant to reach out and then I forgot, but I have a note that I, I would just like to see the full contract. I don't think it was in the packet. In terms of the backup. I know, I know it's there. I know we have it somewhere. But can I just get a copy of that? As long as I have it? I'm okay voting on if I have an issue. I can bring it back up next week.

Amber Feaster: I'll send it to you.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All right, all those in favor? Opposed? So moved.

180: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$850,000.00 entered into by Ulster County for Accucare Nursing and Homecare Inc., Emergency Management. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second? Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So moved.

181: Authorizing the Chair of Ulster County Legislature to execute, to execute an agreement with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperability Emergency Communication for the 2018 Statewide Interoperable and Emergency Communications Targeted Grant. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second? Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

182: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the County of Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, for the purpose of creating a Regional Partnership with Fire/Emergency Services. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second, Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

183: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Sexual Crisis Intervention Program. Motion? Walter. Second, Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Carried.

184: Approving the execution of a contract for \$165,000, Family of Woodstock. Motion? Walter. Bartels, second. Any discussion? Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. So you know, I was looking at this Schedule A, it'll, this applies to both 184 and 185. And in, in this one, there's the requirement of monthly data elements to be reported, in the next one it's quarterly reports. But I'm wondering, is it not unreasonable to ask for annual reports because we, in both contracts, they talk about outcomes and measurement of outcomes. But without an annual report seems like it would take a lot of look back to either be looking across month by month and collating that against an annual outcome that's outlined in the, in the contract. And then, so I don't, I don't know. I'm just curious if that's something that we can ask for?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So we did ask verbally about that. Just their numbers. So I know that they have them. I think that it's not unreasonable to ask for it. Because we, we had that conversation and asked them, they were able to provide information. So I wouldn't be surprised if they could provide whatever you're looking for.

Legislator Bartels: I mean, is it something that would make sense then to put into the contract asking for an annual report? Or is there a reason that we don't I mean, I, I just feel like when I look at these from contract to contract there, you know, there's a, there's a lot of latitude in these Schedule A's in terms of reporting requirements, and seems if we could standardize and at least ask for some level of annual reporting. It would make sense. I don't, I don't know because I'm not on that committee. So

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Well, we did, we did come up with standard language last year, if I recall, for the schedule A's. I didn't know if they and perhaps I don't know Amber could speak to it, but we had sort of tried to move in that direction of having very standardized language for this.

Amber Feaster: So Family of Woodstock does provide an annual, sorry, an annual report to the legislature. So I just need to review that and see if the level of detail that we're looking to achieve is already in there or not.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, because that's great and I think that would be helpful, because particularly as you know, in each of these Schedule A's, they talk about outcomes and, and measurable goals. So it would seem to me that an annual report for each would be warranted. But if essentially, the Family of Woodstock annual report contains individual annual reports for each program that would serve the same purpose, but if it doesn't, I definitely would, I would like to see it. And I would like to see it included in the, in the contract, so that we're not trying to, as legislators, and as policymakers trying to chase down numbers and an understanding of this sometimes on a month, you know, on an aggregating month to month report, sometimes having to reach out to the vendor, because it's not always just, it's not always this one vendor and ask for an annual report. And sometimes, you know, trying to collapse quarterlies, I think that some kind of standardization would make sense. And I certainly would like to see it, because otherwise, I don't know how we measure those outcomes. How, you know, it's something I think there is improvement to be had. Not, not in the program, but in our, in our receiving the information in terms of the reporting on it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you, um, if we are changing these, you know, what we're requesting, I'd like to add that all of these state contracts require a, a plan for hiring of minorities and women, and they're supposed to have a articulated plan. And, and, and actually act on that plan. And, you know, focus, concentrate on hiring minorities and women when that, when there is hiring. We did talk about this and ask Emergency Services and others how this was working. But it would be great if there was some, not just people served, but also their efforts to hiring minorities and women, that would be great too, as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All right, all those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

Legislator Bartels: But can I, I'm sorry, but can I just ask what would it take to modify the contract to actually include an annual report? Can, is there some way we can figure this out before next week? I mean, I don't think, especially if it's something they already have, and in particular to these contracts. Given that the vendor's Family of Woodstock, it was information that they already have readily available, it shouldn't, I can't even imagine that they'd give much pushback on, on amending the contract to require it, but can we find out about that, before next week?

Chairman Gavaris: Counsel Ragucci.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: I can get you an answer and see what it would take, but I'm

Chairman Gavaris: Counsel.

Counsel Ragucci: Sure I'm, I'm happy to speak with the County Attorney on this. I, I can't speak to whether they would push back or not. But it's very simple legal language. So if they don't, it's something we can incorporate. But I'm happy to work with the County Attorney to see if we can get that done.

Legislator Bartels: Could we, could, could I then ask that we postpone these two just for the week while we get that sorted. And if, again, I don't want to hold up these contracts. I don't want to hold up the services. But if we could get the requirement into the contractual language, I would like to see that happen. And then I'd also like to see us work on what Legislator Walter was talking about, a standardized language that would happen in Schedule A's, barring, barring reasons for accepting it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Just as a point of clarification of through the Chair to Legislative Walter, the changes and the, some of the common themes that you were looking for in contracts, were those instituted for the most part?

Legislator Walter: Sorry. The, the

Legislator Archer: The, the, the, the common language you were looking for in the contracts, were most of those incorporated into the current contracts?

Legislator Walter: It's a good question. I mean, it's failure, I haven't followed up. I do, do know about a year ago, we had this exact conversation and identified some very specific language that we wanted to have in each of those. But I haven't honestly been checking that that's been done. So I don't know Amber, do you know if those, that's been put in?

Amber Feaster: That's for our legislative non-county contract agency contracts, that's not for the other county executive contracts.

Legislator Walter: Oh, so perhaps sorry. That the same, the same parameters that we had requested for those it sounds like that's exactly what we would like to have applied for these as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: The only flag I want to say is that the Schedule A's or the Schedule A's, the Schedule B's are, are really meant to be individualized for each contract. If we were going to have standard language, I'd prefer it be in one of the articles. So what Legislative Walter was talking about as far as MWVE, if there's any requirement like that in the contract, adding a, an article and having standard language there. But the Schedule A is the scope of services, and the fees are, are very individualized. So I don't know that the County Attorney's office would want to put forward standard language.

Chairman Gavaris: So Legislator Bartels do you want to postpone this is what we're looking to do?

Legislator Bartels: I would like to in anticipation of Legislative Counsel speaking to the County Attorney about whether or not we can just put in the requirement of annual reporting in these two contracts. Then we can have the other conversations, I think what Deputy Executive Rider is bringing up makes sense, in terms of the Schedule A's being, being very unique. But at the same time, I also think we should something like an annual reporting is something that should be on a checklist of something that should be in schedule A's, generally speaking. And again, it's like this stood out to me because one of them has monthly data elements and the other as a quarterly deadline. And then they both specifically speak to annual outcomes, but don't require an annual reporting. So I would just like to see annual reporting in these two to start, and then we can have that conversation separately. But again, I'm, I don't want to hold up the contract. So if we can't get this sorted, then we can't get it sorted this month. And hopefully, we'll just be, they'll be amenable to giving us the information. But I'm hopeful given that it happens that these two are Family of Woodstock, and we have excellent working relationship with them, they're a regular contracted agency to the county. So I'm, I'm optimistic that we may be able to achieve this within the week because as Legislative Counsel's already said it's relatively simple language and it's information that they're probably already providing in one form or another.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, can I get a second on postponement? Legislator Archer. All those in favor of the postponement? Opposed? Carried, postponed until next week.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Would you like make a postponement for 185 as well?

Legislator Bartels: Yes, please.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, motion, Bartels. Can I have a second? Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

186: Establishing Capital Project No. 570, purchase of highway equipment. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it, Bartels.

Chairman Gavaris: Bartels. Second, Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

188: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to sign an agreement with the Village of New Paltz in Ulster County for polling equipment and materials. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second, Bartels. Discussion?

Legislator Parete: I got a question.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: Just curiously, is, do we have passed a resolution like this for every political subdivision of the county or? I mean, we do have only one other Village, Saugerties. Ellenville's Village elections were combined with the General Elections. Is this something new? Because we run the election, we meaning the Board of Elections. And it, it's whatever the answer is, is okay. I'm just kind of curious that, that they're being done for something that's part of the system.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Milgrim.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Or just for clarity sake, these at least the School Boards, and I believe the Villages too, although all of them I'm not positive. The school elections are run by the schools, not the Board of Elections.

Legislator Parete: But the school, that, we're not talking about the school in this case.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: There, there's two resolutions, they're both

Legislator Parete: I'm talking about 188. It says the Village of New Paltz.

Deputy Executive Rider: We don't operate the Village elections.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Correct.

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean, so we may

Legislator Parete: Well we always did, we always did.

Deputy Executive Rider: I, I think there was agreements in place, then as well. But now, we, the Board of Elections has decided to do this agreement where, they're, they're loaning out the equipment as opposed to, I believe operating the actual election. I mean, John can speak to it better. But

Legislator Parete: Listen, it's, it's not that important to me. But do we loan the equipment out to the Town of Olive? Do we loan the equipment out to the City of Kingston? Do we loan the equipment out to the Town of Kingston? Why is New Paltz, what do we, did they enter into agreement like this with Saugerties? I, I just don't know. I'm not looking to hold it up. This is kind of a well, since it's part of my resume, I'm kind of curious as to what happened. That's all.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Let me try to get you an answer Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: That's fine. That's fine. That's fine.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter, did you have a comment?

Legislator Walter: Yeah, well I just also. I guess, John, if you're looking into it, you know that they are looking into changing their Village elections to our November election date. And can you just sort of, what would the implications of that change be on this as well? Just if you're exploring it.

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Would the implications

Legislator Parete: And, may I

Deputy Executive Milgrim: Would the implications of that be your question? I'm sorry.

Legislator Walter: Right. I would assume then they wouldn't have to pay for the extra equipment, but I just wanted to confirm that that would be a, a savings to them.

Deputy Executive Rider: Correct, I think it's only \$228. But I get it, it would be so this election is May 4th, which is why it's separate and we're not doing it like the other elections. I believe the Village of Ellenville moved their election to the, to the regular dates, and the only reason that we're having to do this is because the Village of New Paltz is not on those same dates.

Legislator Parete: May I?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Parete, go ahead.

Legislator Parete: And, and just for Legislative Walter, it was moved to Ellenville as a money saving deal for the, for the Village. And when we were reading the law, we found out that we had one day to officially notify the government the Board of Elections and the Village to pass the law. So if they're going to do that, have your, have the, the folks out there read the law to make sure they're in the timeframe.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, I just picked up on this one, and the next one, just an error in the resolution. The Chair, Chairman of Ways and Means is Gavaris, not Archer.

Legislator Parete: Oh, well. Okay. All right, uncle.

Chairman Gavaris: And just to add to Legislator Parete's comment about the reason why the Village did it. That was one of the reasons. The second one was the Mayor was tired of campaigning in the snow. So he wanted warmer weather for campaigning. So.

Legislator Parete: It was convenience, convenience and dollars and cents.

Chairman Gavaris: Convenience was definitely a reason why to do that, so yeah. Thanks. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right.

180, 189: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislator to sign agreements with the various school districts for polling equipment. Motion? Walter. Second, Archer. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

191: Approving the Home Rule Request for Senate Bill, S4343, and Assembly Bill A6725, Authorizing the County to elect to reopen provisions in Section 552 of the Retirement and Social Security law. Can I have a motion? All right, Walter. Second? Haynes. Have a discussion? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So I just want to understand so this we passed this and it was not taken up. So that's why we're re-passing it to, in hopes that it'll get taken up. And I just have a question, is, two questions, is the language of this resolution identical to the language of the previous resolution? I wasn't able to pull them up to compare.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Haynes

Legislator Haynes: I believe it's just a housekeeping matter. Session ended last year and the bills were reintroduced with new sponsors and put in front of the, both the Assembly and the Senate again. I believe the language is the same, nothing should have changed at all. Just the bill numbers.

Legislator Bartels: So can I just follow on? Because my, my question really is, there, one thing stood out to me, it said and I, I wrote notes because I don't, because of my computer, I can't have both things up at the same time. But it said that it was New Home Rule requests that was due not ascribable to their own negligence. Was that language in the original, was in, was that language in the original original resolution? Because, again, I mean, I supported this last time and I plan to support it again. But there I remember quite a bit of discussion about how this happened. And about whether or not it was due to, where the blame lie in why this happened, which again, I don't think we have to reopen all of that. But now we're passing a resolution that says that this is not ascribable to the personnel's own, the individual people's own negligence, which I'm not sure that's, that was most certainly decided. And again, that doesn't affect my vote. I just wondering why that language is there. And I don't recall that language being there before.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter first, then Haynes.

Legislator Walter: I mean, unless Legislator Haynes has the previous one up in front of her.

Legislator Haynes: It did say that the last time.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I mean, I, I would assume that that's what, that Vicky did not, you know, decide to add some language to it, that wasn't there. And I'm, I imagine that those, that language is important and necessary for those bills to pass.

Legislator Bartels: Okay.

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

We do have one new business. So CMA, there was a contract for one year and then the option two renewals. Do we want to renew for one more year, two years?

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Past practice has been to do the renewals on a, on a year by year basis. Which I would definitely suggest that we have that conversation, not about a two-year renewal, but about a one year renewal this year. I mean, I could say that I was, I was happy with their work. And I'm, I'm happy to, to renew. I mean, I'll just throw that out rather than beginning the process of looking again. I think we can build on that relationship that we began with them. And I think they brought a really different approach.

Chairman Gavaris: Do you want to make a motion to renew for one year?

Legislator Bartels: Is that, is that what we're doing right now? We'd be making a, is that, wouldn't we need a resolute, do we need a resolution before us?

Chairman Gavaris: I'll defer to the Clerk.

Legislator Bartels: I think typically we would have a resolution?

Clerk Fabella: I think you're just looking to sponsor, to make the decision that you want to put in a resolution.

Legislator Bartels: Right. Okay.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, I would say, I, I would support a renewal. They were very responsive. I found them to be quite informative. When I had issues or questions, they were quick to respond. And I thought their report was pretty comprehensive. So I would support bringing them back for another year.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? Great, so it sounds like you'll sponsor, Legislator Bartels, a resolution, and Legislator Archer as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, I would suggest that unless there's objection from the committee that the whole committee sponsor it, I think that would be the, the way to go.

Chairman Gavaris: Do you want to make a motion for the committee to sponsor?

Legislator Bartels: I, I can do that. If you, yeah, I'll make a motion that the committee sponsor a resolution next month, extending the contract for CMA one year.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer, you'll second?

Legislator Archer: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

All right, any old business?

Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Parete: So moved.

Legislator Archer: Motion to adjourn, Second.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor? Opposed? Thank you, everyone.