

## Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 16, 2019 – 5:30  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lynn Archer, Chairwoman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster, Natalie Kelder  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Richard Gerentine, Joseph Maloney, Hector Rodriguez, and Legislative Chairwoman Tracey Bartels (arrived at 5:55 PM)  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney, and Laura Petit  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Julius Collins, Jonathan Heppner, Kathy Nolan, Dean Fabiano, Minority Counsel; David Gordon, Deputy County Executive; Marc Rider, Commissioner of Social Services; Mike Iapocce (via teleconference), Ulster County Sheriff Dept; Eric Benjamin, League of Women Voters; Tom Kadgen, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature; Jay Mahler, SUNY New Paltz; Morgan Eckwall, Resident, Abe Uchitelle

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 15** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 At 6:00 PM

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**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney, Joseph

**Discussion:** Legislator Joseph Maloney advocated against postponing the resolution and Chairwoman Archer explained the Committee is still waiting for more data.

**Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 15** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 At 6:00 PM

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**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 3: To discuss Resolution No. 119** – Adopting The Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy And The Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy And Complaint Procedure – Department Of Personnel

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution adopts the Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and the Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy and Complaint Procedure.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney, Joseph

**Discussion:** Legislator Rodriguez requested a progress update. Chairwoman Archer informed the Committee that she met with the Deputy Executive and the Personnel Department to make additional charges. She is also awaiting a redline copy.

**Motion No. 4: To postpone Resolution No. 119** – Adopting The Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy And The Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy And Complaint Procedure – Department Of Personnel

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution adopts the Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and the Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy and Complaint Procedure.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney, Joseph

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 148** – Authorizing Roof Reconstruction At Various UCCC Facilities (Phase I) At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,407,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,407,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$1,407,000.00 bonds for construction phase services for Phase 1 of Campus Roofs Project – John Vanderlyn Hall Skylight, MacDonald Dewitt Library and Burroughs Hall (minus Lecture Hall) for construction administration services related to the Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs – SUNY Ulster.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 150** – Authorizing The Purchase Of Maintenance Equipment And Vehicles At The Ulster County Community College Campus At SUNY Ulster Stone Ridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$153,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$153,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$153,000.00 bonds for Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster – Facilities Equipment for the replacement of old equipment and vehicles for campus maintenance staff necessary to maintain the roads, sidewalks, grounds and parking lots.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney, Joseph

**Discussion:** Legislator Rodriguez inquired of the backup related to the capital project for which this funding is requested. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, stated that the backup is provided with the resolution for the capital project itself. Legislator Rodriguez requested that back up be provided for both.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 154** – Authorizing The Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$805,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$805,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for Capital Project No. 537 - Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles to purchase a total of sixteen (16) vehicles in the amount of \$805,000.00: five (5) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office (Criminal Division), two (2) vehicles for the Department of Social Services, four (4) vehicles for the Department of Probation, six (6) vehicles for the Department of Buildings & Grounds, and one (1) vehicle for the Department of Health.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney, Jospheh

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 156** – Authorizing The Purchase Of Highway And Bridge Equipment For Construction And Maintenance Purposes, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,545,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,545,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for Capital Project No. 538 – Purchase of Highway Equipment for the Department of Public Works (Highways and Bridges) in the amount of \$2,545,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 158** – Authorizing The Replacement Of The Shawangunk Kill Bridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$595,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$595,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for Capital Project No. 539 – For the Shawangunk Kill Bridge Rehabilitation in The Town Of Shawangunk to cover the cost of participation in the preliminary engineering and right of way incidental phases of the Project.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 161** – Authorizing The Replacement Of The Samsonville Road Culvert In The Town Of Rochester, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$550,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$550,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$550,000.00 for Capital Project No. 540 – For The Samsonville Road Culvert In The Town of Rochester (PIN 8762.35) which will replace the existing Samsonville Road Culvert.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 172** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Intermunicipal Agreements With The Town Of Saugerties And The Village of Ellenville To Provide The Services Of Domestic Violence Investigators To The Ulster County Family And Child Advocacy Center And Amending The 2019 Budget – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Intermunicipal Agreements With The Town Of Saugerties And The Village of Ellenville To Provide The Services Of Domestic Violence Investigators To The Ulster County Family And Child Advocacy Center.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney, Joseph

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney (Joseph) voiced concern that the towns of Saugerties and Ellenville must pay a portion of the salary for the selected officer and indicated that the Saugerties Town Board may not be informed enough about the potential agreement. Mr. Iapoce, Commissioner of Social Services, indicated that the benefits to the town include the additional training they will be receiving and can take back to their home towns. Legislator Gerentine questioned if there was any reimbursement back from New York State. Mr. Iapoce explained that there has not been any State reimbursement since 2014. Legislator Rodriguez asked Legislator Collins if he had any input for the town of Ellenville. Legislator Collins explained that the Police Chief has the authority to make these decisions and indicated that he trusted his opinion. Legislator Maloney wanted to add an amendment that Ulster County will pay the entire salary for the police officer or postpone the vote. Chairwoman Archer and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels were concerned that Legislature does not have the authority to change the current contract. Chairwoman Bartels also expressed concerns that postponing the vote could have a negative impact on the people of Ulster County.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Maloney (Joseph)  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** None

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**Old Business:** None

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Chairwoman Archer asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 6:26 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Natalie Kelder  
**Minutes Approved:** May 14, 2019