

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 20, 2021 – 5:30  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID 921 9612 9250  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Gavaris, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Lynn Archer, Tracey  
Bartels, Heidi Haynes, John Parete, and Eve Walter  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Mary Beth Maio  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci; Legislative Counsel  
Victor Cueva; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella;  
Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim;  
Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller, Alicia  
DeMarco

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: 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 Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Parete explained language is being reviewed to consider specific staff exceptions.

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

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**Motion No. 2: To approve 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 Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer thanked Deputy County Executive Wright for her insight into the questions proposed at the prior meeting of the Ways & Means Committee.

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 3: To block Resolutions No. 184, and 185**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 4: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**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.

**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 Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels thanked Legislative Counsel and the County Attorney for their work to ensure the Legislature will receive an annual report, as requested.

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

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 187** -- 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 \$2,585,000.00 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,585,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$2,585,000.00 bonds upon the establishment of Capital Project No. 570 – Purchase of Highway Equipment for the purchase of equipment for the County Highways and Bridges Division.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

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**Motion No. 6: To block Resolutions No. 192, 193, and 194.**

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

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

**To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 192** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works

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

**Resolution No. 193** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$5,130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works

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

**Resolution No. 194** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Peckham Road Corp. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Peckham Road Corp. for in-place paving services and optimal milling services from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

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

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**Old Business:** None

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**New Business:** None

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 5:37 PM

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

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**Chairman Gavaris:** Ninety-seven, can I ask for motion to postpone?

**Legislator Parete:** I, I'll move that, Mr. Chairman, to postpone it. There's some documentation that we're expecting. Particularly that has to do with potential exception, staff exceptions. And if we're going to do this, we want to do it right. I will say, though, that it appears that the estimates of this will be in a neighborhood of 1/3 of 1% of the county budget. So, I'll move to postpone it sir.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Can I have a second?

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, any discussion? I can't see hands so unfortunately, somebody's got to say something if they do.

**Group:** Aye.

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

Resolution 176: This postponed for potential addition to the contract language.

184: No, I'm sorry, that's the wrong one. Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$46,720.00 causing the aggregate for the amendment amount to exceed \$5, \$50,000. Can I have a motion?

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

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

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

**Legislator Archer:** I'll, if I do, I'm sorry, you can't see the hand. I just wanted to, yes, thank you, Chairman. I just wanted to thank Deputy Wright. She was able to get us some information on that. And I do appreciate that was very helpful just to get some insight on that. So, I'm happy to move this forward.

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

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So Carried. All right. 184 and 185 is postponed for additional contract language.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll moved to block 184 and 185.

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, any discussion? On the block any opposed?

**Group:** Aye

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any opposed? So carried. Alright. On the postponement, make a motion.

**Legislator Bartels:** Chair, I'll, I'll move it for discussion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yep. Second?

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

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, discussion?

**Legislator Bartels:** Chair, I would just wanted to say also, thank Legislative Council and the County Attorney. I, my understanding is that they were able to discuss and reach an agreement that the legislature will receive an annual report similar to that, that the department heads receive. Moving forward, I do think we should look about including language in the Schedule A's for annual reporting, but I'm satisfied with that for now. And I was planning on supporting it regardless, but I think this is a step in the right direction. Thank you.

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

**Group:** Aye.

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

187: Authorizing the purchase of highway and bridge equipment for construction maintenance purposes, issuance of \$2,585,000 bond. Can I have a motion?

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any discussion? One, can I have a motion to block 192, 193, and 194?

**Legislator Ronk:** We have to vote on 187 Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I couldn't hear if [inaudible] I'm sorry. All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye. Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? All right, so carried. All right. Can I have a motion to block 192, 193, and 194?

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll make that motion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** Second, Bartels.

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

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you. All right, on the block. All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried, all right. On the resolutions. Have a motion.

**Legislator Parete:** Move it.

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Okay, all those in favor?



**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? Alright one nine, any other business? I'm going to switch back. Alright, if nothing else, can motion to adjourn.

**Legislator Ronk:** So moved.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** Second.

**Legislator Bartels:** Second, Bartels.

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

**Group:** Aye

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? Thank you all for bearing with me.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** See you all in a little while, thanks.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Have a good night.