

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 10, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 836 6031 4881
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Maloney, & Uchitelle, Deputy Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executives Contreras, Kelly & Rider, Clerk Postupack – UC Clerk’s Office, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, Comptroller Gallagher & Samuel Sonenberg – UC Comptroller’s Office, Director Schmidt – UC Probation Department, Director Cozzupoli – UC Veterans Service Agency, S. Deacon Bill Mennenga – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Patricia Doxsey – Press, Cheryl Schneider– UC Resident

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

Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE Minutes of the April 12th & April 19th Regular Meetings

Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the May 17, 2022 Session of the Legislature

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

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

Motion No. 2: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 11 FOR 1 MONTH
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED FOR 1 MONTH**

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

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

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 168**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 168 FOR 1 MONTH**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED FOR 1 MONTH**

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

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

Motion No. 5: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 201**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter

Votes in Favor: 0
Votes Against: 5
Disposition: **Resolution DEFEATED**

Resolution No. 252: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Cooperative Agreement With The New York State Department Of Conservation For The Implementation Of Environmental Benefit Projects On The Lower Esopus As Provided For In The DEC Order On Consent – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes a cooperative agreement with the New York State Department of Conservation for the implementation of environmental benefit projects on the lower Esopus.

Motion No. 6: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 252**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 254: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Participate In The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the New York State Department of Health to participate in the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Motion No. 7: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 254**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 255: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 528 - Veteran’s Cemetery - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to increase the cost of Project No. 528 – Veteran’s Cemetery by \$2,659,105 for a total project cost of \$2,859,105.

Motion No. 8: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 255
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, & Ronk
Voting Against: Legislators Gavaris & Walter
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution APPROVED

Resolution No. 257: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,507,680.41 Entered Into By The County – OCS Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with OCS Industries, Inc for expansion and construction of the Ulster County Veteran’s Cemetery in the amount of \$2,507,680.41.

Motion No. 9: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 257
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 281: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 627 - Digitization And Electronic Conversion Of Ulster County Clerk’s Land Records – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Clerk’s Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to establish Capital Project No. 627 – Digitization and Electronic Conversion of Ulster County Clerk’s Land Records in the amount of \$607,532.

Motion No. 10: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 281
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 258: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$25,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Jewish Family Services Of Ulster County Inc. – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$25,000 to extend the term through 6/30/2023 for enhanced management services.

Motion No. 11: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 258**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 259: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$76,000.00 Entered Into By The County – James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with James McGuinness & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$76,000 to extend the term through 6/30/2023 for software support for the County’s Preschool Special Education Services Program.

Motion No. 12: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 259**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 260: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Orange County Transit, LLC – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for the transportation of certain preschool children with special needs and handicapping conditions.

Motion No. 13: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 260
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 262: Amending Capital Project No. 608 Bridge Street Bridge, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 608 – Bridge Street Bridge, to increase funding in the amount of \$450,000 for design and right of way acquisition services, with a total project cost of \$600,000.

Motion No. 14: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 262
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 261: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$500.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$500 for the increase of state aid for community residential services, supported housing community services, and Medicaid care coordination.

Motion No. 15: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 261
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 264: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,675.00 Entered Into By The County – SLR International Corporation – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$525,675 with SLR International Corporation for the design services related to the Bridge Street bridge replacement.

Motion No. 16: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 264**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 265: Authorizing Right-Of-Way Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For The Purpose Of Replacing The Samsonville Road Culvert, Town Of Rochester – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the right-of-way acquisition of certain real property of the purpose of replacing the Samsonville Road Culvert in the Town of Rochester.

Motion No. 17: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 265**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 266: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 633 Turnwood Bridge, Town Of Hardenburgh - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications Or

Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to establish Capital Project No. 633 Turnwood Bridge, in the amount of \$530,250 for engineering services.

Motion No. 18: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 266
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 268: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alleymor Inc., D/B/A Pestmaster Services – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract for animal carcass removal for County roadways for a term of 6/1/2022 – 5/31/2024.

Motion No. 19: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 268
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 269: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With Kaatskill Development Holdings, LLC, For A Substation Of The Ulster County Sheriff’s Office – Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a lease with the Kaatskill Development Holdings, LLC for an Ulster County Sheriff’s substation for a cost of \$7,800 annually through 2027.

Motion No. 20: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 269
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 270: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program -Establishing Capital Project # 634 - Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Kitchen And Laundry Equipment - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to establish Capital Project No. 634 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center kitchen and laundry equipment in the amount of \$110,000.

Motion No. 21: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 270**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 272: Authorizing An Application For DOJ Body-Worn Camera Grant - Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes an application for the Department of Justice body-worn camera grant, which would match 50% of expended funds.

Motion No. 22: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 272**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 274: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,561,981.00 Entered Into By The County – Primecare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice P.C., Professional Care Dental Services P.C., Personalcare Registered Professional Nursing P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Primecare Medical of New York, Inc in the amount of \$3,561,981 to extend the term of the agreement by one year until 4/30/2023 and increase funding for medical and dental care for inmates.

Motion No. 23: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 274
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 275: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$12,149.09, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be Equal To \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Visual Computer Solutions Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Visual Computer Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$12,149.09 to extend the term for one year until 5/31/2023 for support and maintenance of the Police Officer scheduling system and Correction Officer scheduling system.

Motion No. 24: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 275
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 273: Appropriating Funds From Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Vehicle – Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the appropriation of funds from Insurance for the compensation for loss for a new vehicle in the Sheriff’s Office.

Motion No. 25: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 273

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 276: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services to provide a Deputy Sheriff as a School Resource Officer.

Resolution No. 277: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Rondout Valley Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the Rondout Valley Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff as a School Resource Officer.

Resolution No. 278: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Onteora Central School District To Provide A Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the Onteora Central School District to provide a Deputy Sheriff as a School Resource Officer.

Motion No. 26: MOTION TO BLOCK Resolution Nos. 276, 277, 278

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 27: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Nos. 276, 277, 278

Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 279: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services - Raise The Age Program - Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature the execute a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$720,045 for the Raise the Age Program through 3/31/2022.

Motion No. 28: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 279**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 280: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the conveyance of county-owned property to the original owner for various properties.

Motion No. 29: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 280**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 283: Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the distribution of mortgage tax receipts pursuant to Section 261 of The Tax Law.

Motion No. 30: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 283

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 284: Setting A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2022 – 2023 To Be Held On Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:45 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on the Budget of Ulster County Community College for the 2022 – 2023 school year to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:45 PM.

Motion No. 31: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 284

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 286: Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes and reports the standard work day for elected and appointed officials.

Motion No. 32: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 286 FOR 1 WEEK

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED FOR 1 WEEK**

Resolution No. 288: Requiring The Reporting Of Wages For Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster, Adopting Updated Procurement Manual Pursuant To General Municipal Law Section 104-b

Resolution Summary: This Resolution requires the reporting of wages for employees of contractors and subcontractors that provide services to the County of Ulster and adopts an updated procurement manual stating such.

Motion No. 33: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 288**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 34: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 288 FOR 1 WEEK**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED FOR 1 WEEK**

Comptroller Gallagher provided a brief update on the recently released broadband map and various audits. See attached transcript.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

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

TIME: 5:43 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder
Minutes Approved: June 14, 2022

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

Chairman Gavaris: All right, I'd like to call the May 10th meeting, I'm getting an echo here. May 10th meeting of Ways & Means to order. Can I have a motion for approval of minutes for April 12th and April 19th meetings?

Legislator Fabiano: [inaudible].

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

I just want to take one of the resolutions out of order. Is Clerk Postupack on?

Natalie Kelder: She's not on yet.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Well, we'll come back to that, I guess, when she joins.

Resolution number 11: Requests the enactment of Senate Bill and Assembly bill for special law relation to hotel motel occupancy tax. Can I have motion to postpone for one month?

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

Resolution 168: Authorizing one time reimbursement for 2021 Real property taxpayers. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Legislator Walter. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I, you know, Legislator Maloney is, you know, are you intending to move forward on this this month or?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: We haven't had a lot of time, we're still not in person, and we haven't had a lot of caucuses. I would like to get a little more discussion on it. I know, Ken said at one point that he'd be happy with 20 or 30%. So I, I wouldn't mind it getting postponed. I have some thoughts on another approach that would be similar. We could probably amend it out of it, if everybody liked it, but I wouldn't mind it postponed one more month. I know it's not going to pass as is, and but a certain percentage, I don't know where you're at Ken, at 20 or 30%. But I wouldn't mind bouncing another idea off you, and by next month, I, I think I'd be happy with the vote, but it's gonna look different than this.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, I mean, one of the concerns that I have is the, the mechanism to make it happen. That's you know, but it's, you know, definitely something we could talk about. I make a motion we postpone for a month, pending the discussion.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second that motion.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you. Legislator Cahill, thank you.

201: Increasing employee contribution towards cost of health care insurance. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: I don't know if it was Natalie or Amber, that, that, that pulled that together. I don't know if anyone saw it in the backup. But it does show that all the unions have, have gone to 20% over the last several years. So we've all approved, anybody that's been here for any length of time has approved the rank and file to go to 20%. And I think it's appropriate for everybody to be there. I've said it before. So I know, I think I'm hearing out in California, it's 25, 30% lot of, lot of municipalities are paying and we're usually following right behind. I don't know about New York, where, where the rest of the counties are at, the states at as far as contributions. I wouldn't be surprised if we looked around, we'd find maybe we find counties below, I'd bet you we'd find some counties that have already gone the other way. But I'm not sure, I know out west they have. So like I said, I'm on the record with how I feel about this with the equity throughout the entire county on what we're contributing towards health care, and it's only getting more expensive. I mean, if people were, I don't mind, I mean, I don't know, putting it off, it's not going to change much. This is what it is. So I don't know how everybody feels about it vote it down, vote it up. Let the, I think this is something the entire body should, should be on the record voting on after all, you know, we're we're on the record raising it many times for union members.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I'll, I'll say that, you know, I definitely, I'm supportive of the concept of it. I am and maybe through the Chair to Legislator Maloney, and I'm not saying this is an issue, but just wondering if, if you've had conversations to understand relative to you know, the attraction of people into these roles, whether we foresee an increase like this, impacting our capacity to hire the people that we need to going down the line and again, it would be related to how [inaudible] equivalent are paid in nearby counties and what the rates are in those counties. But just wondering if you had examined that at all.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: I think part of what you're saying and always makes me uncomfortable when we, when we have the approach, I think we actually had a deputy executive a couple of years ago when talking about this specific conversation, talk about talent. It always makes me uncomfortable, when we act like there's no talent in the union, that probation officers and, and, and detectives and, and caseworkers and carpenters aren't talented. And I don't know if we ever had that conversation about attracting good carpenters and, and law enforcement. But so I think there's talents throughout and I think that's something like I said, if you were hired in management to a salary, and we attracted you to the county, you're going to stay at, at, at that 10%. So going forward, that would be part of the negotiation and part of speaking about what, what the salary is going to be. But I still feel very comfortable at, at 20%, across the board. And I, I, I always point out that we, we kind of get we kind of treat the rank and file differently than we do upper management. And man, we're, we're so much more willing to wait, put things off hold things up with regards to something that affects you know, somebody making \$100,000 a year, but so I have thought about that. And I think that'd be something that would hit when you set the salary for the position. That's what it would keep that in mind that it's they're paying 20%.

Unidentified Speaker: Come on folks

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter and then Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Walter: Thanks, I just want to speak to that. My comment has absolutely nothing to do with talent, it actually we find ourselves at times having issues filling these positions from those who are beneath it, you know, beneath it in terms of on the paper, because with the benefits they may get from the union and how close their salaries are, it doesn't serve them to move to those supervisory positions. And so it's not a question of whether we wouldn't have the talent? Of course we do. And ideally, individuals would move up, it's whether it's not attractive, even to them to move into the supervisory positions. How, how this kind of change might impact that attraction, just to clarify.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, thanks. And, you know, similar to what Legislator Walter [inaudible], I, I respect where legislator Maloney comes from on this, and I supported the resolution that he did several years ago, you know, raising the management, you know, insurance rate to where it is now. The concern that I have is that it's not, you know, it's not apples to apples, it's not, you know, we raised CSEA's contribution for new hires to X number, so we should raise management's contribution X number, because it was negotiated, it wasn't, it wasn't like the legislature went willy nilly and raised the, the union, this union or that unions contribution rate, it was negotiated, you know, based on salary increases, step increases, etc, etc. You know, it's, it's not apples to apples, because the union members get regular salary increases based on union negotiations, which also netted you know, these increases in health care contributions, that management doesn't necessarily get on the regular basis. You know, it being negotiated versus, you know, imposed upon without negotiation, I think is one of the places where I get a little tripped up with this.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion?

I'll just say I think to Legislator Walters point, regardless of what we do, if a person is unwilling to take the position, we're gonna have to increase the amount, it's, so increasing this, the contribution on the health insurance is just going to mean a higher wage to offset it, it's not going to disappear, it will always cost us more in the end, either way. If we're looking for people to meet specific criteria, the position will pay with the total compensation package what it'll pay, and a person will either accept it or not accept it. And in the end, we're going to have to pay it, if we want that person or that qualification. Any other discussion? All right, all those in favor? Opposed?

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. All right. Motion is defeated.

252: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute cooperative agreement with New York State Department of Conservation for Lower Esopus. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

254: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute, execute a contract with New York State Department of Health for child lead poisoning prevention program. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? Legislator Walter. You're on.

Legislator Walter: Rookie mistake. You know, this is not against this particular resolution at all I'm going to just put out there that the Department of Health is repeatedly getting money to train and educate people for lead poisoning, for lead remediation, and yet they have not seen any money towards actually remediating the lead. There's and so what I'm hoping is that perhaps we see in our 2023 budget, the consideration of being able to actually, that there's a number of projects that they've identified that need to be dealt with. And, you know, it'd be nice to actually be able to respond to those.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter, where, where have you heard that they, this is part of them training people to do the abatement of lead paint, because I'm under the different impression that this is only an awareness of the existence and what to look out for, not the additional training.

Legislator Walter: Yes, this is. This is, it just reminded me and had me have the conversation of what it was for, there was earlier ones where we funded the training of people to identify. This one is an awareness, but in all of that, nothing is for actual remediation. And so my point is, it's great to have

awareness, and it's great to train people to take care of it, but we actually need to put money behind taking care of it. And so this just reminds me to bring that up that I would hope in our 2023 budget, we consider having some money for actual remediation,

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion?

Legislator Walter: or find the money somehow else. But you know, it's pointless without being able to do the work.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

255: Amending the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Project for the Veterans Cemetery. Can I have a motion?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? Legislator Walter, you're up.

Legislator Walter: I know, I'm sorry, I've got dogs, so I keep putting it on mute so that they don't bother everyone else. So I brought up my concerns in Health, Human Services, and Housing, I'll bring these up again, and also give some background on my conversation with both Mark from Veteran Services, and with Dennis. So just very briefly, you know, I was astonished to kind of note that when the first capital project came out for this, back in 2018, it was for \$270,000 and now it's \$2.7 million. I, just, made me want to take a closer look at all of this. We approved it in the Capital Project last year for \$1.4 million. So it's now double what we actually approved in our original. And so this has nothing to do with wanting to you know, I fully support the veterans, I fully support this project in concept. I, you know, I feel that they should be honored in every way. But it feels irresponsible to not pay attention to the fact that it went up even just from last year, double into the 2.7 million.

I will say I was very happy to have a conversation with Dennis and Mark just a few days ago, they both informed me that they were also very surprised at the cost that, that this has come to. They did not expect it obviously, because the original capital plan, which wasn't that many years ago was only 270,000 and that was, you know, mapped out with the actual project. So Dennis had assured me that he had already seen ways to cut about \$300,000 reasonably from this. Things like decorative fences that

may not have to be put up in the same level, the various other things that does not take away from all of the benefits and all of the beauty of this particular project. \$300,000 doesn't get us close to the doubling from 1.4 to 2.8. But at least it felt like a goodwill. I would say that Mark proceeded, from Veterans Affairs, and as opposed to Marc Rider, to say that he actually he, in addition to those cuts would completely support working with the developer on identifying other ways of reducing, and I was very appreciative of Dennis and Mark saying that, and, and being committed to, for our taxpayer money to recognize that we can do a lot for veterans without having such a high price.

I am concerned to say that I got a call from Deputy Executive Contreras today telling me that Public Works was so happy with all of this, saw no problem, and doesn't, and that the cost of it was perfectly fine, and therefore, the Executives Office wasn't going to propose the, the reductions. Dennis had assured me by today's meeting, he would give us a revised resolution. But then I guess the Executive's Office decided that he no longer should. I even asked him if I should be postponing this, if he had enough time. He said, No, I absolutely would have enough time, by this Ways and Means, to give these revisions. And, but now, it seems the Executives Office doesn't feel these cuts should be made, even though our planner, with the support of Veterans Affairs, you know, saw those concerns and found that there were reasonable cuts that can be made. I don't understand why we wouldn't just proceed with saving our taxpayers, even if it's \$300,000, if it's doesn't take away from the project at all. So I'm not, a little confused by why it's now not being done but I feel it's a it's important to look at.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk and then Deputy Executive Rider.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks, I heard a lot of, I heard a lot of subjectivity. In some of your words there Legislator Walter, you know, unnecessary, not needed. You know, reasonable, you know, one person's reasonable, you know, your reasonable on a lot of things isn't my reasonable, and I don't think that my, my reasonable on this is your reasonable. So, you know, I, I, respect where you're coming from. But, you know, when, when it's time, you know, for our Veterans to have a proper burial. I don't think that we should, you know, try and nickel and dime things personally, you know, I mean, nobody saw out of control inflation that we're seeing right now, when this project was created, nobody saw COVID causing building supplies to skyrocket. You know, many of our projects are much more expensive than they were, you know, a year ago, two years ago, three years ago. So I support the project as, as it is, currently, I don't support making any cuts.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Legislator Walter: Can I respond to that?

Chairman Gavaris: Sure.

Legislator Walter: I am not making those cuts, I'm not determining what's reasonable. Our planner is the one whose words those were, these are not my call, I did not suggest what these things were, he had offered that to me. So just to be clear, this is not my opinion. This is from our planner who looks at these things very carefully.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: So we had asked Dennis after the housing meeting, and actually just before the housing meeting last week, to take a look and review the bids. Because we always want to save the taxpayers money. And we're committed to value engineering this project. He came up with a menu of items that he had spoke with legislative, Legislator Walter about. Some of them are, are possible val, value engineering options that we can look at in the field with the vendor who's a veteran owned business and committed to value engineering this product project, some of them were really just delaying other parts of the project that will have to be done at a later time. And we don't believe that that's necessarily in the best interest of Ulster County, it'll, it'll add mobilization costs and other things in the future. So some of it we're still willing to look at, but we'd like to move forward with the resolution as is and continue to value engineer the project while it's happening.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Maloney.

Legislator Maloney: You know, I don't I don't really have a lot to say about this except for this just seems like a lot of the project, you have, you have Dennis now involved in all these multimillion dollar projects all over the place. It's the same people, it's the same handful of people. When I do dive in and look like I dove in it. I mean, I have all the same questions about, about Golden Hill, you're talking about unexpected costs, the demo seems, I wonder where you're getting the numbers I spoke to Marc earlier and got, on a meeting the other night, I got that the, the old estimate, we didn't even go out and get a new estimate for the jail. And this does relate to this, what you're talking about here because it seems like this is our process. The legislature knows nothing about what, what, what, what Legislator Walter and Ronk are arguing about, they don't even know. It's like maybe a fence, maybe they're talking about \$300,000, but specifically, we don't know anything and that's I mean, I guess it's on us at this point, because we never we haven't inserted ourselves in this process. We have Dennis, kind of, we're speaking in generalities about \$300,000 and what that could mean. And Ken is basically saying, well, whatever it is, let's not go cheap. And Eve is saying, well, it's saving. So let's see, if Dennis says that it's reasonable to cut, then I'm saying, Okay. What the hell are we even here for, to be honest, but and this is going to come up again, you know, tonight in caucus about the demo. And I don't know where the sometimes I don't know where these numbers are coming from, or whether we're really doing our due diligence, we're involved in all these, we have all these public beneficiary corporations going, Tech City, Golden Hill. And then with something like that the same three or four people are doing all these things, and the legislature knows nothing about any of them. And then, and at the last minute, we, we tried to insert ourselves and put our own stamp on it at some point. But this is just what I'm always used to

seeing and it's frustrating. I don't even know, I don't even know what we're arguing about. I don't think any of us do. But it's the same old, same old ways and means, same old rubber stamp.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All right, I'll just say what I said at the Health Committee, I'm, I'm not necessarily disagreeing with what was on the list of things to be done there. I just suggested that we phase it out. So this way that some of the expenses of things that are maybe not immediately necessary, those prices are and I will bet money on this will be dropping in the next year to year and a half, that we push those out. Making plots available right away for veterans is absolutely a top priority. But things that are just more of the aesthetics of the whole project, those could be done at the last point, and hopefully saving us money in the end. And also not only having one bidder makes me very uncomfortable, that there was no other bidders for this project. And I understand why because there's right now there's so much work out there, that there is not enough contractors to the amount of work that's available. All right. No other discussion. All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? I'm gonna be opposed as well. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: 257: Approving the execution of a contract for 2.5 million for OCS Industries. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: So carried. Clerk Postupack, are you about ready to go? I think she's on there. Okay,

County Clerk Postupack: Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: I'm going to skip back over to 281: Amending 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Project, establishing project number 627 for digitization and electronic conversion of the clerks records. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. If the clerk this, this, oh, no, wait, nevermind. I remembered it feels familiar, because we talked about it in the capital projects, right? This isn't something that we voted on in previous years, is it?

County Clerk Postupack: No, this is a new project.

Legislator Walter: Okay.

County Clerk Postupack: Yes.

Legislator Walter: Okay. I think the, it's hard when we approve these capital projects, and some conversation is so deep that I feel like, didn't we already approved this, but thank you. I'm sorry. No, no questions.

County Clerk Postupack: It's okay.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

County Clerk Postupack: Thank you very much.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.

County Clerk Postupack: Okay. Thank you

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, buh-bye.

For approving 258: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 25,000 causing the aggregate to be equal to 50,000 for Jewish Family Services for Ulster County. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

259: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 76,000 for James McGuinness & Associates. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

260: Approving the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 for Orange County Transit. Can I have a motion. Legislator Ronk. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

261, nope, sorry, 262: Approving, amending capital project 608 Bridge Street Town of Shandaken. Can I have a motion.

Legislator Fabiano: I move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

264: Approving the execution of a contract for

Natalie Kelder: [inaudible]

Chairman Gavaris: Sorry?

Natalie Kelder: You did skip 261.

Chairman Gavaris: I did. I thought I did but then I,

Natalie Kelder: Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, approving the execution of a contract amendment for five, \$500 causing the aggregate plus the amendment not to equal 50,000 for a rehabilitation support services. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. All right.

264: Approving the execution of a contract for 525,675 for SLR, SLR International Corp. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion? You, discussion, Ronk? No. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried

265: Authorizing right away acquisition for certain real property, replacing a Samsonville Road culvert. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Move Fabiano. Second, Walter. Discussion? Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: Sure Gavaris. I, I'm going to continue to talk about county roads here in Ulster County, which don't currently have true equitable public transit accessibility, until, until we achieve that. So this is just one such example. County route 3 does not have equitable access to transportation with our county at this point. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

266: Amending the 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program number 633, Turnwood Bridge. Can I have a motion. Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

268: Approving the execution of contract rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 for Alleymor Inc. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

269: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute a lease agreement with Catskill Development Holdings. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Ronk and Fabiano, you're opposed?

Legislator Fabiano: No, I'm in favor.

Chairman Gavaris: You're in favor? Okay.

Legislator Fabiano: I'm sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay.

Resolution 270: Amending the 2020 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program for Capital Project 634, law enforcement kitchen and laundry equipment. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

272: Authorizing the application of for DOJ body worn camera grant. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? I lost Legislator Ronk. Okay. Motion carried.

274: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 3.5 million for Primecare Medical of New York. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

275: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 12,149.09 causing the aggregate to exceed 50,000 for Visual Computer Solutions. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

I skipped one.

273: Approving funds, appropriating funds for insurance revenues for replacement of vehicle. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

All right, 270

Legislator Walter: Can I have a motion to block 276 to 278. 276, 277, and 278.

Chairman Gavaris: Motion. Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second that.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. All those in favor block.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: On the block. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I'll just say that, this says nothing to the character and of these people and how much they may be liked or appreciated or not. I'm not going to support SROs. I haven't in the past, I won't continue to for many of the same reasons that I've always said. So I just want to make it clear it has nothing to do with these people, specifically. The Sheriff is well aware of my feelings. And I just want to make that known, thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: I can yield to committee member Legislator Cahill.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you Legislator Erner. Thank you Chair. I just want to say that, you know, we, we go through this, when these SROs come up in front of the legislature. And it's not like we go soliciting them to go to the schools. The schools request, through their school boards to go to the Sheriff's Department to provide this. So you know, I just feel very, very uncomfortable sitting here saying, yeah, you guys want this for your school? Because you know, best with your school. But wait a minute, no, you don't we know what's better, right? So I just always feel like if the school board has passed it, and they come to the legislature and just ask us to approve that, because they feel they need an SRO, then I'm just, you know, I just think we should support it. That's all, you know, the school, school boards are, you know, duly elected, just like we are.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: Thank you. I generally do not support having a permanent police presence in schools. And I'll explain further in our caucus tonight and on the floor if needed. But just for the purpose of this committee, I want to note that it's not because the districts won't pay us because I see that they would pay the county for the service.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right, all those, Sheriff Figueroa.

Sheriff Figueroa: Yeah, I just want to state the reasoning of the that program. I'm a supporter of the SRO program, I think it's using a broad brush in what happens in other areas within the county or the country is a little unfair to these highly qualified individuals that have been trained to do this. They are selected by the school boards, and interviewed, and they the school boards and schools actually pay for them. I would strongly recommend the body who were making these decisions for the entire county to speak to these individual schools, speak to the town board to the school boards, speak to the, to the parents, speak to the students rather than broad brushing a program. Similar to you know, what we do with everything else in society, I just want to make that point. I respect those that are oppose it, understand the reason why, but I just would prefer that you don't use a broad brush on a program that if you can google C Pass, which is the State Sheriffs Association, SRO training program, please do and if you have you have any questions for these three particular individuals that are in these SRO programs in the three schools, just go out and talk to him individually and personally and, and, and have those answers that you're looking for, before you do a broad brush. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. Through the Chair to the Sheriff. I'm just wondering, following especially following conversations we've had from previous years, has there been consideration about perhaps not having them uniformed or not carrying a gun?

Sheriff Figueroa: There has been conversation of dressing down. I, I think having a deputy without a gun, if something would have happened is not the right thing. You know, I know we believe that something like that will not happen in our area. And I you know, we're unfortunately in a time where it's something like that can happen. And we have seen that happen. So I'm not opposed to dressing down. And we're probably going to talk about that in the future because of the concerns of this body. But as far as them being unarmed, I, I, I don't support that.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor? Three. Opposed? All right, three, one opposed. All right, motion carried. Thank you.

279: Approving, authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with New York State Division of Criminal Justice for Raise the Age program. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

280: Authorizing the conveyance of County owned property to the original owners. Can I have motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

283: Authorizing the distribution of mortgage tax receipts pursuant to section 261. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. 284

Legislator Walter: Did you skip one again?

Chairman Gavaris: Nope, 281 was the Clerk. We did that one before.

Legislator Walter: Oh, right. Sorry. Sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: This one I did you purposely skip.

284: Setting a public hearing, tentative budget for Ulster County Community College for 2022-2023 for June twenty, Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

286: Establishing and reporting standard work week for elected officials. Can I have a motion to postpone for one week? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

288: Requiring reporting of wages for employees and contractors and sub-contractors that provide for the County services the County of Ulster. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Is there a second?

Legislator Fabiano: Second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. Um, so maybe Deputy Executive Rider or Kelly or Contreras? Can you tell us what we what we already ask of in terms of the wages associated to funding, obviously not for the wages of everyone in their whole department. But what do we already require from contractors and subcontractors that are providing a service relative to this? Is there a [inaudible].

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I believe we require certified payroll. I can double check if, if you want to postpone this for a week, I can have more information on, on what we request. I know, Purchasing Director, Ed Jordan and the County Attorney went through a long process of kind of drafting forms and other things to have included with bids and other documents.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter.

Legislator Walter: Okay. Yeah, so I would suggest the postponement and I guess the question is related to is this resolution about asking something of contractors we don't? Or is it about providing this information to the legislature that the executive office already has? And so just for that clarity as to which, which one we're voting on, would be helpful for next week. Does that make sense?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Do you want to make that motion to postpone for a week? Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano.

Unidentified Speaker: Yep.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay, thank you.

Comptroller Gallagher.

Comptroller Gallagher: Thank you very much. Um, I wanted to let you guys know that we, in working with the IS Department have released a Broadband Map of existing broadband in Ulster County for incorporation into the state map. So if you're in one of the 13 towns that has unserved areas, I really urge you to take a look at it, you can go to our website to find it. It's under our news releases, and there's a link there to the map, or if you want a copy of it, you just want the link, I'm happy to send it to you, and now has topo and satellite and I think it will be very useful for people. We want to know if people feel like their address is not properly represented.

The second thing I want to say is that I'd really liked the opportunity to work with this committee on pushing the investments forward, we still have, you know, investment opportunities that are now 65 basis points as of yesterday. And that is just taxpayer money that could be earned that we are not taking advantage of. I stand ready anytime to work on this with you. And we have put forward some draft

resolution or draft policies for consideration. They were shared with a few members of this committee. And I'm, I'm, I'm ready, willing and able to work on that. So I just want to highlight that.

The audit team, we're involved in three audits currently, right now, finishing up UCRRA and the fraudulent unemployment claims that were filed against Ulster County employees. Those will likely be in draft by the end of the month for management comment. Real property is going to take a little bit longer. I think that's, you know, a very in-depth audit, that's going to take several months to get through at a minimum. And then we have some reports that are coming up that will be out in the next, you know, month or so, fund balance report a fiscal stress report that we do every year. And on the fund balance report, I will be coming to you guys and recommending that you seriously consider during this budget work, for the '23 budget moving some money into reserve. We are way over the fund balance policy, which set a range of 5 to 10%. And we should be stewarding funds for the future and thinking about pain that's coming down the pike. And that you can make pretty significant investments in some of those reserve funds, and still give a tax cut and still make the investments you're talking about. So I just want to prep you for that. We're going to be coming to you with that. And then lastly, we've been working on a racial equity snapshot of Ulster County. It's sort of modeled after work that was done by the former Nassau County Comptroller. I'm expecting that'll be out in June. So happy to answer any questions you have, but just want to give you an update. Thanks.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Anybody have any other new business? Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle: Yeah, I just, I was intending to speak on 288, but the end of the, you know, you guys got through the agenda a lot faster. And I was not in front of my desk at the moment, even though I am listening. So then I didn't realize how quickly it was gonna get postponed. So that'll happen superfast. I just want to be honest with you, as a human legislator, I was hoping that didn't happen so fast. But if anyone does have any questions, this is my legislation, not the County Executives and I'm available to answer any questions and hope that when you guys do want to talk about it, that I'll have an opportunity at that time.

Chairman Gavaris: It's on for next week, so we'll have that opportunity. Sounds good. Alright, anybody else? Could I have a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Fabiano: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter. Second, Fabiano. All those in favor? Opposed? All right. Thank you, everyone.