

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 17, 2022 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Hansut, Heppner, Nolan & Uchitelle, Deputy County Executives Contreras, Kelly & Rider, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, Comptroller Gallagher– UC Comptroller’s Office

Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Resolutions for the May 17, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 256: Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$2,659,105.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Improvements At The Veterans Cemetery, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of an additional \$2,659,105 in bonds for improvements at the Veterans Cemetery.

Motion No. 1: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 256
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, & Ronk
Voting Against: Legislator Walter
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 263: Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$450,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Hydraulic Design And Planning In Connection With The Bridge Street Bridge In The Town Of Shandaken, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of an additional \$450,000 in bonds for the hydraulic design and planning in connection with the Bridge Street Bridge in the Town of Shandaken.

Motion No. 2: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 263
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 267: Authorizing Design And Planning Costs In Connection With The Turnwood Bridge In The Town Of Hardenburgh, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$530,250.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$530,250.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$530,250 in bonds for design and planning costs in connection with the Turnwood Bridge in the Town of Hardenburgh.

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 267**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 271: Authorizing The Purchase Of Kitchen And Laundry Equipment For The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$110,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$110,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$110,000 in bonds for the purchase of kitchen and laundry equipment and the Law Enforcement Center.

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 271**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 282: Authorizing The Digitization And Electronic Conversion Of The Ulster County Clerk Land Records, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$607,532.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$607,532.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes \$607,532 in bonds for the digitization and electronic conversion of the Ulster County Clerk land records.

Motion No. 5: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 282
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: Legislative Chair Bartels questioned what would be happening to the original documents, stating that she supports the idea of digitizing but expressed concern regarding the destruction of centuries-old documents. However, Legislative Chair Bartels noted that it is not wise to take up valuable space in a building such as the County Office Building.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
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 Workday for the elected and appointed officials.

Motion No. 7: MOTION TO AMEND & APPROVE Resolution No. 286
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED & APPROVED

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 adopted an updated procurement manual.

Motion No. 8: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 288
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: Legislator Walter asked what is already required of the contract agencies and if the response to a bid includes salary information. Deputy Executive Rider responded that in the current contract certified payroll must be available if it is requested.

Deputy County Executive Rider stated that the Purchasing Department has not yet done a full review on the policy changes, and this requires more of the vendors than is currently required today, expressing concerns that some information could become public that would highlight individual salaries at these agencies.

Legislator Ronk stated that he'd like to hear from Ed Jordan, the Director of the Purchasing Department, prior to moving forward on this Resolution.

Legislative Chair Bartels summarized that the change is requiring vendors to submit payroll information within 30 days to the Clerk of the Legislature. Legislative Chair Bartels also expressed surprise and concern that the Purchasing Department has not yet reviewed this policy change.

Discussion ensued on the potential of an unintended consequence of making an individual's salary public.

Legislator Uchitelle stated that the intent of this Resolution was not to expose personal information and didn't want to rule out the idea of putting a size limitation on the company. Legislator Uchitelle also stated that he had considered a form for the vendors to fill out.

Motion No. 9: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 288
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

Comptroller Gallagher stated that the fund balance is very high and out of policy with the closing of the 2021 financials. Comptroller Gallagher stated that the county should be focusing on investing and paying down debt.

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

Motion No. 10: MOTION TO MAINTAIN NON-COUNTY CONTRACT AGENCY FUNDING AT \$908,750 FOR 2023 ULSTER COUNTY BUDGET

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: MOTION TO MAINTAIN NON-COUNTY CONTRACT AGENCY FUNDING AT \$908,750 FOR 2023 ULSTER COUNTY BUDGET

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:53 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder

Minutes Approved: June 14, 2022