

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: May 21, 2019 – 5:00
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Richard Gerentine, Mary Beth Maio, Joseph
Maloney, Laura Petit, and Hector Rodriguez, Legislative
Chairwoman Tracy Bartels
ABSENT: Legislator James F. Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Julius Collins, Manna Jo Greene, Kathy Nolan;
David Gordon, Legislative Counsel; Marc Rider, Deputy County
Executive; Evan Gallo, Acting Comptroller; Alicia DeMarco,
Director of Internal Audit & Control; Amanda LaValle,
Coordinator for Dept of Environment; Hillary Harvey, Radio
Kingston/Ulster Publishing; Mici Simonofsky; Resident, Betty
Diorio, Resident

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM**

Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 204 – Authorizing Energy Efficiency Improvements To And For The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$242,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$242,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$242,000.00 Bonds for Energy Efficiency Improvements to The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center.

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

Discussion: Amanda LaValle, Coordinator for Department of Environment, explained the serious problems with the current boilers on site. They are all beyond the end of their service life and are no longer insurable. They are working with NYSERDA to have an energy Master Plan to increase energy efficiency and deploy renewable energy. There must be a heating system in place as well as a backup system. There is no contract with Central Hudson for the uninterruptible rate or a minimum usage amount of natural gas for a period of 10 years, therefore energy conservation measures can be utilized.

Legislator Rodriguez requested that there be a discussion at the next Energy & Environment meeting to map out when the Law Enforcement Center can operate without the use of fossil fuels and implement solar hot water. Amanda LaValle explained that the Master Plan will contain these items. Legislative Chairwoman Bartels questioned what the expected life of the current boilers was and if we currently have a backup system. Amanda LaValle explained that there are 3 boilers that could each carry the entire load of the building but the way they currently need to be structured is less efficient. Legislative Chairwoman Bartels also asked about Geothermal opportunities. Amanda LaValle explained NYSERDA offered a free ‘Geothermal Clean Energy Challenge’ to review Geothermal possibilities. The Law Enforcement Center is estimated to need a \$5-\$6 million system.

Legislator Manna Jo Greene asked if all 3 boilers needed to be replaced. Amanda LaValle explained that a potential scenario would be to replace an oil boiler with a natural gas boiler immediately and look at more energy efficient options for the replacement of the other boilers.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 205 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Central Hudson – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Central Hudson to install a high-pressure natural gas line to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC) to allow for the use of both natural gas and oil.

Motion Made By:	Legislator Gerentine
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Petit

Discussion:	None
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Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Approved

Motion No. 3: 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, June 18, 2019 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets 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, June 18, 2019 At 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Motion No. 4: 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, June 18, 2019 At 7:00 PM

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Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve 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 Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To discuss Resolution No. 178 – 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 toward the cost of health insurance benefits for new hire management non-union employees to 20% of the premium.

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, requested that management non-union health insurance not have a specific percentage associated with their contribution, but instead follows a union percentage. Legislator Joseph Maloney was agreeable to this suggestion. Legislature Chairwoman Bartels pointed out that not all unions currently pay the same percentage. Legislator Archer indicated that she supports the concept but feels it is important to wait for the results of the salary study before making any changes to the total compensation package. Legislator Joseph Maloney expressed concerns of equity between the different employee groups. Legislator Gerentine commented that the various union groups negotiate their rates among many other items. Legislature Chairwoman Bartels also expressed support for the resolution as written.

Marc Rider explained that the compensation study will review both salary and benefits, compared to other counties. Marc Rider also indicated that this will not be completed until the final quarter of the year. It is currently in the contract phase.

Motion No. 7: To postpone Resolution No. 178 – Increasing The Employee Contribution Towards The Cost Of Health Insurance Benefits For New Hire Management Non Union Employees

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Motion Made By: Legislator Joseph Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 198 – Authorizing The Reconstruction Of The Slope On Old Tongore Road, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$532,000.00, And Authorizing The Issue Of \$532,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$532,000.00 bonds for the reconstruction of the slope on Old Tongore Road.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 200 – Authorizing The Construction Of ADA Accessible Parking At The Ulster County Fair Grounds, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$55,200.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$55,200.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$55,200.00 bonds for the construction of ADA accessible parking at The Ulster County Fair Grounds.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 203 – Amending Capital Project No. 519 Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC) Energy Upgrades – Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution is amending Capital Project No. 519 Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC) Energy Upgrades.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 211 – Authorizing The Replacement Of The Gym Wall At Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$293,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$293,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$293,000.00 of bonds for the replacement of the gym wall at Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, in and for the County of Ulster New York.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 213 – Authorizing The Construction Of The Vanderlyn Pedestrian Bridge At Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$100,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$100,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$100,000.00 bonds for the construction of the Vanderlyn Pedestrian Bridge at the Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 215 – Authorizing The Cost Of Professional Services Relating To The Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster Facilities Master Plan, 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 \$110,000.00 bonds for professional services relating to the Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster Facilities Master Plan.

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 217 – Authorizing Improvement To The Heating Ventilating And Air-Conditioning Systems At Various Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster Buildings, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$200,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$200,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$200,000.00 bonds to improve the heating ventilating and air-conditioning systems at various Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster buildings.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 219 – Authorizing The Purchase Of Furniture For Various Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster Buildings, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$300,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$300,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$300,000.00 bonds for the purchase of furniture for various Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster Buildings.

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

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None

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

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 227 – Requesting Authorization To Apply For A United States Department Of Justice, Office Of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Grant – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes an application for a United States Department of Justice Grant to support the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office Comprehensive Opioid Plan (UCCOP).

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

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

New Business: Legislator Petit raised the issue of health care and a potential health consortium. She has information from Tompkins County. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, explained that potential municipalities would need to have been self-insured for several years to have the experience data necessary to complete calculations. There is also the possibility of completing a study to submit to New York State on these shared services.

Legislator Joseph Maloney questioned if we have received Internet Sales Tax. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, will follow up with Burt Gulnick, Budget Director.

Old Business: Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, gave an update on bids for the proposed Fire Training Center in the Town of Ulster. The bids came in significantly higher than expected, around \$5.5 Million.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder
Minutes Approved: June 11, 2019