

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 14, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 836 3603 4945
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: Legislator Fabiano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Emer, Greene, Heppner, Nolan, Petit, Sperry, & Uchitelle, Minority Counsel Pascale, Clerk Fabella, Deputy County Executives Contreras, Kelly & Rider, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, Comptroller Gallagher, Alicia DeMarco & Samuel Sonenberg – UC Comptroller’s Office, Director Litwin – UC Recovery and Resilience, Director Erichsen, Steven Peterson, - UC Emergency Services, Director Macaluso – UC Information Services, Commissioner McDonald – UC Mental Health, Director Jordan – UC Purchasing, Director Doyle – UC Planning, Dr. Roberts & Jamie Capuano – SUNY Ulster, Rick Alfandre – Alfandre Architecture, Christopher Young – Urbahn Architecture Kevin Karn – NYSTEC, John Montagne - GPI, S. Deacon Bill Mennenga – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheryl Schneider & Lanny Walter – UC Residents, Mid-Hudson News

Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE Minutes of the May 10th & May 17th Regular Meetings

Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Dr. Alan Roberts, SUNY Ulster President and Jamie Capuano, Vice President for Administrative Services at SUNY Ulster provided the committee with a presentation on the 2022 – 2023 SUNY Ulster Budget. See attached transcript.

Resolutions for the June 21, 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 WEEK
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

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 POSTPONE Resolution No. 168 FOR 1 WEEK
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
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. 4: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 288
Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 5: **MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 288 AS PRESENTED**

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Walter

Voting Against: Legislators Gavaris & Ronk

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 2

Disposition: **Resolution AMENDED**

Motion No. 6: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 288**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Walter

Voting Against: Legislators Gavaris & Ronk

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 2

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 290: Amending The County Budget To Include Federal Aid Funding To Implement The Mental Health In Schools Program – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the Ulster County budget to include \$750,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to implement the Mental Health in Schools program.

Motion No. 7: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 290**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 8: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 290 FOR 1 WEEK**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED FOR 1 WEEK**

Resolution No. 291: Amending The County Budget To Use Opioid Settlement Funding To Implement The Mental Health In Schools Program – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the Ulster County budget to use opioid settlement funding to implement the Mental Health in Schools program.

Motion No. 9: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 291 FOR 1 WEEK**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 292: Confirming The Appointment Of The Medical Examiner For The County Of Ulster

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Eric Stutt, M.D. as the Ulster County Medical Examiner.

Motion No. 10: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No.**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 293: Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes and reports the Standard Workday for Legislator Levine.

Motion No. 11: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 293 FOR 1 WEEK.**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 299: Authorizing The Commissioner Of The Ulster County Department Of Mental Health To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With NYS Office Mental Health To Accept Funding From Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Adult COVID Relief Block Grant - Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Commissioner of Mental Health to enter into intermunicipal agreements with New York State Office of Mental Health to accept funding from Community Mental Health Services Adult Covid Relief Block Grant.

Motion No. 12: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 299**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 300: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Adult Protective Services Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept an additional allocation of Adult Protective Services Funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$15,506.

Motion No. 13: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No.**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 301: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Activities Associated With Sheltering The Homeless During Inclement Winter Weather (Code Blue Plan) – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept an allocation of funds from the New York State Office Of Temporary and Disability Assistance to support activities associated with sheltering the homeless during inclement weather, known as the “Code Blue Plan”.

Motion No. 14: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 301
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 302: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services For The Multidisciplinary Team Child Advocacy Center Program – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Multidisciplinary Team Child Advocacy Center Program in the amount of \$447,774 beginning February 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

Motion No. 15: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 302
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 303: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Rabies Program – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with the New York State Department of health for the Rabies Program in the amount of \$120,594 for a term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025.

Motion No. 16: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 303
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 304: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Additional Funding For Brighter Futures Initiative’s Full-Time Assistant Youth Bureau Coordinator Position – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to reflect an additional \$27,503 in funding for the Brighter Futures Initiative program and to increase a position from part-time to full-time.

Motion No. 17: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 304
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 305: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$111,435.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock in the amount of \$111,435 for a term of 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 for Family House Shelter.

Motion No. 18: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 305
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 306: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$69,557.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock in the amount of \$69,557 for a term of 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 for transitional living.

Motion No. 19: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No.**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 307: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) For Acceptance Of A Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round Action Grant And Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with New York Energy Research and Development Authority for a \$30,000 Clean Energy Communities grant.

Motion No. 20: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 307**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 309: Amending Capital Project 607- Government Operations Center And Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At Paradies Lane In The Town Of New Paltz For Purpose Of Siting

A Government Operations Center And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Any And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 607, Government Operations Center and authorizes the acquisition of real property at Paradies Lane and authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute any documents related to the acquisition.

Motion No. 21: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 309
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 22: MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 309
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Motion No. 23: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 309 FOR 1 WEEK
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 311: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Amend A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Alternative To Incarceration Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to amend a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for Alternative to Incarceration Program and accept an additional \$61,769 in funds for a period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Motion No. 24: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 311
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 312: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$53,388.00 Entered Into By The County – LexisNexis – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with LexisNexis in the amount of \$53,388 for an additional term of 7/1/22 – 6/30/25 for legal research kiosks in the Ulster County Jail.

Motion No. 25: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 312**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 313: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Securus Technologies, LLC F/K/A Securus Technologies, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Securus Technologies, LLC to extend the term of the agreement through 8/19/2024 for electronic inmate information, communication, education, and entertainment.

Motion No. 26: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 313**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 315: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$127,900.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$127,900 for a term of 7/1/22 – 6/30/23 to add New World Shield Force, New World Crew Force, and Tyler’s Text to 911.

Motion No. 27: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 315
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 314: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trinity Services Group, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Trinity Services Group, Inc in to provide an additional cook and therefore increase meal prices at the Ulster County Jail through the end of term of 12/31/2022.

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

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: Legislator Bartels
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 316: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) In Relation To Intermunicipal Cooperation For Testing Services - Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute and intermunicipal agreement with the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services for electrical licensing testing.

Motion No. 29: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 316

Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 317: Establishing Capital Project No. 638 – Boiceville Substation Building Improvements - Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 638 Boiceville Substation Building Improvements and amends the 2022 Capital Fund Budget by \$27,000 for engineering services.

Motion No. 30: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 317**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 319: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Amending Capital Project No. 584 Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program and amends Capital Project No. 584 Bridge Superstructure Repairs in the amount of \$671,600 for construction.

Motion No. 31: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 319**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 321: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$584,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVB Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with HVV Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$584,000 for superstructure repairs on Fish Creek Road Bridge in the Town of Saugerties and the Kingston Reservoir Bridge in the Town of Woodstock.

Motion No. 32: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No.
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 322: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,000.00 Entered Into By The County – M.J. Engineering And Land Surveying, P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying, PC in the amount of \$63,000 to expand the scope of bridge superstructure repair design services to include part-time construction support for the Fish Creek Road Bridge and the Kingston Reservoir Bridge.

Motion No. 33: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No.
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 323: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget- CHIPS / PAVE NY/ EWR/ POP Funding Adjustment - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to increase the CHIPS / PAVE NY / EWR / POP funding by \$2,922,564 to accommodate for rollover funding in the amount of \$653,449.35, \$621,494.55 in additional CHIPS funding, \$343,740.43 in additional PAVE-NY funding, \$617,995.92 EWR appropriation and \$685,882.95 POP appropriation.

Motion No. 34: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No.
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 324: Amending The 2022 -2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 637 Creekside Drive Road Streambank Stabilization, Town Of Shandaken - Authorizing The Execution Of Any Associated Grant Funding Agreements, Certifications Or Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The United States Department Of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program and establishes Capital Project No. 637 Creekside Drive Road Streambank Stabilization in the amount of \$480,000 for road materials.

Motion No. 35: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 324
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 326: Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program, Establishing Capital Project No. 636, Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Fund Budget – DPW Salt Storage Building Fabric Replacement — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and establishes Capital Project No. 636 for DPW Salt Storage Building Fabric Replacement in the amount of \$296,415.

Motion No. 36: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 326
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 328: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$174,519.00 Entered Into By The County – Hybrid Building Solutions, LLC – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Hybrid Building Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$174,519 for the replacement of fabric roof on various salt storage buildings.

Motion No. 37: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 328**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 329: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – L.W. Tree Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with L.W. Tree Service, Inc for tree removal services.

Motion No. 38: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 329**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 330: 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 owners.

Motion No. 39: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 330

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

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. 331: Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept A Bid For A Parcel Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel - Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept a bid for a parcel of county owned real property for private sale.

Motion No. 40: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 331

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 332: Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept And Reject Bids For Purchase Of Parcels Of County-Owned Property At The April 19, 2022 Public Auction - Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept and reject bids for purchase of parcels of county-owned property at the April 19, 2022 public auction.

Motion No. 41: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 332

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 333: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,000.00 Entered Into By The County – CB20 Inc. F/K/A Computer Professionals International Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with CB20 Inc. for \$60,000 to extend the term through 6/30/2023 and increase the hourly rate for technical and system engineering services.

Motion No. 42: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 333**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 334: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$89,752.85 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with National Business Equipment in the amount of \$89,752.85 to extend the term from 7/1/22 – 9/30/22 and provide the offboarding process.

Motion No. 43: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 334**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 335: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$44,870.00 Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions, Inc. – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Complete Building Solutions, Inc in the amount of \$44,870 for a term of 9/1/22 – 8/31/23 for interior bus cleaning services.

Motion No. 44: MOTION TO APPROVE DISCUSS Resolution No. 335
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 336: Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Lands Owned By Ulster County Located At 60-64 Boices Lane, Town Of Ulster To Be Held On Tuesday, July 19, 2022 At 7:30 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on the sale and/or transfer of lands owned by Ulster County located at 60-64 Boices Lane to be held on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 7:05 at SUNY Ulster, Student Life Center, Vanderlyn Hall, 491 Cottekill Rd, Stone Ridge, New York.

Motion No. 45: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 336
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 337: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Arts Mid-Hudson in the amount of \$80,000 to promote Ulster County through arts/cultural activities.

Motion No. 46: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 337
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 338: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$25,000.00 Entered Into By The County – UPAC LLC – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with UPAC, LLC in the amount of \$25,000 for operational expenses that allow programming to be provided for Ulster County residents.

Motion No. 47: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 338**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Comptroller Gallagher provided a brief update on the recently released racial equity report as well as an upcoming report on 701 Grant Avenue.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

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

TIME: 6:52 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder
Minutes Approved: July 12, 2022

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Transcript

DATE & TIME: June 14, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 836 3603 4945
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: Legislator Fabiano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Greene, Heppner, Nolan, Petit, Sperry, & Uchitelle, Minority Counsel Pascale, Clerk Fabella, Deputy County Executives Contreras, Kelly & Rider, Sheriff Figueroa – UC Sheriff, Comptroller Gallagher, Alicia DeMarco & Samuel Sonenberg – UC Comptroller’s Office, Director Litwin – UC Recovery and Resilience, Director Erichsen, Steven Peterson, - UC Emergency Services, Director Macaluso – UC Information Services, Commissioner McDonald – UC Mental Health, Director Jordan – UC Purchasing, Director Doyle – UC Planning, Dr. Roberts & Jamie Capuano – SUNY Ulster, Rick Alfandre – Alfandre Architecture, Christopher Young – Urbahn Architecture Kevin Karn – NYSTEC, John Montagne - GPI, S. Deacon Bill Mennenga – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheryl Schneider & Lanny Walter – UC Residents, Mid-Hudson News

Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

Chairman Gavaris: I'd like to call the June 14th meeting of Ways and Means to order. Can I have a motion for approval of the minutes of the May 10th and May 17th meetings.

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Presentation on the SUNY Ulster budget. Ms. Capuano, you're on mute. You're still on mute.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: There we go. Sorry about that. So I don't know, Dr. Al, if you wanted to go first and then have me jump in.

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: Yeah. Let me do the fun part then you get to the money.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: Okay. Thanks Dr. Al.

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: You're welcome. I'm going to share my screen if that's okay.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, go ahead.

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: Great. Did that work? Everybody see that? That okay?

Well, first of all, I want to say thank you to our board of trustees and our foundation. They've been truly remarkable and allowing us to do the things that we've done over the years and it's every chance I get to say thank you [inaudible], do that. And But tonight, my special thanks goes to you guys. It's been incredible how you know, this is I'm finishing the 7th year, and I can't think of an ask that wasn't, that wasn't supported. So I just want to thank you and the County Executive, Mike, before Pat, but everybody has been great in the financial. If you look at our campus, you've invested about over \$20 million. It's a new face up here. You know, we have water, we have new ceilings, the air conditioning, the ventilation, it's really a new place. And I certainly appreciate everything you've done. I'm certain our whole staff, Jamie, who we stole from you guys, appreciates it.

What I thought I'd do is just cover a couple of the highlights that I like to share that we've been up to, first of all, is, there's 64 campuses in the SUNY system. And the chancellor two years ago had asked every student to consider doing this. And that would be to write, compose, and videotape themselves, one statement: what does it mean to them to be SUNY for all. And out of these roughly 500,000 students we had, they chose Sophie Temple, who is, was our SUNY Ulster student. And I'm going to show you the short video clip that she put together, that was accepted as the number one and it was shared throughout the SUNY system in the state. So here's Sophie Temple, giving you what she thinks SUNY for all is.

Sophie Temple via Recorded Video Presentation: What does 'SUNY for all' mean to me? It means opportunities, a chance for any of us to succeed, the art student to the science nerd, the future doctors and lawyers, the next great novelists and award winning musicians, the up and coming politicians, the inventors who are going to change the world and every possible thing in between. Every gender, race, religion, and sexuality, everyone has their stories that they bring with them and every story impacts the world differently. When those stories come together, that sort of change becomes possible and [inaudible] success of all. Something changes that spread across the globe and alters the course of history, some may only change one single life, an opportunity for a homeschooled girl from Kingston, who grew up wanting two things; to be smart, and to positively impact others, for her to go to a SUNY school, that's what SUNY for all means to me.

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: Well, I've just, we're very proud of Sophie, you know, and that's just one of our many graduates who have exceled. Just brings tears to my eyes to know that she could do that. She was a homeschool, she came here early, I think she was came here 16 years old. And two years, she just, you know, she was on senate, our faculty senate, and she just was great. Something that we like to talk about, and that we are the number one community college in the state for

the second year in a row. And that has a lot to do with the contributions and support we get from our community and from the legislature. So thank you for allowing us that. And we certainly every time we get a chance we share that news because it's really important to all of us to know that we we excel to that point. Couple things I just like to stress all the time is you know, our mission has not changed and if what will not change, we're open access, which means virtually the, a, a high school dropout, you can be a college graduate, we offer everyone the opportunity to attend. We're comprehensive. That means we're not a two-year transfer. We do workforce training, we do workforce, non-training, we do a whole array of Police Academy, we do over 60 programs, so we're very adept and attune to what the community is doing. And we're flexible, you know, things change were there. And one, another thing that we really are proud of is that we are in the top 100 is affordability in the country. Now the US Department of Education does an annual survey of affordability and there's, there's 1400 schools throughout the country. And we are in the top 100, the only community college in the state to do that. And you might wonder why because our tuition is, is mid-range, we're below the average, but we're still considered one of the most affordable. And the reason is because our foundation provides enough support that 70% of our students go, leave two years with no debt at all. Now, this is the first year that we've reached this goal. When I first got here seven years ago, we gave \$220,000 in scholarships. This year, we're going to give \$1 million in scholarships for the first time. And that's, that's going to be the theme going forward, you know, to continue to provide that support. But the support comes from the people that your neighbors, your, your friends, your relatives, it's our local Ulster County community that does that, provides us that opportunity to, to step up and do the things that are unique, that are different than other community colleges.

Our challenge, and Jamie's gonna talk about this in a minute, you're gonna hear enrollment. Enrollment has on a national basis dropped about 20% for community colleges and technical schools. The unique thing and we all are facing this on a national level is the number of students has not changed that much. Think about that, we are still serving close to the same number of students, but those students are part time. The ratio of the number of students that are full time to part time has gone 50-50. Which means we actually show FTE's at a reduction. So it looks like we're down in FTE's, but we're not down in headcount. And the thing Jamie has shown is that we have the same number of students, they require the same amount of services, if they're part time, or if they're full time. So you can just see the burden that puts when we're drawing money from the, from the state on the number of FTEs. So Jamie will go into more detail on that. But our goal here is to change them back to full time. And unfortunately, with the economy being the way it is, there's jobs for anybody who wants them. And unfortunately, some of our students are doing it, they're taking those jobs.

The thing that I like to talk about, my favorite thing I like to talk about is the President's Challenge Scholarship. And we have continued to grow, we just today finished awarding another 50 scholarships. So now we're up to 250 8th graders, high school students that are members of the special group, the President's Challenge. Here's a snapshot of two years ago, there was about 100.

Unidentified Speaker: So I don't

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: I think somebody is not, not muted. Anyway, here's just a few of the faces, you know, I've been fortunate

Unidentified Speaker: Yeah, my, my, my red dead. Yes,

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: I attend most of the interviews and I get to know these kids.

Unidentified Speaker: There are Somewhere.

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: There's about a 50 of them right there. That was the first couple of years. But now we're up to 250. And it's kind of special. What we've been able to do, and my, my goal is to take, this program will be at full capacity next year at 300. I committed to the foundation to be the spokesman, even after I go into retirement. So I will continue to work with this group. And I'm actually going to bring it on a statewide level. So I'm excited about the future. I just want to show you the recruitment film that we show that we send out to the school districts because the school districts have agreed to be our partner in this. And they show this to every eighth-grade class to try to let them you know, bait them a little bit. So you know, this is the kind of opportunities that are available at SUNY Ulster. And, you know, the unique thing that I, I like to share with people is not just you know, we have to have 300 students who are economically disadvantaged, first time in college, diamonds in the rough. These are special kids, but it's more than 300 kids because they all have siblings, and they all have friends. And they all, were in those schools, were in the public schools and we're in the rooms and we're talking to everybody. So it's taken us a number of years to get to where we are but we got a flood of students who we've already captured in high school that will be with us. So there's a double, you know, double success to this. One is we're helping a population who certainly I'm telling you really need it. But we're also recruiting all students in the county, which seems to work out pretty well. Show you a short video, this is our recruitment video that we sent to the high schools.

Recorded Recruitment Video: For over the last four and a half years, we've had a lot of success. And I think of all the things we've done, the thing that's been most successful and I'm most proud of, is the President's Challenge scholarship. It's a unique program where we're going after eighth graders and we're changing lives.

We have so many students who are brilliant and capable, and full of unlocked potential.

They come on campus, they're getting their college ID, they're attending classes, they're coming to special events, they are SUNY Ulster students, in ninth grade.

This will help so much in my future. And thank you so, so much.

I can't believe I'm getting to go to college.

This is really why I changed my life.

It's always been a dream for me to go to college on a scholarship.

Welcome, everybody, we're excited to connect with you today.

Once you're here, your tuition for SUNY Ulster is covered by the scholarship.

For some students, it's really uplifting their entire family. Now, the next generation of their families will see that, hey, I can do that too.

Presidents Challenge Scholarship lifts the students, it lifts the family, and it lifts our entire community.

This year, we'll be awarding scholarships to another 50 students.

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: And that's what I have tonight. And now I'm going to stop sharing and give it to Jamie and she's going to be covering the part of [inaudible]. Anyway Jamie [inaudible] and good luck.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: Thank you Dr. Al. So one second. Okay, can everybody see that screen? It's not as pretty as Dr. Al's, but I promise it will still be as informative. So jumping in, the budget reflects zero layoffs. Again, as we've talked about before, that's a big commitment that we've made on our campus. We made that throughout the pandemic. Some campuses did go through layoffs and retrenchments, we did not and we stay true to that. The budget does reflect savings that were achieved as retirement incentive that was recently offered and we had a lot, several faculty members who did take that. Some senior faculty members, so we do reflect that retirement incentive in the budget. We also are reflecting a reduction in adjunct staffing levels that is reflective of the decline in enrollment. As we look at our enrollment numbers going into the spring semester. We'll certainly be tracking that. But again, as enrollment does reduce, we do anticipate a reduction in our adjunct staffing levels. The budget also does include several targeted initiatives really focused, as Dr. Al said, at student retention and enrollment. We do have enhanced staffing levels within our office for accessibility service. And that office deals with all of our students who are coming in who need accommodations. We're seeing a large increase in student need for accommodations. So we do have more robust services being offered through that department.

The budget also continues to several shared service initiatives that will reduce operational costs overall, we have a shared service initiative with SUNY. This is a shared service for our Chief Information

Officer. And we also have server hosting offered through SUNY. We are also continuing our shared service initiative with the county for county purchasing services.

In terms of the total operating budget, our total operating budget is 24.4 Million, as you see on this chart. That is a decrease of 2.9 million. That reduction is mostly tied to the federal stimulus funds. We had to use federal stimulus funding for COVID-19 related expenses. So we have COVID-19 mandated testing, social distancing measures, as well as classroom and equipment upgrades, really to be able to do that remote platforms. The current budget does include 1.4 million in federal funds, and that's going to be to complete some remaining projects. We're gonna be doing mental health wraparound services for students. Again, that's another area that we feel we really need to focus on as students come back to campus.

So in terms of a revenue, as we've talked about before the state did approve the floor funding model. This provides the same level of state aid that was provided in 21-22. It does represent in essence, a maintenance of effort that is based on a year when enrollment was reduced. So this model again has not been established in permanent law. We are hopeful that the state and the governor's office will include this within permanent law in the near future. The budget reflects 6.4 million in the county share, that is the maintenance of effort component. And the budget does reflect a tuition increase of \$100 per semester on a full-time basis, and \$10 per credit on a part-time basis. Again, is modest tuition increase, as Dr. Al said will be offset by additional tuition assistance programs. And again, the scholarships that's being offered through the foundation.

The state did enhance, did announced this year and expansion in the TAP program. So TAP will be eligible for part-time students. And the other Federal Pell awards will also be increasing this year. That part-time Pell component also does recognize workforce programs. So as Dr. Al said, that's a big initiative that SUNY Ulster focuses on. So that's going to be enhanced TAP awards for students who are enrolling in those workforce programs. And it's also important to note that the Excelsior program tuition rate will reboot this year. That's going to align with our 22-23 tuition rate. So this will eliminate what's referred to as the Excelsior gap, which really is the gap between the actual tuition rate and the tuition rate that's been approved through the state for charge for that program. So doing a quick financial aid analysis, it's really important to note as Dr. Al said before, 80% of SUNY Ulster students receive financial support through grants and scholarships. We have TAP, Pell, part-time TAP will also increase that number. And as Dr. Al said, the foundation is offering a million dollars in scholarships, which is a huge increase from what they provided in the past to really support our students.

So we did take a look at our tuition rate and compare it against others within the state and within our region. So taking a look at our tuition rate, and other colleges, the 22-23 tuition rate of \$5,080 is below the statewide average of 5,115. And it's directly in line with our regional average of \$5,081. SUNY Ulster's tuition rate will remain the third lowest in the region, behind Dutchess and Westchester.

So, as Dr. Al was talking about looking at the enrollment numbers, our budget does reflect a 16% decrease in enrollment. This reduction really is tied to that shift into the part-time, students shifting into part-time as we emerge from the pandemic. This trend has been continuing throughout all community colleges and reflecting an average decrease of 13% overall throughout SUNY. And it's also reflective of national trends in enrollment. We do, whenever we do our budgets when we're looking at the revenue, obviously, we always want to be conservative on the estimate. We have looked at this number several times and feel that this reduction in enrollment is warranted given that continued shift we're seeing into the part-time basis. So looking at, again, just a snapshot looking at 2019. In 2019-20, approximately 37% of our students enrolled part-time, whereas 63% were on a full-time basis. In 22-23, we expect this shift to be a flat 50-50 split. And really the students are working and going to college. So they're started, we're really starting to see that shift where the students are out in the workforce while also attending college. And we do as Dr. Al said, we receive less state aid on an FTE basis for part time students. But our staff still provide the same level of support and services to all students who come into SUNY Ulster.

So this is just looking at the 'every student' vs. a 'typical SUNY Ulster student' just to give kind of a sense on how they progress through SUNY Ulster. So every student who comes into SUNY Ulster will be served by Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Public Safety, Health Services, and the registrar, and you'll find that at most campuses. SUNY Ulster students, though typically are served by at least 10 offices. The state aid formula, however, only provides a fraction of state aid for each part-time student. So just give a quick example, if a student enrolled with us for six credits, they'll generate about \$600 in state aid, while a full-time student would receive the same level of services, they'll generate around 3,000 in state aid. And as we continue to see that shift to the part-time student basis, those students tend to have higher need levels and they tend to come through needing more services from our offices.

And as Dr. Al said as well, some of the, you know budget and recruitment initiatives that were ongoing, the budget does reflect Enrollment Initiatives and targeted, really looking at how to retain the students. We are working with our student services offices and we found that through that pandemic, students really wanted more flexibility. They wanted to be able to meet us remotely, after hours, before hours, on the weekends. So we're working with our enrollment team to really make that happen, kind of meeting the students where they are. We're also very excited to get back in person and get recruitment efforts back out to the schools and all the areas where we used to have a really face to face presence, we find that students tend to enroll and actually go through the enrollment process with us when they have us there to help them and they have a face to a name. And our enrollment team also just launched a new recruitment campaign called 'You're In', so this initiative will be sent to all Ulster County high school seniors announcing their acceptance to SUNY Ulster. Within each seniors packet they'll also receive steps to, next steps to outline how to finalize their enrollment pathway. So again, all eyes as Dr. Al said, on enrollment and recruitment and retention, really keeping our students with us as they continue through that first year into that second year.

And with that, any questions?

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you, does anyone have any questions? Legislator Walter

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So first one, last year, you spoke about developing a partnership. I think it was with Marist to do a pipeline was it an RN-BSN? Now I'm not fully remembering if it was a social work pipeline, a nursing pipeline, or both. But I feel like there was an RN-BSN relationship you were looking into, and I'm curious how it's going, and, and

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: We just finalized the MOA with them and they'll be starting classes in the fall. And we, we've had one with Empire with the nursing program, so they actually do the RN to the BSN remotely with us. So we have two pipelines, one for human services, and the other is for nursing.

Legislator Walter: Oh so its both, so, so for BSN's and for MSW or BSW?

Dr. Alan Roberts - SUNY Ulster President: No MSW.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: and that agreement, Legislator Walters is with a Adelphi so Adelphi will be on campus in the fall.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Greene. You're on mute, Legislator Greene.

Legislator Greene: I, first of all, I, I'd like to commend the excellent work, especially for priority community students from priority communities and, and households. I'm very proud of, of that work. I have a question about food waste and the cafeteria. We here in Ulster County, the legislature passed a food waste diversion law. And the last time I checked the cafeteria was, because of COVID, was not really operating or maybe operating in a very limited manner. But I do want to be sure that the college sets a good example. So I don't know what the status of food waste generation is. It's handled so beautifully at SUNY New Paltz. At least in the dorms, and, you know, the cafeterias. It's harder in the food court. But I just wondered, and I understand the college doesn't have dorms, so. But I just would like an update on that. The status of food and food waste.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: Sure, so I can respond on that one. We are in contract with Blackboard Bistro, they run out of the Rosendale municipal center, so they contract with us for food service. So I'll certainly go back to them to ensure that they're compliant with all of the food waste disposal rules, and that was outlined in the law. We are still at a reduced capacity operation within our food sector, the students are really kind of coming on of the remote platforms, and they're not on campus all day as they typically used to be. So we're still seeing a significant reduction in food, you know, food

access, if you will, but I'll certainly follow up with them Legislator Greene and get back to as soon as possible and how they're handling all of the food waste and all of the compost, composting measures.

Legislator Greene: And congratulations on using a local business. Last time I checked on this. It was I forget which service but it was essentially a national service.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: Yes. Yeah. We were very happy that Blackboard Bistro was willing and they were a great partner with us throughout COVID. Frankly, the old company was not working out during COVID. They were not looking to continue operations and Blackboard Bistro was amazing, stepped up, and we're very happy to have them on campus. They've been a great partner.

Legislator Greene: Great. Thank you. Thank you. I look forward to hearing your answer.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: Absolutely. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you, Legislator Green. Anybody else? All right. Thank you both for presentation. We'll continue on. Thank you.

Jamie Capuano - SUNY Ulster VP: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Resolution Number 11: Requesting Enactment of State and Senate Assembly Bill for the hotel and motel occupancy, tax. Motion? Actually, can I have a motion to postpone to next week?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move to postpone it next week.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels? Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

168: Authorizing a one-time reimbursement to Ulster County real property taxpayers. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move for postponement.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

288:

Legislator Walter: I think Natalie was trying to chime in.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, Natalie.

Natalie Kelder: I just wanted to clarify if that was a motion to postpone for one week, or one month.

Chairman Gavaris: One week.

Legislator Ronk: One week.

Natalie Kelder: Okay.

Chairman Gavaris: 288: Requiring the reporting of wages for employees and contractors. Can I have a motion as amended presented before you?

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'm move for discussion.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I mean, I'm no more supportive of this now than I was last month or the month before. So I mean, I'm ready to move forward personally, on a, on a, no vote. I'm not sure what everyone else is up for if we want to move it forward, or if we want to postpone it, but just want to make my, my feelings clear.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle: Yeah, just wanted to make sure that everyone has the amended version, just removing the word 'goods', so it's really just services. This is something in conversation with the procurement department with the Director of Procurement to just narrow it to the actual, you know,

service work, rather than, you know, buying reams of paper or something. So that's what, that's what's in the packet, because I just got it today myself and forwarded. Okay. Um, yeah, I mean, just while I've got the, the microphone, you know, I'll just say I, I am surprised that this is so controversial for some, I think for most of us, it's not, and I would be happy to see us put this forward tonight.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: Thank you Legislator Uchitelle for agreeing to some of those amendments. There was one that we did not include that I would ask the committee to entertain. And that's just removing any reference to certified payrolls in this resolution. I, I think that that is the step that we do not need to go, I think we can gather the information via contract. We can do forms associated with our contracts to get payroll information without requiring the companies to submit certified payrolls. And I believe Legislator Uchitelle was okay with that in our conversations as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Well I'd like to hear what Legislator Uchitelle has to say about that. But I also want to understand why you wouldn't want to see certified payroll, again, once someone's contracted with us.

Deputy Executive Rider: It's not something that a lot of vendors are required to do. I mean, right now in the labor sector, they're required on capital project, any public work, project to do a certified payroll, but other vendors just aren't, and, and service providers aren't used to doing a certified payroll, as is required by public works, you know, construction contractors, so I just don't want to confuse what we're actually looking for, I think what we're looking for is, is the payroll information without something being technically certified.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Uchitelle. You're on mute.

Legislator Uchitelle: Yep, thank you, I'm open to that, you know, for, for the reason that it'll, you know, I want this to be easy for vendors, I think, you know, the certified payroll perhaps is a, you know, an added burden, I can see the value of it, because it's the only way to know for, for sure. However, I think it's, you know, I'm comfortable with them submitting their intent, you know, based on the basically the, the, what that removing that requirement removes all personally identifiable information from this. So it basically says what they paid these roles individually, not what they paid the people individually. Or not necessarily what they'd be the roles individually could be what they pay their roles in aggregate, or not aggregate but in, in, you know, by role, and they might have multiple, you know, if there's multiple case managers and they are all getting paid, you know, within a range and they put that range down there, I'm comfortable with that. And I'm comfortable with it, you know, with the, with the only information that we're reporting that we're retaining, being that information. I think that would be a huge step forward, I

realized that even that step forward might be uncomfortable for some, particularly as we're coming out of a period of, you know, fiscal, you know, conservative kind of mindset, moving a lot of things to the private sector. I'm not saying that, you know, needs to be reversed. I'm just saying, I really want to see what's going on and how much folks are getting paid when they're working for the county when they're working with our constituents. And I think that that's, you know, it's a matter of what's right and I encourage folks to have an open mind to that.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So through the Chair to Legislator Uchitelle, can you just help me visualize sort of how we would be able to use these data going forward? Like, what, yeah, what do you specifically see us being able to take this and in order to make either policy decisions or financial decisions?

Legislator Uchitelle: Yeah. If I may, Chair Gavaris, it would give us visibility into what the roles that we are, you know, we're already looking at contracts that say what work is being performed. This would then say, who's, you know, what roles are performing that work and what are those roles being paid so that we can make decisions about, you know, how we're, how we're spending county resources to help our constituents. I mean, there's a case to be made for wanting to make sure that, you know, people are earning a living wage, even though I didn't include that in this specific legislation and the requirements of that we've had, you know, a number of pieces of legislation that I think this information would have been helpful to have. And even if we can't agree on what people shouldn't be paid, at this time, I think we'll have to agree on that somewhere down the road. And I'd like to start collecting that information today.

Legislator Walter: Can I follow up on that?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes.

Legislator Walter: I guess, I'm just wondering, because if we have the amount for position, but we don't know, like, for example, how many hours that person does or anything else, we won't be able to determine what their pay rate is. So and I, and so I just, maybe some more I, it's not that I have anything against this, I just like to see what tangibly we'll be able to take this and, and what kinds of specific decisions we could be making from this.

Legislator Uchitelle: Do you mind John? If I

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah.

Legislator Uchitelle: So, um, the form that I think I shared with you previously, and that I've shared with the procurement department as an example, which is basically the same information that the state collects. So we know that there's precedent for this in the public sector. And it would, it also includes the percent, so it takes the role, and the percent that that role is engaged on this contract. So you would be able to basically do the math and, and figure out what, what percent of that salary is going to this, I think it could be, you know, it might be helpful to clarify if it's full-time or part-time, or, you know, the number of hours. I, I believe a lot of that is already in the contract language in many of these cases. Particularly, you know, if it's depending on the depending on the contract. But, again, this is not a novel thing. This is something that the state already collects. And I don't believe is too onerous. And I think it'd be very helpful.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter, you're good? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Um, so I was, I see that it still allows for us to audit, so, so we have that backup protection if we, if we have a question. And again, I just want to clarify that this is only if, if the contract is awarded. This is not at the level of responding to a contract. It's just once the, once the contract is awarded, they're going to have to submit payment information. Is there, I saw Deputy Executive Rider nod his head, so I'm assuming that's a yes, just for awardees. So my question then, is it are we able to if there's a concern that we're not actually going to or it's going to take some level of effort to discern what people are actually getting paid? Can we be, rather than certified payroll, is there a way to be specific about what we're asking for in either an hourly way or a salary way so that we know what based on the job description specifically people are getting paid? Short of a certified payroll?

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: I, I believe the form that has been shared and, and maybe I know Ed is having the attorneys tweak it. And it would just be like, you know, on our contracts, it would be like a scheduled D after the insurance. When they turned in the, the signed copy of the contract, they'd have to fill out the form. I believe that it actually aggregates like it has individual people assigned to the work and their salary and their percentage towards the work. So actually don't think it's taking everything and putting it together. I think it's individuals, which I think would answer that, that question. I also wanted to go back and, you know, this is a requirement that this information be turned, you know, over to us and then turned over to the Legislative Clerk within 30 days, I still believe that there's some kind of requirement in the regular living wage law that was passed last year, that also has to do with some kind of opportunity to request certified payrolls and audits, that, that can be done, and this doesn't impact that. So you are still going to be able to get some audited information that's a little bit more drilled down if, if you request it.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Can I just ask a follow on question through you, Chair to Deputy Executive Rider? And that's, are you suggesting that the 30 days might be too tight?

Deputy Executive Rider: No.

Legislative Chair Bartels: No. Okay.

Deputy Executive Rider: Sorry, that's not what I was saying at all.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Okay.

Deputy Executive Rider: I was just saying this resolution just says that it must be submitted with the contracts, and then we have to turn it over within 30 days. But there's other requirements in the living wage law, if I remember that this doesn't impact.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: Thank you, I just like to be added, please, as a co-sponsor for this.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody else?

All right, I'll just say, I said at the, we talked about, excuse me last month, you know, there's, to me this is a privacy issue that without any good solution to the FOIL ability for people to get these records. I just, I just don't see it. I don't see the benefit outweighing the negative impact. And you know, we are a county of small businesses, not large industry, for the most part, and it's going to be pretty hard to blur position and person with this law, so I'm going to be a no on it.

If nothing else, then as amended, all those in favor? Three. Opposed? Two opposed. Okay. Motion for as amended? [inaudible] approved?

Legislator Walter: What are you asking Chair?

Chairman Gavaris: Well, we just made the amendment. So now we got to approve.

Legislator Walter: Oh, I'll make a motion on the resolution as amended.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Cahill: I'll second.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. All those in favor? Opposed? I'll be opposed as well, so two opposed. All right, motion carried. Thank you.

Resolution 290: Amending the county budget to include federal aid funding from mental health and school program. Can I have a motion? Chair, Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So this speaks to this resolution and the next resolution. This is similar to things I brought up in Public Health. You may or may not know I was the only no. I am so supportive of this program in every way, shape and form except for one. I think it's, it's great in concept. I think what we're doing in the schools is terrific. I'll try to be simple and expressing what my current concerns are just so that others can understand it. For me, I'm so excited that we have a Department of Mental Health and have the capacity to undo what we've done many years ago, where, dismantled our, our Mental Health Department by have, contracting out to other third party organizations to deliver the mental health care. And we saw that that wasn't, that didn't work. And so I'm so thrilled to be able to rebuild our Mental Health Department. And so what concerns me is the fact that this continues the previous practice of, of providing a million dollars to a third party organization to deliver the services. And I'll just say a little bit about why. I think about, this is something that we want to do well, and we want to do continuously, we don't want to put the work into doing this and getting social workers into the school and then in the year of they're gone. We want this to be successful and run for as long as we possibly can afford it, which I hope is a very long time because it has a great bang, bang for its buck. So either we decide we want to continue to give a million dollars to a third party company to run this, or we need to think about how do we make this something that's our own. And so what I worry is by having this third party company doing this, as opposed to taking that million dollars, and just spending it here, and, and us running this, is we won't know how to define what kind of experience we require of these social workers, we won't know necessarily how many kids are being served, we won't know how to best integrate this into the schools, and what are the challenges to integrating it. There's social workers in the schools and how do they work together and how shouldn't they work together? We won't know whether two social workers per school is necessarily the right number or not. We won't know if families or schools are feeling underserved. We, we also, I have a concern, like if we're offering this company that a million dollars, we have a, a crisis right now where we can't hire social workers. Across New York state, it's, it's been extremely challenging. So what happens if they can't hire the 10 Social Workers? Like, are we not paying them the million dollars? Is this a reimbursable? There, there's often these grant programs that's based on the number of kids served, and, and not on a, a blanket amount, because they probably won't be able to get the 10 social workers, they're going to lose social workers in the middle. How are the decisions made that if they only get five Social Workers, which schools should get the services? Which school shouldn't get the services?

What if someone quits in the middle, and there's a gap? How is the decision made on how those gaps get filled? How do we transition this to being something we're offering. And so I feel like by us, using the same money, which is our taxpayer money, even if it's through, we've got opioid settlement money and ARP money, if we do it, and we're operating it, then we can know all those things that we can be on top

of it, and in charge of it, we can roll it out in a meaningful way. Maybe it's, we're not going to get 10 social workers so maybe it's a smaller type of rollout. We have Thomasina in Mental Health, who is a Social Worker who could serve as that supervisor, but I just feel like one, it leaves us in the dark. It doesn't allow us to really protect our you know, to be sure that we're giving the services that we want, and it doesn't allow for the clean transition to us doing this. So I feel like if your fellow legislators, okay with just continually having a third party, deliver this for us, then this is fine. But if it's some if there is the hope that we are ultimately delivering this care, then this is something we should be building ourselves, because we're not going to be able to, it, it the trans, it just doesn't smoothly work into that kind of transition. I'll also say that Social Workers hired by nonprofit companies do not get paid the same way that they do when they work for government. I know several Social Workers who have left their nonprofit jobs and are sad about wanting to be able to work for government, because not only is the salary, but the fringe is stronger. So it, it's also building that Social Work workforce. I'm excited that the community college is getting that undergrad underway. But we have, so we have a lot of potential Social Workers right here in our county that we could support. But I would like us to support them. I like them to be our staff, so that we could make sure that this is the best service possible for our kids and has true sustainability. So I'm not in favor of this, in terms of the RFP to a third party. I am in favor to, of the program in every other way that it is described.

Chairman Gavaris: I apologize, I did not update my agenda. So Deputy Contreras and Commissioner were gonna do a presentation. So Deputy Contreras if you want to

Deputy Executive Contreras: Thank you Chair Um, yes, we I will ask Tara or Commissioner McDonald to jump into the presentation quickly in a minute but I just wanted to kind of speak to some of Legislator Walters points. I think the main point on in housing it at this point is that, given the scope of the need, we really wanted to be able to provide something that serves all of the school districts. And because of that, we wouldn't advocate at this point to hire. That would require us to hire 10 Social Workers in a county, and there's not really any way to hire people, temporarily. So that's why we wanted to use ARPA funds, which is meant to address critical needs that are related to COVID. And obviously, the mental health issues have been linked to COVID, isolation and, and sometimes loss of family members. And the funding is really meant to address these types of issues that are much more dire right now. We don't know if this level of need is going to persist beyond the next few years. And if they do, I think that we can all agree on ways to continue this program, if it is, and, and then we would be able to tweak it at that point, whether it needs to change in scope or size or the delivery, whether we want to provide it in house or continue with third party. But this just gives us more flexibility. So that is just the main kind of response that I wanted to give on that. But we do have a presentation, just in case anybody hasn't had a chance to look at the backup. And so we can go through that and answer any questions.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels, do you want to wait for afterwards or you want to go now?

Legislative Chair Bartels: That's fine. I can wait till after, I'll put my hand down.

Chairman Gavaris: Thanks.

MH Commissioner McDonald: Okay, thank you. Um, so again, my name is Tara McDonald, I'm the Commissioner for the Department of Mental Health. I'm going to share my screen and go through a really quick presentation. I know that some of you have already seen and heard this. So I thank you so much for your time and attention again.

So this presentation is with regards to the implementation of Mental Health in Schools Program.

Sorry, I'm not advancing here. Okay. I'm sorry. Can everyone see my screen?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes.

MH Commissioner McDonald: Okay, awesome. So what you'll see here are just a few clippings of, recent clippings, of some events that have happened in our community, our wider community, our, our national community, and that have added to the stressors for our youth that make mental health supports for youth needed more now than, than ever. The range goes from youth that are struggling with depression and anxiety and stuck in emergency rooms seeking support, to gun violence and the fact that we have been in this prolonged state with regards to the pandemic and all of the stress that that's put on not only the youth, but the families within their, with whom they're living with. So the stress of the family, their parents, their caregivers, all are transferred to our youth, they're feeling that just as much as their family and caregivers are, and it is quite a weight. And it's difficult to be able to carry that weight every day and be educated and go to school and attend. It's all very stressful. So our kids need our support in any way that we can get it to them.

Locally in the county, what we're seeing is an increased number of single point of access or spousal referrals for connection to mental health support services in the community. There's an increased number of youth that are coming in terms of the referrals that are struggling with anxiety, and social avoid, I'm sorry, school avoidance, and not appearing at the school in order to be educated. And there's also a place where the kids are struggling with transitions from schools. And the transition that we're talking about are these developmental transitions that come between needing to go from elementary school to middle school to high school. All of these transitions are normal. They're a part of our childhoods. However, it also is a time of stress. If you've been in elementary school for five years, you know, your teacher, you know your locker, you know, this environment and then to go into an environment that's entirely new. That in itself is a stressor. When you add everything else that's happening in our community, it just makes it unbearable, and our kids are needing our support. With regards to the program planning in the, the process, the design process in spring 2021, we initiated the planning process, we consulted our stakeholders. Dr. Cory, the BOCES superintendent, the pupil personnel staff from each district and we had individual meetings with, between the department and the

school districts. It was really important for us to speak to them from the ground level in terms of design, to make sure that we're targeting the areas of concern that they believe that their students would be dealing with and to make sure that the focus for the program will be able to remediate that targeted concern. These were more in depth than there were more in-depth conversations that yielded the, the need to provide support, but not necessarily clinically in nature. One of the things that we heard from the school is that they, the schools in the school districts, is that they had the ability to be able to utilize their funding and get more social workers, that sort of thing. But many times it focused whatever resources they were putting focused on the school campus, our kids are in schools, most of the day, this is true, this is where they're spending a lot of their time. But they're also going back to the community, we wanted to be able to target that bridging effect that was needed the bridge between the school campus into the community to make sure that the, the school day goes as well as it can. So this program was really to be able to meet with a teacher but also to be able to meet with their parents, in their home, at their parents work, or find a, a child's on work in the community or something to do after school. It was really important that it wasn't just in the school building. And that was important for the districts as well. We developed an RFP and release it and we did that all in in conjunction with feedback from the school districts.

The goals of the program are to be able to buttress existing services available in both school and the community, to provide intensive time limited clinical intervention and care coordination to Ulster County students. It will be the, will be a part of the school community at each of our nine districts and access the link between school community and family. Services will be targeted toward middle age young people again, when we're looking at that transitions between middle school, high school. Preparing them so that they feel confident and comfortable to be able to make that developmental meet that developmental milestone, it will aim to promote overall wellness at school, home. Build protective factors to offset the effects of trauma and directly target social determinants of health to help make our community stronger. The staffing support so it would operate in teams of one Licensed Master or Clinical Social Worker or a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. It would have one case manager and work in diads to support the youth and the families in the schools, of youth and families and the school, sorry.

That support would come through a weekly face to face sessions with the youth, family support sessions, ongoing communication and meetings with school staff is needed. Linkage to community supports and resources for both the youth and the family and coordination with other involved providers, including but not limited to mental health, juvenile justice, social services and primary care. I wanted to go back to that linkage to community supports and resources if one of the things is that a student is not doing well. But it requires a good amount of coordination between the family and the school this service would be able to ensure that the, the parent gets to the school to have the conversation. Sometimes the support can be as concrete as helping to set up transportation or as grand as doing an assessment of a, of a youth that is really in some sort of acute psychiatric crisis. Some of the activities and support, the teams will work with youth on goals related to mental health to trauma, academics, community, vocational, family,

housing instability, food insecurity, and violence at home or in the community. It really is support around anything that will impede on a youth's ability to be successful in school. Why now? So we're hoping to be responsive to the current need for greater mental health supports for youth. It meets the ARPA criteria as one of the primary categories of eligible use for SLFRF funds, is public health, which includes behavioral health care. It supports households and communities impacted by COVID and it serves underserved vulnerable populations. There's a wide community impact developed with wide outreach to all schools districts. It serves the entire county and it strengthens vital public services and it ties into our, the development of our local child system of care and single point of access work. Approval is time sensitive in order to allow for sufficient time to plan for the Fall launch.

Stop Sharing and answer any questions. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you, and thank you for the presentation, again. I, I just want to echo some of Legislator Walter's, if not all of Legislator Walter's concerns. I think the program as presented and as, as envisioned in the RFP is, is an excellent program, and I do think it's needed, and I don't think it's something whose need unfortunately is going to go away with the waning of the pandemic. I mean, I think our children need these services and to have the County's Mental Health Department working with the school districts is not only laudable, it's, it's what, I think, we're here for. And so I applaud all of that, I just have strong concerns about a million dollar spend on a one year program without envisioning a, you know, a permanence, which is what I think we should be doing. And I think we should be doing it through the budget cycle, as part of really the, the reimagining of the Mental Health Department. I was here when we outsourced it, and I applaud the creation of the department and having a bonafide Director and Director McDonald. It's, it's, it's excellent, these are all the right moves. But I think as far as this program goes, that we should be making an investment in Ulster County, not as a one, not as a one-year ARPA program. So I'd really like to challenge the department to, to go back and come back to us with what the program would look like, as a, as a permanently funded program through Ulster County Mental Health.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I mean, I would support that idea of really being, having this clear pathway. And I guess what I would say is, I would like that, I would, I would like to also add how we're going to, just to understand if, if they're given a million dollars, and they are not able to provide 10 social workers, which I'm pretty much, I will eat humble pie if I'm wrong, but I feel pretty confident they will not find 10 social workers, given our current state, but what will be, how will we be doing this? I, you know, there's been grants like, for example, Family would get federal grants where they would or state grants where they were only paid per child served. So like, how do we, how will we do that, you know, address the fact that if they do not provide enough services. So I'd like to hear what that plan is on, on an

expenditure. And what I would love to hear is, if this organization has this kind of experience, then what I, you know, what I feel we can get out of them, because I don't think there'll be better at hiring Social Workers than we are because we, we'll have a better package. But they could provide us with what the model should look like. And so I do have no problem with the third party organization really helping us create the model that works. That I think we have more success in getting put together in the next whatever, six months before our budget cycle is that we're actually approaching the budget cycle with a really strong robust model that would work and using their knowledge. But, you know, that would be what I would hope gets tied into this. If we are going to use them, then can they give us that kind of framework with the understanding that we would incorporate it into our county and how that would best, how that transition works? How that transition works with the existing Social Workers? How you know, the whole approach, I would like to see as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Contreras.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, so on the, the adjustment piece, I think you're right, that there's a, a crisis in attracting and finding behavioral health workers. And so and you had brought that up before so we reached out one of the ideas that you brought up was that we reach out to a university and see if we can get in place a partnership with an internship program. So we did do that I spoke to Ohio, the Assistant Dean at Delphi University. He's very excited and is looking forward to, you know, next steps on this if it gets approved. I think I would like to kick it to Commissioner McDonald on how we would adjust the contract. As well, if they're having trouble finding people, because I know our mental health team oversees contracts all day and so there's a lot of ideas for how we would go about adjusting that. But just to say, we would never pay, we would never give a nonprofit, just the million dollars. It's always based on deliverables and the actual services that they're able to provide. And then lastly, on doing this in the budget process, it's just a concern that I've raised before, which is that if we wait to do that, I think we won't be able to get this off the ground until maybe mid-year, next year, end of the year. And I think we're all on the same page that the, the need is just so dire, it is dire. And that is the point of COVID recovery funds, is to address these especially acute needs right now, but specifically to the contracts I, I, I Tara, could you chime in?

MH Commissioner McDonald: Absolutely. I did want to talk about the, the ability to pivot within utilizing the contract as the way in which for us to have oversight about how the actual program is being implemented. We just stipulate in the contract how they're getting the money first. So it wouldn't be a matter of a million dollar check to them at the beginning. And then we hear about how it goes at the end, we are definitely doing disbursements. And they are responsible for giving in deliverables and data with regards to how many people have you served, how many lives have been touched, we're having conversations with the schools, were making sure that we're putting together those linkages, we're participating in meetings as well. This is all about the, this is all a part of our responsibility as a local governments who needed to have really hands on oversight of not just this contract, but all of the contracts that we have. So that's, that's the first piece of it. The second piece of it is that unfortunately,

we've been going through this really challenging time in hiring staff. And so with the other contracts that we have, what we will do is that these regular conversations, benchmark conversations that we have quarterly with each one of our contractors, we do go through the amount of folks that they have been actually providing the services with what the what is in the contract. And a lot of times the connection in the decrease in the amount of services is due to not having staff. So we'll adjust the staff and you had mentioned this earlier, too. Is it, if we, if our plan is to do five, but we're only able two, or five clinicians or 10. If we're only able to do five and 10 is what's in the plan. We readjust to make sure that we're able to have the program match what our staffing is. So that whatever it is that we're doing, we're making a difference. So that's, that that mid step and pivot can only be done with having really close oversight, which is what we're responsible for and what we do generally.

Legislator Walter: Can I follow up?

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, just [inaudible]

Legislator Walter: Is it your intention to make this a county program in the 2023 budget?

MH Commissioner McDonald: It's our intention to definitely utilize the pilot year to inform us about what to do moving forward [inaudible]

Legislator Walter: However, we won't have time by the time we get to the 2023 budget. So I'm wondering if you're, are you saying that you will not put it in for the 20, I just need to know whether you're seeing this the integration of this into the 2023 budget. Because for me, there's a very big difference of us committing ourselves to a million dollars to a third-party organization that's not in Ulster County, forever, or for a long time versus this is really setting it up. But that your goal and expectation is that that in this 2023 budget, we're going to see the segue of this, it might be that the positions' role, if this is going from September to you know, whatever June because that's the school year, then maybe that is addressed, where you're not paying for the full year of those staff. But I just want to know, is it your plan that in 2023, we'll see how this is going to be integrated as a county provided service? Or will we see it as a line item that you're going to be to continue to contract with this organization.

MH Commissioner McDonald: So when you're saying 2023 budget, we're in that we're about to enter into that budget season right now. We don't have any information to be able to know that we would put it forward we would really need the, the data from the pilot in order to be able to make that decision and have that go to the next budget cycle, I believe, but I don't know who would be able to make a commitment to this one.

Legislator Walter: So you would lose a whole half year of no funding because if this is going, if this happens now, then you will have I mean, are you then saying that this, is that million dollar supposed to carry you till December 2023? until right before 2024? Is that your plan?

MH Commissioner McDonald: So we couldn't

Legislator Walter: Or is there going to be a gap in care?

MH Commissioner McDonald: The plan would be for this 22-23 school year.

Legislator Walter: Right? So what would happen September through December of 2023?

MH Commissioner McDonald: So by that point, we would be in the next budget cycle, the, the '24 budget cycle, is that correct? No,

Legislator Walter: Well, no, I mean, you'll be talking about it, but you will not have the care, the care would stop from September to December 2023.

Deputy Executive Contreras: So, if I could just jump in, there's always, I think in terms of sustainability, we're always looking at other funding sources, there's money coming from the state, they release RFPs, kind of continuously. And then as far as I understand it, there's also a bipartisan deal that's in the works at the federal level around gun control. And a part of that is for mental health supports, as well as support for schools. So we track all of that. And we would be sort of putting that together, as we see how this project rolls out, to try to figure out how to continue it. Again, if we should continue it, what the shape should be, and all of those questions, but I think we would not. We, we haven't, you know, finalized this discussion or anything, but I don't think that we were thinking of putting it into the budget for this coming year, because we are hoping that this will be a pilot program that we can then use to adjust.

Legislator Walter: So can I, I'd just like to make a motion to postpone this till next week, with giving them time to think this through, because this does mean that for September through December, the service would stop and

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter, can, can you just hold that, because Legislator Nolan has been patient [inaudible]

Legislator Walter: Oh sure.

Chairman Gavaris: close this, close the loop, but let's hear from Legislator Nolan.

Legislator Walter: Sure.

Legislator Nolan: Thank you, Chair Gavaris. Yeah, I, I agree with what's been put forward, I don't think it means we don't have any program in the Fall of 2023. What makes the most sense is to budget for this, we're gonna bring it into the county in 2024, when we have the experience from the pilot project, and we know what we're doing. So by putting this forward now, my understanding what I advocated in public health and carried the majority of the committee is we need this now. And this is a way to bring it in with experienced people, the soonest. Actually, this Fall, so we do that, we get it going, and then we get some experience. And then we decide what we're going to do for the three months of the Fall. Fall in 2023. Other funding that would allow us either to hire a consultant for those months, which I think would be reasonable, or to try to stand something up within the county, if it's a smaller program and we feel like we have the ability to do that. It, it's just not my experience, that you can create a program like this with 10 people in nine school districts, and a supervisor and a, a, an entirely new curriculum or program in a couple of months. And so my feeling was that the argument that we should do this within the county is a very strong one. But we would've need to of begun that a year or two or more ago, in order to be ready to bring that into the school this Fall. That didn't happen, no blame on anybody. It just didn't happen, pandemic and all kinds of stuff. But at this point to get a good solid program in, and one we can, we can get a lot of information from. I don't agree that we wouldn't be able to get, you know, feedback on what worked and what didn't work. We can do that with you know, we do that with all the consultants we hire on programs like this. So I think we need it urgently. And this is a way to do it. And we figure out how to keep it going forward next year when we know what we want, which isn't clear to me. And I don't know how it would be clear to others of exactly what's going to work well for nine different school districts in the setting that we're in right now.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll let Legislator Cahill go first because he hasn't spoken yet. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you very much. I just have a really quick question. Do we know if the, the ending of the school year that impacts the implementation of this in any way? I know that a lot of teachers and staff take a 10-month year and take the summers off. Right. So will that impact the implementation of this if we agree to it now, anyway? And would it end up being pushed back to the Fall? In some cases? Does anyone know that?

Chairman Gavaris: It sounds like it is scheduled for the Fall anyway, I don't think their plan was for it to start right away, I think it's to because by the time you execute all the agreements and get it lined up. It sounds like this is a Fall school year.

Legislator Cahill: This is what, this is my point is, by the time you execute all the agreements, and you have all the people who have to sign off and everything and make all the planning for it to start in September, will they be available to do that in the summer? I guess I should have phrased it that way. Thank you.

MH Commissioner McDonald: So the schools have been, I didn't, want to make sure I'm okay to answer to that question.

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible]

MH Commissioner McDonald: The schools have been waiting to be able to see the program come to fruition since we had started having those talks. So they're sort of poised to be able to enter and, and to, to have this process take hold. So I think that they would be available, at least the principal administrators that are required to enter into the agreements during the summer to be prepared for the Fall. That was a, a part of our conversations and, and them being ready so that we could sort of strike while the iron is hot. So I, I believe that they would be available, but the, the school that the the social workers, the teachers, those folks would be included when they're back in the Fall, but the administrators can get started right away in terms of the agreement so that we can hit the ground running in September.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. So I know that Legislator Walter was interrupted, but I too, I would like to second, the motion to postpone for one week. And to continue the conversation. Again, I really want to reiterate that, you know, I will, I would like to see this million dollars invested in Ulster County personnel and starting the program in Ulster County. I also would like to see the response to the RFP, which I've asked for and haven't, and haven't seen yet. I've seen the RFP, what went out, but I, but I don't know, you know, the, the responses and what the, the, if someone's been chosen what it is that they're actually specifically stating that they're going to do other than what was in what was in the RFP itself. And I know that there's, there's nuance from one program where one responded to a next, which is how one gets chosen. So I'd like to see the, the selected RFP, if that's happened. As well in the, in the interim week, but, but I really would encourage there to be a thoughtful dialogue about if there's a way again, going back to what Legislator Walter said, where maybe we're working with an agency that's helping to define the programming, but that the personnel that we're hiring, are actually Ulster County personnel within the Mental Health Department and we're building this program from the very first moments, rather than deferring it as a one year trial.

Chairman Gavaris: There was motion and a second to postpone for one week, more discussion. Let me just jump in real quick with a question. So I don't forget it the for next week. So I think Legislator Walter is 100% right, that it's going to be near impossible to get the amount of employees that we need to make this actually work. I, what is the plan if you, if the, they're unable to do that? Are we going, how

are we going to choose which districts and I don't need an answer tonight. But if there could be that answer for next week, I would appreciate it because it's somebody's going to get the short end and they're not going to be happy.

Legislator Walter

Legislator Walter: Yeah, since we're making our list of things we'd like to know and tagging on to Legislator Uchitelle's previous one, it'd be nice, I'd like to know what the social workers are going to be paid by this nonprofit organization to deliver this service. It might be in exactly what Legislative Bartels asked for. And, and then if you can also include, again, sort of the thought as to how we can integrate this best into the county if that is truly your interest. How, how, how to deal with that. I'm very uncomfortable with the idea of a gap in service. It takes a lot of work to create these partnerships with schools, and to all of a sudden have six months without this at the end, if it is assuming it goes so well. To then stop and have to restart seems not like a smart way to go. So if you can maybe talk together, and I'm happy to talk to you offline, how we could get this on the 2023 budget to sort of to have the continuity of service, because I know from the ARPA group also, they saw this as seed money to, for its sustainability and continuation. ARPA is not supposed to be one and done like one and done in that way, where if it's seed money, then it's supposed to produce a plant. And the plant doesn't just die for, for six months. And so would like to hear sort of that how, how we're going to make sure that this, assuming it all goes well, will continue.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All those in favor postponing to next week? Opposed? All right, motion carried. Thank you.

291: Amending the county budget to use opioid settlement funding for mental health in school program. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: So, yeah, I'll just postpone this too, for the same reasons.

Chairman Gavaris: One week? Okay. Second on that? Chair Bartels, second. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? All right [inaudible].

292: Confirming the appointment of the County Medical Examiner. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. thank you.

293: Establishing and Reporting Standard Work Week for elected and appointed officials. Can I have a motion to postpone from one week. Chair Bartels. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in, Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'm just curious, this is where postponing the standard workday, that's, you're gonna be making amendments. Okay. No problem.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

299: Authorizing the Commissioner of Mental Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with New York State Office of Mental Health for community mental health services grant, Covid related block grant.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

300: Amending 2022 capital budget to accept allocation for DS funds from New York State Children and Family Services. Can I have a motion?

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second, Bartels.

Legislator Cahill. Legislator, you had discussion? No? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Carried.

301, 302, nope,

301: Amending the 2022 county budget to accept allocation of funds for Temporary and Disability Assistance. Can I have a motion?

Legislative Chair Bartels: So moved.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

302: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with New York State Office of Children and Family Services multidisciplinary team advocacy center program. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Bartels.

Chairman Gavaris: Bartels, second. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

303: Authorizing the Chair to, of the Legislature to execute a contract with New York State Department of Health for rabies program. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

304: Amending the 2022 county budget to reflect additional funding from Brighter Futures. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

305, sorry, 304, nope, 305: Approving the execution of a contract for 111,435 for Family of Woodstock. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

306: Approving the execution of a 69,557 for Family of Woodstock. Can I motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? So carried.

307: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with NYSERDA for Clean Energy Communities Leadership. Can I have a motion?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

309: Amending capital, Capital Projects 607: Government Operations Center. Can I have a motion, discussions. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Thank you. There's a presentation that Deputy Executive Rider, you want to jump in with that?

Deputy Executive Rider: I think there's some members of this committee who have not seen this presentation. So I'll just introduce quickly. Christopher Young from Urbahn Architecture and John Montagne from GPI. I see Christopher is not on camera and is on mute. Hopefully he is here. I mean the other option Chair Gavaris is

John Montagne, GPI: Marc, are you there?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, hold on one sec

John Montagne, GPI: Oh sorry, yeah I'm, I'm here.

Deputy Executive Rider: I want to defer to you all on what you think if you think the presentation makes sense tonight with two of the members not here. I know Legislator Fabiano has not seen it. If, if you're going to be voting on this tonight, that's one thing. If you're going to postpone it till next week, then maybe it makes sense to try to do the presentation, then I'll leave that up to you.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, I was going to ask for a motion to postpone it until next week.

Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Before, I will make a motion to postpone it to next week and I think we could save the presentation for them. But before I do that, I'd like to make a motion to, to offer an amendment, which I'd like to get done this week. So it's, so it's in the packet. Natalie has the language essentially, as she's sharing and I'd like to add an additional resolve that requires a second appraisal and makes the sale contingent upon the second appraisal.

Chairman Gavaris: Can I have a second for that?

Legislative Chair Bartels: There it is, *resolved that the acquisition of real property located at Paradies Lane, as set forth herein, shall be subject to the Ulster County Legislature's prior receipt and evaluation of a second independent appraisal*, which is, which is very standard in terms of commercial real estate. So I offer that as an amendment.

Legislator Cahill: I'll second that amendment.

Chairman Gavaris: Any discussion? All those in favor of the amendment? Go ahead Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: One question. Yeah. Who pays, who pays for the second appraisal?

Legislative Chair Bartels: My, my understanding is that the legislature has money in its budget. And it's, it's enough that it won't require full legislative approval. It's a small amount of money,

Legislator Cahill: Okay.

Legislative Chair Bartels: so we can just take it out of our budget.

Legislator Cahill: Okay, thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor? Opposed? All right. Thank you.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. And then now I'll make a motion to postpone consideration for a week so that the other members can see the proposal.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. So carried. Thank you.

311: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to amend the contract with New York DCJS for alternative incarceration program. Could I have motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

312: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 53,388 for LexisNexis. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

313: Approving the execution for a contract amendment for rates to exceed 50,000 for Securus Technologies. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? Chair Bartels and Legislator Cahill, I'm not sure if you're yes or a no. Yes. Yes. Okay. So moved. All right.

315: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 127,900 for Tyler Technologies. Can I have motion? Chair, Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Legislator Cahill: Chair Gavaris, did you hit 314?

Chairman Gavaris: Natalie, no, I did not. Thank you.

Legislator Cahill: You're welcome.

Chairman Gavaris: Approving the execution, 314: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 for Trinity Services Group. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Carried. All right.

316: Authorizing the Chair, now you got me confused Legislator Cahill. What am I up to next Natalie?

Natalie Kelder: 316 now.

Legislator Cahill: 316, we did 315.

Chairman Gavaris: 316, Okay. I wasn't sure if I started it and didn't finish. All right. Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement with BOCES for inter municipal cooperation for Testing Services. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Second, Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

317: Establishing Capital Project 638 – the Boiceville Substation building. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill, Walter. Second? Can I have a second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

319: Amending 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program, number 584, bridge superstructure repairs. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

321: Approving the execution of a contract for 584,000 for HVB construction. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Second? Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

322: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 63,000 for MJ Engineering. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

323: Amending the 2022 Ulster County Budget for CHIPS and paving money. Can I motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Any discussion, all those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

324: Amending the capital 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project 637 - the Creekside Drive Road stream. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

326: Amending 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program Group, establishing Capital Project 636 - the DPW salt building. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

328: Approving the execution of a contract for 174,519 for hybrid building solutions. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill and second by Bartels. Any discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Just curious. How is this? What is their hybrid of the hybrid building solution? Are they hybrid like solar-oil hybrid? Or are they hybrid like they got a man and a woman running it? What's, what's hybrid about them anything interesting.

Deputy Executive Rider: I am not aware. I mean, they are our low bidder.

Legislator Walter: Okay.

Deputy Executive Rider: So I'm not sure that the naming

Legislator Walter: I was hoping is environmental in nature.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah. So they do lighter fabric. Like lighter color. I know that's one of the issues with the fabric that we're having. Why these need to be replaced, the roof fabric I guess, the color that we have is, is causing leaks. And I believe this is a lighter color. So potentially that's more environmentally friendly.

Legislator Walter: Just curious, thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

329: Approving the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 for LW tree service. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thanks. I'm just curious, does anyone know how we're progressing with the ash tree removal? I don't know if this is dealing with that too. But I know it's just been an ongoing issue.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah. This is mainly hazardous trees over the right-aways. I think I'd have to have Brendan come in on one of the next meetings. I think we've done a lot on the ash trees on our county owned properties.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So maybe just an update at some point because again, I know it's like epidemic proportions. There won't be any ash trees left in the US, they say, when this is all finished, but they're also so heavy. So they, they do present danger.

Deputy Executive Rider: Right.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. I also like to see how much of, how much of that contract is being spent on rail trails, how many how much of that contract is being used to clear trails or trees along rail trails. Thank you

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Legislator Walter: [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: 330: Authorizing the conveyance of county-owned property to the original owners. Can I have a motion? Chair Bartels. Second, Walter. Discussion? Legislator Cahill. No? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

330: Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to accept bids for county owned property owned private sale. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill. Discussion? Chair Bartels. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

332: Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to accept and reject bids for purchase of parcels from the auction on April 19th, 2022. Motion, Chair Bartels. Second, Walter. Discussion? Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, so I just want to reiterate what I, what I said last time, now this, the county realized a tremendous profit from this, for the sale of properties based on the increased value of houses today, versus the amount of taxes that were owed on them. I think there was one example where a property owner owned about \$40,000 in tax, and they end up selling for 300,000, or something like that. Right? And so to me, we have to and I think I was tasked by Legislator Walter to come up with a way to figure out a policy that would somehow prevent that from happening. I just feel terrible that the county's you know, profiting tenfold, right, on a, on someone else's home who couldn't afford to pay the taxes, and they surely would like that profit on the property rather than the county, they could use it. Right? \$260,000 isn't going to do much for the county, but that would change those people's lives, right? And so I really think that we got to put our heads together, when we're dealing with a real estate market, like we're dealing with now. And who knows if it will ever be this way, again, we don't know that. But when we are in the midst of it, like we were this year, we really should have been a little bit more proactive in how we dealt with this, and, and realize that these real estate transactions, were going to generate a ton of revenue for the county excess revenue, in my opinion for back taxes. So I think we have to do a better job of that, you know, and I, you know, got scolded by our auditor by Legislator Walter, to try and figure out a policy. And I will do that I will work on that. I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: I'll recognize the others. Real quick, I wanted to jump in and point out because I've been through this with the Finance Department and with one of the previous deputy executives, this is the first time that we've actually turned a profit that I'm aware of, overall, the numbers that I was shown is that we don't typically cover all of the costs. Now if I was given wrong information, and that's not

very, I'm not very happy to hear that right now. But I guess I'll go to Chair Bartels then, because she's shaking her head no.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Well, it's, it's my impression, we regularly make significant amount of money on these. I mean, I guess, arguably, if someone was factoring in staff time, on, you know, the legal work that needs to happen to clear them, you know, may, maybe. But, again, it's, it's staff work. And I know that this is something that former Legislator Rich Parete complained about on a regular basis, talking about the, you know, the fact that the, the county would make a profit without, you know, even reimbursing, at one point he suggested, giving the property owner, the difference of the, the, the, you know, the back taxes and the costs to, to clear the title and giving the difference back to the property owner. And I think that there are circumstances where that happens. I mean, I would like, think it's important that we think about a policy, and I would definitely want to include in that conversation, the, the ability to use these monies directly for housing initiatives, but also in the hope that we have a successful land bank application, and that the properties are no longer going to auction for the highest bidder but actually going to the highest and best use.

Chairman Gavaris: [Inaudible].

Legislator Walter: Me?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. Yeah, so I appreciate being reminded that I had told Legislator Cahill to, that he, no one's allowed to say something's a good idea in my committee without me telling them that they should then write it up. So that also reminds me that I, I think I also asked Legislator Erner to write a resolution because it was brought up very astutely, also. The idea, well, in the discussion of how should we use this money? I mean, if it's three, I think it's \$3 million above what we typically get, and the issue not to steal the Legislators' thunder, but this idea, can we use when there this excess revenue, to help people to maintain their mortgages as as some kind of service to allow those who are at risk of foreclosure to, to, to offset that risk. So I think that's an important conversation to have also, as when those, when we do have these increases, how should we use them? And I'm hoping that Legislator Erner may come with a resolution before, for us for next month also, that talks about that perhaps, again, developing a, a grant or support program for individuals who are at risk of losing their, you know, of not being able to pay their mortgage, but maybe he has another idea as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: Yes, thank you. And I, I wanted to thank Legislator Cahill for introducing this topic and, and Legislator Walter for reminding me about, about what we talked about and I might, might speak further to this. If this goes ahead on the floor this month.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All right. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

333: Approving execution for contract amendments for 60,000 for CB20 Inc. Can I have a motion? Chair, Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

334: Approving the execution for a contract amendment for 89,752.85 for National Business Equipment. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

335: Approving the execution contract amendments for 44,870 causing the aggregate to be above 50,000, for Complete Building Solutions. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

336: Setting a Public Hearing on the sale or transfer of lands for, at 60-64 Boices Lane. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

337: Approving the execution of a contract for 80,000 for Arts Mid-Hudson. Can I have a motion? Second? Chair Bartels. All those in favor? Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

338: Approving the execution of a contract for 25,000, for UPAC. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill. Second? Walter. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: All right. So can I just understand? Typically, we would see these two under Legislative Programs, and that whole long list. Can, yeah, maybe through the Chair to the Chair to introduce us to where, where these are coming from and are we expecting other ones and how the decision got made? Not that I'm not supportive of both of them, but

Legislative Chair Bartels: So we know because we no longer have a Legislative Programs committee, these, these two are contained in the budget as, as are all the programs that were funded last year and it's the expectation that all the, all the programs from last year will be funded. The rest of the programs last year are going to be funded through departmental budgets in the Executives Office with the hope that that we're transitioning to moving them to executive office regular budgetary items, some of which will require RFPs moving forward, something we've been talking about for a long time. These two were the two arts programs. So they were, they were being, they were being run through our committee, as there isn't a standing department necessarily to deal with them. And then moving into the next budget cycle, there'll be a discussion about how we fund all these things, particularly the arts through the, the

committee that's charged with dealing with the arts. As far as the rest again, many of them will be run as part of the executive budget.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks for that. It does, now I do remember, I, I certainly would be supportive of these either running under whether it's tourism or economic development. Just going forward.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Can I change my vote on 314?

Which is Trinity food services?

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah.

Legislative Chair Bartels: To a no please. Thank you.

Legislator Walter: Does that change the, it passing? No?

Legislative Chair Bartels: No, it's it still passes.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Comptroller Gallagher.

Comptroller Gallagher: Yes, Chair. Thank you for giving me a moment to speak about our work in the Comptroller's Office. We released today a racial equity report for Ulster County. And those of you who didn't receive it, you know, can access it on our website, or just reach out to me, I'd be happy to share it. It was done in consultation with an advisory board of black and brown folks. And, you know it, it covers a gamut of indicators. I think the message really is just that, you know, black and brown people in Ulster County face the same challenges that they face everywhere. For me, one of the interesting things was that, you know, the committee really wanted us, the Advisory Board want us to look at indicators that I wouldn't have expected, and I wouldn't have looked at without their help. Things like, do black and brown families pay more for car insurance? And the answer is yes, they do. We use local data whenever available. But in some cases, there was only state or national data available. And I'm hoping that this will be useful for you. And we'd be happy to present it in a more detailed form at some point. So I'm hoping that you'll take a look at it.

With regard to real property, I wanted to mention that, you know, we are continuing to finalize our draft report on the 701 property, 701 Grant Avenue, and what happened there, and that will include a couple of draft policies that may help in avoiding the situation that we ran into this time. Which is basically having a property not pay for many years, their taxes, while still continuing to take distributions out of the LLC entity from rental income for the members of the LLC. That being said, the policy doesn't cover the things that Legislator Cahill was identifying and, and Legislator Cahill, I will share with you a draft of the you know, policies that we've been looking at just to see if they can shed light on what you're trying to work on. And I also wanted to note, you know, that we've been tracking the bids and the accepted bids per resolution versus the unpaid taxes per resolution over time. And I can tell you, Chair Gavaris that according to the data we have, it looks like in every year but one since 2014, we've collected more than the back taxes and that were owed. And in 2020, obviously, we didn't have an auction to speak of. But and then the last thing I wanted to mention is just that we're, we're working on finalizing a fund balance report, you know, we closed out 2021 with a very large surplus, and we are way over the fund balance policy. So we want to give some feedback on potential options and a bunch of different reserve fund types that the legislature may want to look at going forward in the next year's budget, as well as some other opportunities, you know, in terms of paying down debt or other things you could do with it. So happy to answer any questions on that. I know it's been a long night and you guys have caucus. But thanks for the opportunity to speak.

Chairman Gavaris: Comptroller, can you send me that, where about the property, because that was not what I was told by the former deputy executive. So I'm really annoyed right now. Thank you. All right. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. First of all, Comptroller Gallagher, I really appreciate that you did that study of for, for the black and brown community. I've always wondered, you know, we have many, in our, in many of our contracts and agreements are that expectation for equal opportunity employee, both women and people of color and I was interested, it has always made me wonder how well are we doing on that? Is that, I didn't get, I started to look, but I had to pay attention to this meeting. So I didn't keep going. Were you, did you look at all on our personnel hiring practices in the county? Okay, great.

Comptroller Gallagher: Yes, I did. And actually, that's the way I should have said this and I apologize. The one ray of good light is that actually the diversification of the workforce for Ulster County, we've seen a significant change just in the first year of the Ryan administration. And so and I think the EEOC reporting that we do won't be finalized until later this year to look back on 2021. But just comparing 19 and to 20, there was a significant difference, and I expect it's going to continue into 2021.

Legislator Walter: So did you, did you break it by industry? Like,

Comptroller Gallagher: No, it doesn't break down by industry class, we get you mean by job type?

Legislator Walter: Well, sort of, like in terms of, even if you take legislative committees almost like in, in each area? So are they also doing the people who are paving the roads and the people who are, are, is the diversity seen across? But you didn't? You didn't get a chance?

Comptroller Gallagher: I don't have an answer for that. I mean, the way these EEOC reports go in it's by functional area. But even in the functional area, you can have somebody who's an administrator, and it does look at it both ways. We just didn't have time in this report. I do think that would be a very interesting thing to look at. But we definitely noticed a significant change.

Legislator Walter: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. Real quick Comptroller Gallagher. Did you compare Ulster County to other counties regionally and then at the state level, meaning Northeast versus Southwest and anything like that, to see where we rank, as far as that goes?

Comptroller Gallagher: You mean workforce?

Legislator Cahill: Yeah, workforce, as far as you know, being, being underserved. So the, the black and brown communities being underserved in our community having lower wages paying more of their income to rent? Did you compare that to other counties around us or in the region? Okay, thank you.

Comptroller Gallagher: No, it's, it, there were so many indicators that we tried to cover, I don't know that we would have the bandwidth to compare every one of those indicators. And I think some of them you'll see some are New York State someone national numbers, and they aren't specific to Ulster County. But if there is an indicator that piques your interest that you feel like I'd really like to know how we measure up to these other counties. I'd be happy to take a look if there's something that we can dig in on, yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: All right anybody have any other new business? Old business? Can I have a motion to adjourn? Legislator Walter. Second, Cahill.

All right, next week's meeting. We're going to start at five just to give enough time. So all those in favor?

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.