

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 15, 2021 – 5:30
LOCATION: Available via vimeo livestream
<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Gavaris, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio, John Parete, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci; Legislative Counsel Victor Cueva; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Deputy County Executive John Milgrim; Comptroller March Gallagher

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 238 – Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts the County of Ulster Fund Balance Policy as amended and attached.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislator Archer requested the Committee postpone the Resolution upon receipt of a report from the Office of the Comptroller regarding the policy. Legislator Archer further stated interest in hiring the external budget analysts to review the proposed policy.

Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 238 – Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts the County of Ulster Fund Balance Policy as amended and attached.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 269 – Authorizing The Purchase And Installation Of Black Creek System Equipment In The Ulster County Jail, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,102,665.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,102,665.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$1,102,665.00 Bonds for the establishment of Capital Project No. 594 – Black Creek Upgrade to replace failing equipment and software that is used to control the Ulster County Jail.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 277 – Authorizing The Reconstruction Of The New Paltz Substation Parking Lot, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$145,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$145,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$145,000.00 Bonds for the establishment of Capital Project No. 593 – New Paltz Substation Parking Lot Replacement to remove the existing parking lot and install a new asphalt surface.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster

Minutes Approved: July 13, 2021

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Chairman Gavaris: All right. Thank you all, let's call the meeting to order of Ways and Means for June 15th.

Resolutions, resolution 238: Adopting revised Ulster County fund balance policy. Motion Legislator Archer, second Ronk. Discussion?

Legislator Archer: Yes. Thank you, Chairman. I'd like to ask that we postpone this one more month. And I'm also going to ask that, 2 I think it's 249 or 239 be referred back to committee. That's the tax stabilization replenishment. In both cases, we have new information. I think I shared with, with you the report we received from the Comptroller's office on the fund balance. And I feel like there's more work to be done before we put a policy in place. And [inaudible] appropriately. And I also like to ask because I think this would be a great place to use our budget consultants on the fund balance, they had made that recommendation in their budget report last year. If we could ask them to take a look at this information from the Comptroller's office. Also, the policy and and see if we can get some help from them. They look at these things all the time, and I think it could be really beneficial.

Chairman Gavaris: Alright, so that's motion to postpone it.

Legislator Archer: Yes, please.

Legislator Ronk: I'll second that motion.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

I believe the other one since we already approved it and the Clerk's

Legislator Archer: I have to, we have to do it on the floor.

Chairman Gavaris: I think on the floor. Yeah.

Legislator Archer: Yeah. Right. Yes. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Resolution 269: Authorizing the purchase and installation of Black Creek systems at the Ulster County Jail. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

277: Authorize the reconstruction of the New Paltz substation parking lot. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Second. Any discussion? Legislator Walter, second. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Any new business? Any old business? Motion to adjourn?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move we adjourn.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Walter. All in favor? Thank you all.