

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 9, 2022 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 885 2457 0381
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, & Walter
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Heppner, Nolan, Sperry, & Uchitelle, Legislative Counsel Gordon, Pascale, & Ragucci, Clerk Fabella, Deputy County Executives Contreras & Kelly, Comptroller Gallagher – UC Comptroller’s Office, Director Litwin, Ashlee Long, & Molly Scott – UC Recovery and Resilience, Director Erichsen, Steven Peterson, - UC Emergency Services, Director Macaluso – UC Information Services, Director Doyle – UC Planning, Tanya Garment, Ed K, & Cheryl Schneider – UC Residents

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

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

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Resolutions for the August 16, 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 DISCUSS Resolution No. 11

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 11 FOR 1 MONTH**

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED FOR 1 MONTH**

Resolution No. 289: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program –Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 635 - ARPA Parks Program – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program and establishes Capital Project No. 635 ARPA Parks Program in the amount of \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan funds.

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 289**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 5: **MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 289**

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution AMENDED**

Motion No. 6: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 289 AS AMENDED**

Motion By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 298: Establishing A Policy To Eliminate Mandatory Fares For Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) Service

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a policy to eliminate all fares on the Ulster County Area Transit Bus Service.

Motion No. 7: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 298**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 8: **MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 298**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Motion No. 9: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 298 AS AMENDED**
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: Legislator Fabiano
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 308: Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Purpose Of Constructing A Government Operations Center And Appurtenances To Be Located At Paradies Lane In New Paltz – Department Of Emergency Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution declares Ulster County’s intent to act as lead agency under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the construction of a governmental operations center to be located at Paradies Lane in New Paltz.

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.

Resolution No. 310: Authorizing The Acquisition Of Parcels Of Land For A New Multi-Use Government Operations Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,750,000, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,750,000 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuances of \$3,750,000 bonds for the acquisition of parcels of land for a government operations center to be located at Paradies Lane in New Paltz.

Motion No. 10: MOTION TO BLOCK RESOLUTION NOS. 308, 309, & 310
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Motion No. 11: MOTION TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION NOS. 308, 309, & 310
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolutions POSTPONED

Resolution No. 343: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2022, A Local Law To Provide For The Collection Of Delinquent Village Real Property Taxes, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 20, 2022 At 7:20 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2022 that provides for the collection of delinquent Village Real Property Taxes to be held on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 7:20 PM in the Legislative Chambers in the County Office Building located in Kingston, NY.

Motion No. 12: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 343
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 13: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 343
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 401: Amending Capital Project No. 598 – ARPA - Community Wellness Hub, Crisis Stabilization Center Renovations, City Of Kingston – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 598 to increase funding an additional \$175,000 to fund design services for the renovation of a community wellness hub.

Motion No. 14: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 401
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 402: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$158,850.00 Entered Into By The County – Pomarico Design Studio Architecture, PLLC – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Pomarico Design Studio Architecture, PLLC in the amount of \$158,850 for design services for the renovation of a community wellness hub.

Motion No. 15: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 402
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 407: Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 645 – Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street – Elizabeth Manor Emergency Housing – Amending 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance And The Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 – 2027 Capital Improvement Program to establish Capital Project No. 645, the renovation of 21 Elizabeth Street in the amount of \$200,000.

Motion No. 16: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 407**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 17: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 407**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 410: Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports For Medication Assisted Treatment And Peer Support For The Jail Population – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022 Ulster County Budget to accept increased funding from the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports for medication assisted treatment and peer support for the jail population in the amount of \$160,000.

Motion No. 18: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 410**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 411: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$92,500.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center For Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration, Inc in the amount of \$92,500 to extend the term through December 31, 2022 for veteran peer to peer support services.

Motion No. 19: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 411**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 409: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$180,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Finance And Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. in the amount of \$180,000 for architecture and engineering services for renovations at 21 Elizabeth Street.

Motion No. 20: **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 409**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 21: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 409**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Fabiano, Gavaris, & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 412: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$92,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Jewish Child Care Association Of New York – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Jewish Child Care Association of New York in the amount of \$92,500 to increase the not to exceed value for foster care services.

Motion No. 22: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 412**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 413: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$61,536.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gateway Community Industries, Inc in the amount of \$61,536 to extend the term through December 31, 2023 for case management services for home delivered meals program.

Motion No. 23: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 413**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 415: Authorizing An Easement Across The Lands Owned By Ulster County Associated With Ulster Delaware Railroad Corridor Of Near Mile Point 5.1, City Of Kingston To The Central Hudson Gas And Electric Company – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes as easement at the Ulster Delaware Railroad Corridor in the City of Kingston to Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company.

Motion No. 24: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 415
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 416: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$199,792.00 Entered Into By The County – Inter-Fluve Engineering, P.L.L.C. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Inter-Fluve Engineering in the amount of \$199,792 for the development of a stream management plan for the Lower Espous Creek.

Motion No. 25: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 416
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 418: Authorizing The Required Steps For The Transfer Of Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located In The Town of Ulster To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the required steps for the transfer of real property from Ulster County to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance that is located at Tech City in the Town of Ulster.

Motion No. 26: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 418
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

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

Resolution No. 419: Establishing Capital Project No. 644 – Site Ready Services For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds) And Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 644, Site Ready Services for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the amount of \$317,807.

Motion No. 27: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 419**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 421: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&J Sass Electric, Inc. – Department Of Finance And Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with J&J Sass Electric, Inc for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000 to develop sites for Electric Vehicle charging stations at multiple locations within Ulster County for Capital Project No. 644.

Motion No. 28: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 421**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 422: Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5307 Funds Transferred From The Rural Transportation Assistance Program-

Section 5311(b)(3) For Operating Assistance And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution supports a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration to apply, accept, and administer 5307 funds from the Rural Transportation Assistance Program in the amount of \$2,055,787 of federal funds and \$242,000 state funds through 2024.

Motion No. 29: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 422

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 423: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,884.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with New York Communications Company, Inc in the amount of \$32,884 to extend the term of a lease for radio equipment through December 31, 2023.

Motion No. 30: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 423

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 424: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Contract With The New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a grant contract with the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault in the amount of \$9,485.56 through June 30, 2023.

Motion No. 31: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 424

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 425: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Emergency Management To Develop A Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Office of Emergency Management to develop a multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard mitigation plan with \$180,000 of federal pass-through funds and a term of May 25, 2022 through November 25, 2023.

Motion No. 32: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 425**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 426: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$120,284.00 Entered Into By The County – New York State Sheriff's Association – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with the New York State Sheriff's Association in the amount of \$120,284 revenue funds for the confinement facility Covid-19 detection and mitigation grant.

Motion No. 33: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 426**

Motion By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 427: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$60,333.00 Entered Into By The County – VirTra, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with VirTra, Inc in the amount of \$60,333 for a firearms training simulator.

Motion No. 34: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 427
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 429: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,366.61, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Eaton Corporation – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Eaton Corporation in the amount of \$11,366.61 to extend the term through August 31, 2023 for repair and maintenance of UPS units.

Motion No. 35: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 429
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 430: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$82,043.28 Entered Into By The County – Vicom Computer Services, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Vicom Computer Services, Inc in the amount of \$82,043.28 for IBM iLPAR hosting services

Motion No. 36: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 430

Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Resolution No. 431: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the conveyance of county-owned property to the original owner and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment for a total of \$64,291 in unpaid taxes.

Motion No. 37: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 431**
Motion By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: See attached transcript

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

Chairman Gavaris moved on to the Forthcoming Local Laws portion of the agenda.

Resolution No. 189 – Establishing A Policy Prohibiting The Housing Of Incarcerated Individuals Transferred From Facilities Outside Of Ulster County, The “No More Incarceration For Profit Policy” (*Postponed in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee on August 4th, 2022*)

Resolution No. 340 – Funding ~~Capital Project No. 600~~ – ARPA Food Security And Access - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience (*No Action in American Rescue Plan Act Committee on July 27th, 2022 and Postponed in Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee on August 3rd, 2022*)

Resolution No. 400 – Amending The 2022 Budget To Establish And Fund The Ulster County Agricultural Crisis Relief Program - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience (*No Action in American Rescue Plan Act Committee on July 27th, 2022 and Postponed in Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee on August 2, 2022*)

Resolution No. 414 - Authorizing A Right To Cross The Right Of Way Owned By Ulster County Of The Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor Near Mile Point 4.8, City Of Kingston To The Hudson Valley Housing Fund Company Inc. – Department Of Planning
(Postponed in Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee on August 2, 2022)

Resolution No. 417 - Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of County Owned Property, Located In The Town Of Gardiner To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (“UCEDA”), A Local Development Corporation For The Purpose Of Open Space Protection And Recreation
(Postponed in Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee on August 2, 2022)

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: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:18 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder
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Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

Chairman Gavaris: I'd like to call the August 16th meeting of Ways & Means to order. Can I get an approval of the July 12th and July 19th meetings?

Legislator Fabiano: What's this background noise?

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Resolution number 11: Requesting enactment of a Senate Assembly bill for the state legislature for hotel and motel occupancy tax. Can I have a motion? Legislator Fabiano. Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? We still do not have the study that was supposed to be done, the Benjamin Center has backed out due to staffing issues. So I don't know what everyone's pleasure is.

Legislator Fabiano: I move we postpone.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll, I'll second, the motion, but ask if maybe we can create a, or schedule another convening of the working group. Even in the absence of that to strategize and discuss how to move forward. We don't, not, not at this moment, but just make that request.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Fabiano, just to clarify you're, you're postponing for one week or one month?

Legislator Fabiano: If the week is good enough, that's, that's good with me.

Chairman Gavaris: Nothings [inaudible].

Legislator Ronk: I'd say a month.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk, can you mute for a second, somebody's got [inaudible]

Legislator Fabiano: There's a lot of background noise.

Legislator Ronk: Sorry, it may be my air conditioner, its 900 degrees outside.

Chairman Gavaris: It was your air conditioner. Okay. All right so Legislator Fabiano, you're postponing for one month, seconded by Chair Bartels. All right. All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

289: Amending the 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program for Establishing Capital Project 635, ARPA Parks program.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it. Sorry, go ahead.

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible] Chair Bartels. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thanks. I, I just I have a question. First, a question and a statement. One I want to make this statement acknowledging Legislator Stewart's work on this, really, really good job and responding to all the concerns. My, my question and I just, if you bear with me a sec, because I want to just pull it up, has to do with there's, in, in bold, there was a change that referenced, I'm sorry, my computer, there's there was a change that referenced in terms of the percentage it had said county-owned equipment and the county-owned, was eliminated. And then, but it still references county equip, county

property as being used in the in-kind. Does someone have the language that they can that they can call up at this moment?

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Sure, so the discussion, thank you Chair, so the discussion in the Public Works Committee meeting last night was to replace county with municipal or town because the intent is not to obviously use our property or our equipment as a match for their grant applications, so wherever it made sense they were supposed to replace it with town.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Oh, that's great. That would answer my concern. It still says county resources. So I don't know if we want to make that change here.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Fabiano.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Are we prepared to do that?

Legislator Fabiano: Yeah, yes, I, I think before we left last night's meeting, or we got off of that resolution, I think that Nettie was going to take care of that within the next couple of days to change the wording before it came to the floor.

Legislator Ronk: My, my estimation is that it just wasn't amended in our packet.

Legislative Chair Bartels: You, are you saying are you I'm sorry,

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah,

Legislative Chair Bartels: through the Chair to Legislator Ronk, are you saying that it was amended yesterday and then not in our packet or is there that

Legislator Ronk: I'm seeing a lot of shaking heads, yes, from Legislator Nolan and, and Natalie, so

Chairman Gavaris: Natalie can, you can screen share the most recent, most up to date version then that may help.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you.

Is that it? That, that doesn't have the change because that says county resources again.

Legislator Nolan: It looks like the first county-owned before equipment labor was removed, but the county before resources was not removed, and both were intended to be removed, that was the request from last night. And so what, what we voted on was the use of equipment, labor or other municipal resources, as approved by Ulster County Executive. So that there as is to assign the value of the impact contribution.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So

Chairman Gavaris: All right, Chair Bartels and then Legislator Walter.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So, if that's the case, either as a matter of housekeeping or as a to be specific, could I make the suggestion that we strike that second County?

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible].

Legislator Fabiano: It's good.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I mean, if, if the committee would like it to say municipal, that's fine, it's, as long as it doesn't say County, it's better for me. I mean, that's

Legislator Ronk: I have no objection to that.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, so that's a motion Chair Bartels?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yes, to, to strike the word county.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Fabiano. Any discussion? Legislator Stewart.

Legislator Stewart: Hi. My apologies for being a few minutes late. I just want to say that last night in the Public Works Committee. We, they passed this resolution unanimously, with, with one amendment, and that would be striking the words county owned.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislator Stewart: If I may, to, through the Chair

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah.

Legislative Chair Bartels: to Legislator Stewart, you missed my [inaudible], Legislator Stewart, but now that you're, you're with us, we've left the second county, I think the second word county remains a problem in that paragraph, because it still says there are other county resources. So I've just made a motion to strike the second reference to county.

Legislator Stewart: Okay.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Seconded by, by Legislator Ronk. I think that would address the, the fully address the problem rather than allow it to stand.

Legislator Stewart: Perfect, and I had requested that and it was my understanding that the updated language would have been sent to this committee prior to this meeting, so I'm sorry, that did not happen.

Legislative Chair Bartels: It's okay, it may have just been an oversight with a, with the, the second strikethrough.

Legislator Stewart: Right.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So, I mean, I would prefer the statement that Legislator Fabiano said where it said or, or other municipal resources, just so that's clear. But I guess I'm also wondering when it said originally, as approved by the Ulster County Executive that was thinking it was county owned equipment, and does it still makes sense that the municipalities, equipment, labor, etc, are approved by the Ulster County Executive that still makes sense?

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels then Legislator Ronk.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Yeah, I had the same question. I mean, I, I think it still needs county approval, because the county's approving the use of the in-kind resources at whatever criteria, the county sets, I'm just not sure that we want to say the Ulster County Executive, you know, due respect to the Ulster County Executive, it's, it's potentially a lot of very minutiae specifics coming from the county executive. So I'm not sure that the if the county executive's office wants it to be the county executive per se, the person, or if there's another office that would be approving the use.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, thanks. Just to your point, Chairwoman, I, I think that as Evelyn Wright, so amply pointed out to me last year, at one point, everybody on the executive side of the government works for the county executive. So I think that that's all encompassing enough to handle the, you know, like, I'm sure it's not going to be the county executive signing all the purchase orders. I'm sure it'll be somebody else. But, you know, on the other hand, I do agree, I think with you that we should leave a authority in there for approval because we want to make sure that the municipal resources that are being parlayed here are actually in furtherance of the project, not just, you know, while we have two dump trucks and, you know, three excavators and the use per hour is x. So, you know, definitely, I, I definitely think that we should, we should have a say there since we're, you know, putting a bunch of money in here.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you Chair. To address the, the points regarding the as approved by who, fine with removal of the county executive, I think being specific to commissioner of finance and ARPA division, since this is an ARPA project would be appropriate. Part of this will come, basically the intent here is that we want to treat the in-kind services provided by the 20 different municipalities that will apply, the same. So what we're trying to do is set a standard so everybody's treated equally, even if they're, if they try to assign different or higher or lower values, we want to make sure that for the purpose of this project, that we're using a standard. You know, Dennis [inaudible] certainly has some experience in this realm. But I do think it's fine if we just said department of finance and / or ARPA, because that's who will be administering. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Stewart.

Legislator Stewart: I was just thank you, Legislator Gavaris, I just wanted to kind of provide a little background, if you guys will indulge me for a moment. This particular resolution has gone through many different iterations. Initially, it started out as a request for a single park project in the Town of Marbletown that would also serve as a trail hub. And then based on conversations with members of the Public Works Committee, some of whom are sitting here, and also speaking with Deputy Executive Chris Kelly, we then changed that to \$5 million for park projects across the county and then that was changed to \$2 million for park projects across the county. And initially, that was for 10 projects and then we made it for 20 projects at \$100,000 each. And at the request of Chair Bartels I presented this resolution in front of the breakfast meeting of the town supervisors to get their input. And like say it wasn't like I was trying to pitch the project, I just wanted to hear, you know, their thoughts on how we could, you know, improve this in their view. And we got a great, I got a great response from the town supervisors, something like eight of them spoke out in favor of the project at the breakfast. And that didn't even include the two town supervisors whom I, whose districts I represent. So one thing that the, everyone was, the town's supervisors were very much in favor of the in-kind language. And the fact that up to 25% of that, of their 50% contribution would be in-kind was something that they all expressed,

obviously, a great deal of support for. And also, it was pointed out that the town supervisors felt that this is something that, that this funding was important to coming from ARPA, because they felt that other funding streams are not near as, it would be a lot longer process. And they felt that you know, these or that they all had projects that they felt could immediately, you know, that these funds could immediately be put to use. And so I just wanted to let you guys know, that this did receive, you know, a lot of support from the town supervisors. And also another thing at Legislator Fabiano's request is that we removed language, supporting trails, and as you know, I mean, I'm a big supporter of trails, but I can understand why people felt that you know, the trails had already been addressed in other resolutions and so we removed that language as well. So I guess my point is that there's just been a lot of different versions of this and you know, I'm, I'm hoping that you guys will give it your approval this evening. So thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you Legislator Stewart. All right, any other comments?

All right, Natalie, you want to put that up again and show what you were just, what you just messaged me?

Natalie Kelder: So, just so everyone knows what I have here, the county owned strikeout is what was done last night, which is in your packet. The one that's highlighted in yellow is what I heard mentioned but has not yet officially been motioned. So if this is not what the committee would like, please tell me.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So that is what I officially motioned already. But one, one thing I did hear in the conversation was a request to change, rather than just to strike it, to change it to municipal. I would be amenable to that if that's what the committee wants. I'm not sure what the committee would like to see.

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible].

Legislator Ronk: I'm comfortable with that. I, I also feel like if we're going to change Ulster County Executive to Ulster County Department of Finance and ARPA, I would be fine with that, too. I feel like we should do this all as one.

Chairman Gavaris: All right so just to backtrack here for a second. Legislator Fabiano, will you withdraw your second to the motion from before?

Legislative Chair Bartels: So.

Legislator Fabiano: Yeah. Yes.

Chairman Gavaris: And Chair Bartels, you withdraw your motion and then let's do a new motion.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yes. I'll make the motion to strike the word County, replace it with the word municipal, to strike the word executive replace it with commissioner of finance or ARPA committee.

Chairman Gavaris: For or and?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second that amendment.

Legislative Chair Bartels: We can say and, we can say and / or, I don't, I, whatever makes the committee comfortable, I'm fine.

Chairman Gavaris: I hate for it to be in the hands of one person, I would prefer than us leave it, it say and not or.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Okay, so let's, so get to get rid of or, Natalie. So and the Dir, is it, do we want ARP, the director of ARPA?

Legislator Ronk: Is that the title?

Legislative Chair Bartels: What is the official title that, that

Legislator Ronk: Probably has something to do with resilience.

Legislator Nolan: Manager?

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly, you still, there you are. No?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Well, there is Nate, maybe he can tell us what his title is.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, Nathan is here.

Director Litwin: So I'm the Director of Recovery and Resilience.

Legislator Ronk: Told you.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Okay.

Chairman Gavaris: You're going to get extra pay for that, Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: You know, I just, you know, when you know, you know, and I know that it has to do with Pat Ryan, it's got to do with resilience, resilience. So it's all good.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. So that's a motion. Second for that? Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

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

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you. All right. Resolution 297

Legislative Chair Bartels: Wait, wait. We have to do the resolution as amended.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh you're right. Can I have a motion for the resolution as amended?

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

All right. 298: Establishing a policy to eliminate mandatory fares for Ulster County Transit. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Can I have a second? Second, Chair Bartels. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you, um, two, two comments. I reached out to Deputy Executive Kelly yesterday. I don't know if I've seen it in terms of ridership. I'm just, I'm wondering that question was in order to better understand, I've heard some discussion about the implication of cutting the fares as it relates to getting our, our state funding can someone the state and federal funding can someone talk, talk us through that, how that's going to work. And then I, I have another comment after that.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair. So the way that we, we research the program and a couple things that we really want to maintain. One is we need a state operating assistance, also called STOA, which is based on ridership, actual and ridership miles, miles you drive with riders on the bus. So what we did is, took 2019, and then we did look at the data for 20 and 21, and partially this year to determine what is kind of a big number would be, to back into. But what you're proposing is approximately \$350,000 annual, which cover the fares for the estimated ridership. That also gives us some room for expansion, which is kind of the intent here is that since 2019, we've been on a downslide due to COVID and it hasn't quite rebounded, so we anticipate programs enacted that ridership will expand. But really maintaining that so called farebox collection will be based on the drivers counting the individuals as they get on, and then that turns into a bill that gets charged back to finance, who will pay UCAT. And, and that's kind of system, how that'll work to make sure each fare is covered. And when we send up to the State Certifying ridership and ridership miles, it'll line out to the actual riders on the bus. So we're 100% intending on protecting state aid, federal aid. And this is kind of, this is this is the method by which I've seen two other municipalities do it. Kansas City did it through a mix of, I think it's an eight and a half million-dollar, kind of budget gap, for them to provide this service. And what they did is the city budget appropriated \$4 million, or four and a half million, and then private donations came in for the other portion of that, to make sure that they also stay whole. We are required by I think it's within the rules and regulations regarding the state aid to charge a minimum of 30 cents and 10 cents if we were, so you can't technically fully eliminate fares and maintain aid. But we're just covering the fares for the individuals. So that's, that was the methodology.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels, you want to follow up?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Um, yeah, I mean, I want to say, I want to also thank whoever, whoever put it in, the optional fares. I don't really love the language. And, and I'm going to think about it for a moment because I might have a suggestion for the change, a change in that language. But I appreciate that now that we will have optional contribution available and I think it'd be very interesting to track that. And then my last question slash comment has to do with the fact that this is open ended, I am assuming from the sponsors that this is intended to be permanent. But have we thought about this as a permanent change? Or is this a pilot program, there is no end date, it's a policy that removes the fare.

Chairman Gavaris: Back to Deputy Executive Kelly to follow up.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair. So our, our intention and my discussions with the, with the sponsor on this is to change the way that it's currently structured and do a pilot. So there's a lot of unknowns with this, including sustainability of the program long term, the effect on the transit system in terms of ridership. So, I think that, I think that we were, we were on board with October 1st of this year as the earliest start point, and running through December 31, 2024, in terms of an endpoint, so we can collect kind of enough data, learn enough about how this affects the overall system. And then it's really,

it's a decision from there. And I would encourage, as part of this, if this were to become a program, a pilot, that, you know, there's some type of feedback loop or requirements, so you guys can also understand the implications of a policy such as this and how it's actually operating in the real world. Since this is not a real tested thing at this point. But we certainly wanted a pilot. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. So, so I'll go backwards from what was just added. I guess the second part is whether we want to amend this to, I'll be interested to hear from Legislator Erner, after on, putting an end, a date on it for now. But and maybe I just totally heard this wrong, but Deputy Executive Kelly, you said that the state, state and federal money is based on ridership. Ridership can be tally, if we have this free there's potentially more riders, so is it potentially true that this will actually bring more money into the county?

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yes.

Legislator Walter: That's what you said.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yes

Legislator Walter: So we can conceivably be making an added, added money for, for transit by having this.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yes

Legislator Walter: That's great. I'm glad I heard it correctly.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So if and I guess I would like to hear from the sponsor and I saw Legislator Erner's hand up but if the intent is for this to be a pilot, why are, why don't we have dates contained? Why are we creating an open-ended policy? And then my other comment just to get them both out at the same time. There's language that, and I realize this is minutia, but on page two, the last resolve related to the optional contribution resolved that the farebox is on fixed route buses shall remain in place with an optional contribution encouraged from wealthier riders. I'm wondering if there would be the, it would be amenable to change that to from riders who can afford to do so.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Erner.

Legislator Erner: Sure, thank you. I'm fine to even just strike the word wealthier, we can just leave the so that the fare boxes are just there, and people can pay with what they will. As far as the end date, and that that was there from the beginning, just just so you know. And but I did hear support from other legislators for it, and I thank them for that. And from the public as well. The, I, I want our county to commit to free transit is the bottom line, if that is an obstacle right now, I could support the pilot language. And that is what we did talk about, as Deputy Kelly said, but I want us to just consider, for example, how much money this is in the grand scheme. I know this is a Ways and Means Committee

Unidentified Speaker: [inaudible].

Unidentified Speaker: I should have a bunch of stuff.

Legislator Erner: And

Chairman Gavaris: Somebody's not on mute.

Legislator Erner: And so it was about 350k in 2019, the last year that before the pandemic, of course it dropped to half that and we're talking about the farebox revenue. Of course, it dropped off in the first year of the pandemic. But basically the preceding five years before the pandemic farebox revenue was 5%, at most 7% of the entire operating expenses, this is an amount of money that's being charged on the backs of the poorest residents of our county. And unlike the gas tax holiday that we enacted, that that which is not guaranteed to go back to the folks necessarily in the county, like passers through, that UCAT is, is mostly ridden by people in our county as well. So this is really something that will benefit again, the poorest people in our county the most. So that's why I'd like it to be a permanent policy, but if, if it needs to, I'm just repeating myself at this point. Yeah.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Um, thank you, Legislator Erner, I'm, I'm comfortable then not putting dates if the committee's comfortable not putting dates and under, knowing that we're going to go ahead and evaluate it at the end of next year, anyway. I would like to make the motion to strike the word wealthier. I think that's an excellent suggestion, not even replacing it with something else just to strike that word. I just don't like the dichotomy it sets up.

Chairman Gavaris: Can I have a second to that?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion on? I know Legislator Uchitelle, you had your hand up before.

Legislator Uchitelle: No, actually, Legislator Erner said exactly what I was thinking. And I'm, I'm really, really grateful to him for helping push this forward and to the county executives team for being receptive to it.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right if no other comment. I'll just comment. I did hear some discussion going on between Legislator Nolan and Legislator Fabiano, prior to the start of this meeting, and I actually happen to agree with them. I think there might be some opportunity here where it's not 100% free. I know if you put a box there you expect people who can't afford or want to put money and will, I just don't think that's realistic. I don't think people are going to do that. I think if anything, you might have a better opportunity of doing a sliding scale fee, that people are pre-approved with an approval card, and that's what their you know, fee is based on. I just, you know, to go completely and then just the other comment is the, the estimated impact was 122,000, but Deputy Executive Kelly, I think you mentioned a lot more than that as the impact. Can you clarify that?

Deputy Executive Kelly: Sure, I'll just, so to the second part of the statement, we're estimating \$350,000 annually, as an impact to the budget that we have [inaudible] in order to claim full state aid that we will [inaudible] based on ridership. Also asking for \$75,000 to advertise that this is now a free service, we have to let people know in the most loud, possible way, in order to have the intended impact. So that includes replacing all signage, posting the fares everywhere, reaching out, wrapping busses, whatever it takes. And then the final part portion of this is the biggest piece of feedback we've received from transit, ridership groups, legislators [inaudible] complaints is that it needs efficient, and more modernized and more dynamic routing for the, for this system. So we can make it free, but if not efficient [inaudible]

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly, you're very choppy. Your words are very choppy, it's hard. We were getting most of what you said. But

Deputy Executive Kelly: okay,

Chairman Gavaris: the tail end of what you're saying starting to really get bad.

All right. 800,000 That includes advertising and scheduling and, and scheduling software. So that would be for the full two year one fourth pilot. To the first point regarding the sliding scale, it already is. We have a very convoluted fare schedule. And when we were discussing this internally, we think that the bureaucracy involved is not going to, it's like I guess in the most inarticulate way, the juice isn't worth the squeeze on it. Most of the ridership is already part of a certain socio-economic group. Why would we then accept 90% of rides and create some type of measures to make people qualify based on a [inaudible] when that's just gonna cause more backroom [inaudible]

Chair Gavaris: Okay. Thank you. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah, I mean, I appreciate the, the sentiment to want to have a, a sliding scale, but I don't, I don't want to see that I want you know, I like the idea of it being free. I actually believe that people who have the ability to pay will pay there are models like that, museums in New York City that have run on that model for as long as, as long as I've been going to those museums. I mean, substantial museums, like the Metropolitan Museum of Art \$25 to get in, and if you're a New York State resident you pay what you want, you can go in free, you can pay \$1, you can pay \$50. So I mean, I, I like the spend on advertising, not just advertising, that it's free but I think we should really take an opportunity, and in another committee we talked about this, you know, we have a bus advertising, transit advertising policy, we've never really embraced it, but a kind of a rebranding of, of our transit, at the same time that we're rethinking the routes. And I think that the you know, I think in the end result, like we're seeing tons of tourism, like, go crazy with the bus wrapping, I said this the other day, I mean, make that, wrap that bus in that I Voted sticker, like I mean, make it crazy. So people will be like, Wow, that crazy pink bus, you know, it might make, it might make tourists want to get on the bus too and you know, use the bus in addition to those who are using it for transit. And I can only hope that as a result of this, our ridership doubles and triples that we, we actually meet the people and their routes where they're needed. And we get people out of their independent vehicles and into communal vehicles. It's a great all around, there's so many benefits to this. So I'm glad these conversations are happening. And I look forward to hearing more about them. I'm excited to hear that we actually might end up making more money which we can reinvest in transit, you know, which is what I'd want to see done with it. So this is exciting all around. So thank you, Legislator Erner and Petit for putting this in and thank you to the Executive's team for working on this. I think we're in a, in a, in a really good place.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you and with the discussion with Deputy Executive Kelly about the logistics of it, I'll strike my comment about the sliding scale, I think that's a good, valid point. Legislator Erner, you had your hand up, do you still want to comment or you're good?

Legislator Erner: I'm good. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. All right. So all those in favor, as amended? Opposed? So carried. You're opposed, Legislator Fabiano?

Legislator Fabiano: Yes, I still feel that there should be a working with some kind of mechanism, mechanism in there, that we're going to collect some money from, from riders. And not like an honor system, system or anything of that. That, that bothers me.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. All right. Can I have motion to block 308, 309, and 310? Chair Bartels. Second, Walters. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: So carried. All right. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. So we don't have the appraisal back yet. It's in the works. I'm sorry. I know it's frustrating to hear. We're pushing to get it before next week's meeting. I cannot comfortably say that it definitively will be here before next week's meeting, but I will keep the committee apprised. I would ask at this point for, I do have one other comment, but I would, I will be asking for a one-week postponement on these three in the hopes that we can get the appraisal by next week. I also just want to alert this committee and I've been in discussion with the Chair of the Environment Committee, that some concerns have been raised regarding SEQRA and the segmentation of SEQRA. Through Council Gordon, who's here with us today, I've asked Counsel Gordon to write a memo to this regard. It's not, there are specifics to this project, but it's a bigger, it's a bigger issue about SEQRA across multiple projects in, in the county. And so as soon as that memo is in place will circulate it to not just this committee, but the legislature as a whole will also be looking to work with the Environment Committee, and to train the Environment Committee and have them be sort of the, the committee of jurisdiction on, on SEQRA across the board, which I think is something that's been lacking in this county, up until this point. Not that SEQRA has been lacking, but having a legislative you know, one place of origin. So we'll be bringing that forward as well. So I realize I'm touching on two different things. And the immediate is that the appraisal is not here at the moment. So I'm asking for the week. But I'll hold making the, the motion for postponement to allow further discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. So through you, Chair Gavaris to Chairman, Chairperson Bartels, sorry. So when, when we requested this appraisal, and when we hired this appraiser did we let them know that this, there was a timeline here, because I'm, I got to be honest, I'm growing a little frustrated, you know, with not being able to get the work, we're paying to do this service to actually, you know, supply the service that we're paying for on our schedule, not on their schedule. So I know, you said you want another week. But I'm gonna say this right now that if we don't have it next week, I'm going to

recommend that we cancel that contract and find somebody who can do it expeditiously. This is a big project, and we have a lot of things that have to be considered with it. This is one of them. And it's really my opinion [inaudible] as we go forward right now. And so I would really like to, you know, somehow or another, you know, ask this appraiser to really, you know, get off their butt and get this thing done for us. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: If I may, thank you. I share, I share the frustration, not as a matter of excuse, but just as a matter of background. It was communicated to the appraiser the need to move expeditiously from the start. The contract held out a longer date, which at the time of signing, I pointed out that the contract held out a longer date, but internal discussions had been had and they said they felt confident they could get it in at under that date. I will say that this isn't something that I've been engaged in lately in terms of appraisers. But given what's happening in the real estate market. Even, even, I fully expect that we're going to see this appraisal, if it's not in time for next week, it's going to be within a matter of days on the other side of the which is what's so frustrating on the other side of our session, even within that time from the time of signing that would be considered at this point in this market, a very short turnaround. Appraisers are in some cases taking three and four months, which is what the executive's team had said to me when we talked about a second appraisal at the start. They talked about how we could expect a very long-term time. So again, I'm not making excuses. I'm saying that even getting it in in the next within the next two weeks is a shorter term. If we started from zero, we could expect another long term. I share your frustration. I also think it's critically important that we get this second look at these numbers. And I appreciate people's patience, albeit frustrated patience. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Just to sort of anecdotal evidence of this, as Chair Bartels, just pointed out. We just, for the Ellenville Hospital, we just had an appraisal done on a neighboring property that we are interested in adding to our parcel. And that took just over three months, because it's not a lot of comparisons, not a lot of comparables, so it's harder, especially with commercial property, for them to really come up with an accurate number. So, and we just got that last month in July. That was three, a little over three months.

Legislator Cahill, did you have a follow up or you're good? Okay. All right. So Chair Bartels, you want to make that motion to postpone?

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. I'll make a motion to postpone for one week.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: So carried. Thank you.

343: Setting a public hearing on proposed local law number 9 of 2020 for the local village property taxes. Can I have a motion? [inaudible] Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. So I'm, I, I'm again, I'm trying to pull it up as I'm, as I'm moving. But I, I understand that the amendment that we discussed has been made, which removes the, the county's, county's culpability for properties before, before the resolution takes place, I just want to confirm that.

Chairman Gavaris: I don't recall

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'm looking for it right now.

Chairman Gavaris: that.

Legislative Chair Bartels: And while we're looking, can I also just confirm has, has, and I'm, I'm comfortable moving it forward, given if said language is in there. But I also just want to ask if anyone has spoken to the Mayors of Saugerties and Ellenville.

Chairman Gavaris: I can say, I spoke with Ellenville [inaudible] actually, there's memorializing resolution that they, we're pretty sure they adopted it, to support this local law, very enthusiastically support it.

Chair Bartels, I'll come back to you, if you want to still look that up, and I'll go to Fabiano. Legislator Fabiano.

Legislator Fabiano: Yes, I, I haven't gotten to speak to our, our village mayor here in the Village of Saugerties, but I'm pretty sure that Legislator Maloney did and I, I feel that they're very much on board with this also.

Chairman Gavaris: And I believe, correct me if I'm wrong if part of the law would be that there has to be an opt in so the village does not have to do this. So they, the support would come at the time of their decision to opt in.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Can I just, through, is Counsel Ragucci on the, on the line?

Chairman Gavaris: He is.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Can I just through,

Counsel Ragucci: Yes, Madam Chair.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you.

Counsel Ragucci: Would you like me to read the proposed amendment language

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yes please.

Counsel Ragucci: for purposes of our discussion? So I was working closely with Minority Council as well on this, and the amendment would include a new sentence to section two of the local law as follows: delinquent village taxes existing prior to the effective date of any such agreement, shall be the sole responsibility of the village and shall not be collected reimbursed nor relieved by the county.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Great. I'm glad I, I'm glad I asked. So it's not in yet. May I, may I make a motion to include that language, obviously would be pending sponsors approval, sponsors not here. I don't think is Legislator Maloney on the call?

Chairman Gavaris: He's not.

Legislative Chair Bartels: No. Okay. So pending, sponsors approval, can I make a motion to include that language? I can read it again.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Okay, and so, Natalie, the language says delinquent village taxes existing prior to the effective date of any such agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the village and not and shall not be collected or what was your

Counsel Ragucci: collected, reimbursed, nor relieved by the county.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you.

Counsel Ragucci: And I, and I sent a copy to Natalie as well, prior.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Great.

Chairman Gavaris: Any discussion?

The only comment I'll make is I can understand the reimburse part in terms of making the village whole, but if, in terms of levying it, I don't see a downside to that.

Counsel Ragucci: I'm happy to, I'm happy to take out that, that word we were following fairly closely an opinion that we had found dealing with this issue, and they mentioned relieved, but we can certainly take that word out if, if that's your preference.

Chairman Gavaris: That's just mine, but Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I don't have an, I don't, I don't feel strongly either way. I just, I feel that, obviously, once this law goes into effect, we're gonna get past the need for this, this clause pretty quickly, like it's only going to apply to things that have been long, outstanding. So whatever counsel feels comfortable with, I'm comfortable with, I just want to make sure that because we don't have the data in front of us, what we're potentially facing this I feel like protects the county.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah. My only reason for this comment is that, you know, so the way it reads currently based on the amendment, it would be so if we passed this, let's say by October, anything from 2021 - 2022, potentially, if there's outstanding, even though they won't be foreclosed upon yet, because they haven't hit the three-year mark, the way I interpret what this amendment does, is it then not include those amounts. So I would say anything not foreclosure eligible, I could, I, I would, I would, if there was

a better way of saying it by eliminating that part, and just include anything that's beyond the three years now. Which I think that's an easier way of doing it. I just don't know if there's a cleaner way other than to take out the relevied part, because you're correct, after this first go round, then that problem goes away permanently.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: And I just want to echo Chair Gavaris, that that's that's my intent. That's that's exactly what it's not my if there is a property or if there were a property that had two years delinquency at the point of the agreement, I would not have such a great concern about the county stepping in and after the third year, continuing its process. I'm more thinking about those properties that are already foreclosure eligible and are not being foreclosed upon. If Council, it depends on what the committee wants, if counsel would like the week to get language that's comfortable for everyone. I'd be okay with that, and again, I just want to say I'm comfortable with moving this forward with that protection, which I think we have, we share the intent. So I think we're in a good place to finally make this happen. But I'm okay with waiting a week if that's what if that's what counsel needs and what the committee feels comfortable with.

Chairman Gavaris: Counsel Ragucci.

Counsel Ragucci: Yeah, you know, upon hearing the comments and my communications with minority counsel contemporaneously. I believe we both agree that relevy is not a necessary word in that sentence, and that we could take it out and still achieve our goal.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Would Chair Gavaris' concern be addressed in terms of a, a property that's one year delinquent at the point of the agreement? Would that year be wiped off? Or would that year go toward the three years making it foreclosure eligible?

Counsel Ragucci: I don't, I don't believe the year will be wiped off. No, it would be eligible. So I think it would solve his concern.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Okay.

Chairman Gavaris: So we can do one of two things, we can resind your second, Legislator Fabiano and Chair Bartels and then redo it or make an amendment within the amendment. Legislator Fabiano, I think the cleanest thing would be for you to rescind your second and Chair Bartels.

Legislator Fabiano: I do.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I will as well.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, now the new resolution, the new amendment, Chair Bartels if you want to recap or Counsel in place.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'll have Counsel, read it.

Chairman Gavaris: Counsel Ragucci.

Counsel Ragucci: Sure. Delinquent village taxes existing prior to the effective date of any such agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the village and shall not be collected or nor reimbursed by the county.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, okay. So hearing that it doesn't solve my problem because it says collected it would be, it would be, it would not be reimbursed, I think is the only part that should be, remain in there. Because if the county collects it, great. The reimbursed part to the village is the concerning part.

Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'd like to make a, just make a suggestion that we postpone it the week and just

Chairman Gavaris: Okay.

Legislative Chair Bartels: have the moment to get the language perfect. Have a consensus include you Chair Gavaris and sponsor in the conversation

Legislator Fabiano: I agree.

Legislative Chair Bartels: along with the, along of course with the representatives from the other villages and let's just get it, get into a place

Legislator Cahill: I'll second the postponement.

Chairman Gavaris: All right Counsel Ragucci's, let me go to Counsel Ragucci first

Counsel Ragucci: Sorry. Just, just a quick comment Chair, and I just wanted to clarify something and I'm happy, of course, to perfect this language prior to next week's meeting I pursuant to the tax law, we can't collect if we don't reimburse. So I, I think that's why we had both of those words in there.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, I think we the week is a perfect opportunity. Because and I don't mean it to I think the village should get the money. I just don't think if we don't get the money if we don't foreclose on it. That that we're not making the village whole for for previously owed liens on the property. I think that's the part we need to clean up. So I think taking the week makes perfect sense. Going back to Legislator Cahill, sorry, I cut you off before. Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: I'll withdraw it.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah. And I was I just want to again reiterate that I think the aim is not to affect those properties that are within, that are coming upon the three-year eligibility. It's about those that are already foreclosure eligible.

Chairman Gavaris: So then maybe that's the way just even to say it is that foreclosure eligible will not do that for foreclosure eligible properties prior to the, the, the voting of the, approving of the resolution.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah, I think we should take the week though to get it right versus doing it.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah. I agree. I'm just

Legislative Chair Bartels: Yeah. So I'll make a motion to postpone for one week.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Second?

Legislator Walter: I'll second.

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

Group: Aye.

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

401: Amending the capital project number 598, for community wellness hub and crisis stabilization center. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

401: Approving the execution of a contract 158,850 for Pomarico Design Architecture. Can I have a motion? Walter. To second? Second, Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

407: Amending the 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program for establishing Capital Projects 645, renovation to 21 Elizabeth Street. Motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Second Fabiano. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So there was a request for some information from Deputy Executive Rider regarding whether the renovation costs included the architectural costs, and, and there are a couple of other elements that he hasn't been able to get back to us. He's away right now. So just a request to postpone this also for a week to give him a chance to give us that updated information.

Chairman Gavaris: Can I get a second? Chair Bartels. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed?

Legislative Chair Bartels: May I ask a question?

Chairman Gavaris: Sure, go ahead.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I'm in favor of the postponement. But if I may also, just ask, I know, Deputy Executive is not here, but maybe one of the other Deputy Executives can bring it to him if we could also see the, the, the full budget for the proposal again, just so we understand where this portion fits into the bigger picture.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

410: Amending the 2022 Ulster County budget to accept increased funding from New York State Office of Addiction Services for medical assisted treatment. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Can I have a second? Legislator Cahill? Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: So carried.

411: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 19,500 for Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration.

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

I don't have 400 on my agenda?

Natalie Kelder: 409.

Chairman Gavaris: Oh, 409, oh, you're absolutely right, sorry.

Resolution 409: Approving the execution of a contract for 180,000 from LaBella Associates. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Fabiano: Move it.

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

Legislator Walter: I believe this is associated with 407. So just ask for the postponement on 409 as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Chair Bartels.

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second this.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

412: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 92,500 for Jewish Child Care Associates in New York.

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Fabiano. Discussion?

All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

413: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 61,536, for Gateway Industries. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Authorizing easement across lands for the Ulster Delaware Railroad Corridor. Can I have a motion?
Legislator Walter. Second? Can I get a second?

Legislator Fabiano: Second.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

416: Approving the execution of a contract for 199,792 for Inter-fluve engineering. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? You're opposed
Legislator Cahill? No, okay, sorry.

418: Authorizing the required steps for transfer of real property for the Town of Ulster. Can I have a motion? Legislator Cahill. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

419: Establishing Capital Projects 644, site ready services for electrical vehicle charging stations. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Legislator Cahill. Discussion? Favor? Opposed? So carried.

421: Approving the execution of a contract for rates anticipated to exceed 50,000 for J&J Sass Electric. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Legislator Fabiano: I'll second it.

Chairman Gavaris: Fabiano. Discussion? Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I just, I heard some discussion about the electric bus charging stations and the and the distance that the buses could travel on a charge as a sometimes as is as a limiting factor in terms of assessing routes. Are we starting to investigate alternative bus charging stations in other parts of the county in order to be able to expand and really think about those routes in a more expansive way?

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Kelly.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Thank you, Chair. So this is on resolution for 421?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes.

Deputy Executive Kelly: So 421 is for the kind of like the charge point chargers for our fleet vehicles and the public. These aren't for the UCAT buses.

Legislative Chair Bartels: I think, okay, I think it would apply to both. I mean, it was on the previous, I just didn't get my hand up fast enough. We were talking [inaudible] But I feel the same way about the ChargePoint charging in terms of I mean, if we're eventually going to get to the point of having sheriff's vehicles that are all electric, which is where we're where we're all headed. We need to think about charging station, stations across, across the county and certainly in some of the farther reaches. And so I'm assuming that this is happening. I just want to verify that we're starting with that work.

Deputy Executive Kelly: Yeah, I can speak to more of the UCAT side just in terms of we are looking at a robust capital plan in order to make the green fleet a reality and part of that is charging. We're also looking at the manufacture of buses. So we're going to be reissuing an RFP in order to see what else is out there, in terms of bus manufacturers, because some of them do have longer ranges right now. But that is certainly part of a study that we'll engage in with the Transportation Planning Committee.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Cahill

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. So I, I thought I asked this last time when this came up but have we established where exactly these are going, these charging stations on and are they're going on county owned property already. Is that how this is gonna work?

Chairman Gavaris: I'm gonna go to Planner Doyle because he may be able to answer that but [inaudible].

Director Doyle: So let, let's take that in two parts Legislator Cahill, thank you for rec, thank you for the opportunity. One is with respect to the resolution. It's my understanding that all of the charging stations that we're talking about with respect to the resolution would be on county owned property. It would involve properties associated with the UCAT buses, they would also involve properties in Ellenville, and then also properties associated with the fleet management work particularly back behind the social services building. So that's the first thing.

The second piece, to go back to the Chairwoman's question, we did an electrification study with the Department of Environment the Ulster County Transportation Council paid for a portion of that, that electrification study has a bus replacement schedule associated with it. And it also has a look at where

given current routes, it's most likely will need charging stations. Those include depot charging, obviously at, at UCAT, as well as charging stations somewhere in the City of Kingston, or north of the City of Kingston, and then in the New Paltz area as well. So that those those areas are looked at, there's actually a design document within that electrification study to take a look at a charging station that would actually fit within the plaza area. So we have some layouts for those charging stations. The other thing that you should know is is that when we engage with Via, with respect to the NYSEERDA project, we had a long conversation with Via and Via work doing work with respect to since they're going to be using electric, small electric buses. They were looking at the availability of charges regionwide. Where that service was with particularly with respect to New Paltz, Ellenville, and Kingston. Kingston has a plethora of charges, we're actually extremely ahead of other communities with respect to the amount of charging stations that are available in Kingston, and our concern was with respect to Ellenville, and we do have an opportunity in Ellenville that the Department of Environment has discovered and worked with, that's adjacent to the prep the, the mental health center in Ellenville, the Resnick building down there. So the proposal is to take a look at that area and put charging stations in there, that would also serve the county fleet. And if, and if we're fortunate enough to get the Via grant, be become an opportunity for, for Via, for Via buses. Last but not least, we've engaged with Pattern for Progress, which is doing a region wide look at charging availability associated with the whole region. And then finally, the New York State Department of State is taking a look at charging facilities on major state routes. It's the basically it's the the interstate system as identified by as critical as critical areas, critical resource areas by the Department of Transportation. So the work around trying to make sure that there's enough charging stations is, is, is ongoing. It's quite extensive in the real question is is that one of the other conversations we're having has to do with school districts, because they're going to probably be moving into the electrification world as well. And the most recent, the most recent passage of the of the the bill that just came out of Congress is likely going to add money to electrification and climate change. That's a pretty comprehensive answer in terms of that, that question, I hope.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Thank you. Yes, that's very comprehensive and I appreciate it. And I especially appreciate the consideration coming into the middle of the county with regard to the j, the second resolution, I realized we're talking about two at the moment, the J&J Sass resolution. I do have a question. I'm sorry, I wasn't at that committee meeting. All of the proposals for those locations are Kingston, county-owned property in Kingston. And I'm wondering, are those charge point systems proposed to be supercharged? I don't know what the what the charge point terminology is but the high-speed charging or are they the slow charging systems?

Director Doyle: That's a great question. I don't have an answer to that. It's level one and level two chargers, and then there's DC chargers, fast chargers. I believe they're, they're level one, but I have to go back and check. They may be some level two chargers in there as well. I'll look into that. I just don't know.

Legislative Chair Bartels: Can I, can, can you come back with that information? I mean, I think it's really important that we're starting, particularly as it relates, it's one thing for a fleet that's coming back and is going to stay on site and be charging overnight. It's fine. And even potentially, people could take them home, although I don't know how much they'd want to charge them at their home, if it's county vehicle, but in terms of sheriff's vehicles and needing to, to, you know, reach all over the county. I think we need to really think strategically where we're placing these, these charging sites, you know, we just heard that Kingston has a plethora of charging stations as opposed to other communities across the county, and they need to be charging stations that are high speed. I don't, I don't frankly, know how many charge, high speed charge point charging stations there are in this county right now. I think, I'd like to I will do the research. But you can't, you know,

Director Doyle: There, there's a

Legislative Chair Bartels: Go ahead.

Director Doyle: There's a great mapping site that you can go on, and you can, and you can find all the charging stations. We'll send you those links. And what I would suggest is that we'll, we'll, I'll reach out to, to Nick from, from Department of Environment to address this, they are they're very much on top of this as a as our DPW in terms of locations where these charges should go.

Legislative Chair Bartels: So but it's not what I'm saying is it's not just locations, you know, the idea that you know, for example, Gardiner

Director Doyle: No,

Legislative Chair Bartels: you know, we got a grant, and we have two charging stations in a public charging area near our library, which is right adjacent to a, to the rail trail similar to the charging stations that are out front from the county building. You can leave your car overnight and get, I don't know, 70 miles, you know, I mean, it's not, we need high speed charge, like, so much has changed in such a short time that we need to be changing with it. So I just want to make sure that we're spending this money in a way that's keeping up with the changing times.

Director Doyle: Yup.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Bartels, I think this this was also discussed from the chairs meeting the other night, and that was Deputy Executive Rider had I thought he commented on this, that they were all level twos. But as I pointed out, and you're reiterating tonight, that is not sufficient anymore. And I just don't think it operat, opens up the opportunity for additional users, for this, and I don't know if any of the other deputy executives know, but is there a master plan? Because to me, this sounds like a shotgun

piecemeal approach to doing this. But is there a plan for a to do a master plan for electric vehicle charging throughout the county that integrates, you know, I mean, like, for example, I don't I hate to knock Wawarsing, because I live here and represent it, but quite honestly, they put a charger at Lippman Park, Lippman Parks in the middle of nowhere kind of really, there's no services unless you're going to the park, which is really just a walking trail. How long are you going to be there that's worth you to actually plug into. Most of these charging stations are in like the Kingston Plaza, they're where you could do shopping, you can get some some food, you can you know, spend an hour or so there and get your vehicle charged but on a fast-charging pace, not on a level one, or even level two now. Level threes are the way most places are going.

Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you. To expand on that just a little bit, has anyone coordinated with the towns, I know that our town has at least one EV charger in their town parking lot. And I'm sure that there are plans to put them in other places. Has, has that coordination taken place. So we're not like, you know, saturating one area and then neglecting another, right. Because I think you know that, that's a possibility, some of that may happen.

Director Doyle: I mean, my sense is to the resolution, what the county is trying to do is take care of its own fleet. So that, so that's what the resolution is doing. It's not basically the other work that you're talking about in terms of coordination with the town and with the towns. There is, there are studies ongoing right now, for example pattern, to take a look at where the, where charges are and where they should be. The other thing is the charging situation is evolving rapidly, not only in terms of the types of charges, but also how it's, how it's administered. And we're seeing companies come out now with something as known as charging as a service where essentially you don't install the charges. The company will install the chargers and then you pay a little bit more to hook up to them. So that, that's the other model that's out there. And a lot of the residential complexes are looking at, at that model in terms of charging as a service.

Chairman Gavaris: I think just add to add to Legislator Cahill's point, I think that's an excellent point. If the town's and the villages, you know, if we're going with green with our fleet. And I think and you know, and to be fair, we have the funds to be able to do this. I don't know that the towns and villages do have that kind of money to be able to change over their fleet so easily. And here's an opportunity for us to make our own fleet green, but also encourage them to make theirs as well, and, and benefit us both.

All right, any other discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

422: Supporting a grant application for the FDA for administer 5307 funds. Can I have a motion? Walter. Discussion, or second. Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 32,884 for NYCOMCO. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Can I get a second? Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a grant contract with New York City Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

425: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with New York State Office of Emergency Management for a multi-jurisdictional multi hazard mitigation plan. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

426: Approving the execution of a contract for 120,284 for New York City Sheriffs Association. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Chair Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

427: Approving the execution of a contract for 60,333 for ViaTra, Inc. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second, Fabiano. Discussion? Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle: Thank you, I just wanted to say really quickly that there was a very, very in-depth conversation at Law Enforcement about the different levels of product that the sheriff was looking at for this. This is a active shooter and de-escalation simulator. This is the least expensive version. And I know that it was asked, at least by one member of this committee as to whether we should be looking at the more expensive version. And we determined that we would like to move forward with this one because even if we got the more expensive one down the road, which I've asked the sheriff, which we have asked sheriff to explore in, in the you know, as he's making his budget, even if we did get the more expensive one that would be a stationary item, as opposed to this we can actually be brought into the field and, and can be shown to the public at different locations. So even if that more advanced product is explored and deemed, you know, valuable to purchase down the road, this is still a valuable purchase to have as well. And that's I'd wanted to close the loop because it came up [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: Great, thank you for that. Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

429: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for 11,366.61 for Eaton Corporation. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Fabiano. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

430: Approving the execution of a contract for 82,043.28 for Vicom Computer Services. Can I have motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

433: Authorizing the conveyance of county owned property to the original owner. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Cahill. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? so carried.

We've got some forthcoming resolutions.

Is there new business?

The budget calendar, has everybody reviewed it and are there any issues? Okay. Natalie, do we have to formally adopt that or we can just No. Okay. Thank you.

I know Comptroller Gallagher, you said you didn't have anything but one last opportunity.

Comptroller Gallagher: Next week. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Thank you. All right. If nothing else, can I have a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Cahill: I'll make a motion.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. Thank you all.

Legislator Walter: Take care.