

**Ways &
Means Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: June 25, 2020 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 955 0162 2914
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster, and Jay Mahler
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 5:08 PM), Tracey
Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes; Mary Beth Maio, and
Eve Walter
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Brian Cahill, Peter Criswell, and John Parete;
Linda Martston-Reid, Arts Mid-Hudson

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM**

Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 129—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Awareness for \$12,500.00 to provide peer-to-peer educational programs oriented toward youth offenders who receive substance abuse related sentences.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 130—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1 for \$10,000.00 to provide materials related to the upkeep and maintenance of the Walker Valley fire training facility.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 131—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$91,500.00, to be expended towards the costs associated with operations of the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To block Resolutions No. 132, 133, 134, and 140

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 132—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc (RCAL) for \$15,000.00 to provide prevocational services, behavior modification, social skills, special education, and online skills training for the disabled within Ulster County.

Resolution No. 133—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The D&H Canal Historical Society For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with D&H Canal Historical Society for \$10,000.00 to provide support for the creation of a Visitor Center at the DePuy Canal House.

Resolution No. 134—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hudson River Maritime Museum For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Hudson River Maritime Museum for \$30,000.00 to provide assistance with upgrading the building and grounds associated with the Rondout Riverport Phase 2.

Resolution No. 140—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Imagine Better, Inc. D/B/A Don't Be A Monster For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards costs associated with presenting an anti-bullying campaign in at least four Ulster County schools.

Motion Made By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None

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

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 135—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With People’s Place For The 2020 Appropriation - Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with People’s Place for \$10,000.00 to offset costs for programming to assist members of the community to obtain fresh, frozen, and packaged foods.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 136—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation -Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. for \$28,750.00 to provide services, including permanent and temporary housing, food assistance, and job training skills.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 137—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation – Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc for \$90,000.00 to provide funds to promote arts and other cultural activities.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 138—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2020 Appropriations-Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County for \$362,000.00 to provide support and maintenance in the fields of agriculture, community, and economic vitality, environment and energy, nutrition, healthy families and youth development.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 139—2020 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Hudson Library System for \$84,500.00 to provide funds for various programs, initiatives, and content.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To discuss Resolution No. 141—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Family of Woodstock for \$30,000.00 to provide funding assistance for a supervised visitation program

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: Legislator Bartels explained that she spoke with Commissioner Iapocci who informed her that the Department of Social Services has always participated in supervised visitation, it is his understanding that this program is used for private custody matters, and the court sees this as a valuable service, especially for families who do not have the means to pay for the service. Further, Legislator Bartels vocalized desire to discuss where this service should live during the budget cycle, noting that the contract is a not-to-exceed value and, as such, is not guaranteed to cost the total value. Legislative Financial Analysts Natalie Kelder informed Committee members that Family of Woodstock submitted invoices amounting to less than \$23,000.00 in the prior year. Legislator Walter asked if the quantity of service provided during the current year is known. Discussion pursued on the services provided and the suggested contractual value by Family of Woodstock. Legislator Ronk suggested an amendment to \$20,000.00 with the understanding that Family of Woodstock can come before the Legislature later in the year if a greater value is needed in order to continue providing the service. Legislator Bartels asked why the

amendment is necessary if the Organization is only invoicing for reimbursement of services provided, noting that the difference between this suggestion and the Organization's suggestion is minimal. Legislator Ronk explained his preference is to push for greater budgetary savings in a time when the County is trying to reduce expenditures, that since the courts have been shut down with the exception of emergencies, he feels the \$20,000.00 value is safe, and that reserving the right to further amend the contract allows for flexibility to prevent the services from stopping. Further, Legislator Ronk agreed that discussion should take place on a better budget line for the services in discussion, emphasizing the need for the Legislative Contractual Appropriations policy as services that are this important should not be subject to change year over year.

Motion No. 12: To amend Resolution No. 141—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Family of Woodstock for \$30,000.00 to provide funding assistance for a supervised visitation program

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 141—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with the Family of Woodstock for \$30,000.00 to provide funding assistance for a supervised visitation program

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None

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

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 142—Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$39,750.00 with Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. for providing advocacy services for abused and neglected children as assigned by the Ulster County Family Court.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 143 –Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2020 Appropriation –Legislature, as Amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$24,750.00 with UPAC LLC for various operational expenses that allow Ulster Performing Arts Center to provide programming for Ulster County residents.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, and Walter
Voting Against: Legislator Gavaris
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:27 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: July 14, 2020

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Chairwoman Archer: I'd like to call to order a Special Meeting of Ways and Means, this June 25, five o'clock.

Natalie, will you take roll?

Natalie Kelder: Archer.

Chairwoman Archer: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Ronk.

Natalie Kelder: Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris: Present.

Natalie Kelder: Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Maio.

Legislator Maio: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Walter.

Legislator Walter: Here.

Natalie Kelder: And Donaldson.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All right. Today we're going to solidify our resolutions for legislative appropriations. I'd like to start off with Resolution Number 129: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County to enter into an Agreement with Awareness. Can someone make a motion to approve this as amended before you?

Legislator Walter: I'll make the motion.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you, Mary Beth Maio, second.

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? All in favor.

Resolution Number 130: Authorizing the Chair, Ken's on his way, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with Walker Valley Chemical Engine No. 1. Someone want to make a motion to approve Resolution 130, as amended before you?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Maio: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? No, no opposition.

Okay. with Resolution No. 131: this is the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District. I'll take a motion to approve Resolution 131, as amended before you.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Maio: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Now, in conversations with regards to procedure, it didn't make sense for us to be passing a contract with zero value. So, the proper thing to do is to defeat the resolution in committee. So, at this time, I'd like to make, take a motion to block resolutions 132, 133, 134, and 140. So, that would be RCAL, D&H Canal Society, Hudson River Maritime Museum and Don't Be a Monster.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Eve Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, on the block, all in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay, now would someone like to make a motion to approve the blocked resolutions?

Legislator Haynes.

Do I have a second?

Legislator Maio: Maio.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, all in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Legislator Bartels: Does Ken realize what we're doing, what we're voting on right now?

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah. Ken, this is the block. Sorry you just came in, I didn't catch you. This is the blocked resolutions for zero value.

Legislator Bartels: So, when you, when you, but when you vote yes, you're voting for full value.

Legislator Ronk: Oh, sorry. Thank you.

Legislator Haynes: Then I'm going to withdraw my motion.

Legislator Bartels: No, no your motion your motion's fine.

Chairwoman Archer: Your motion is fine. It's just now on the, on the resolution.

Legislator Ronk: On the resolutions as blocked, I'm a no.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor of No?

Legislator Maio: Of no.

Legislator Walter: Wait, wait. Just say all in favor.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor? No one.

Opposed? All of us. Okay, thank you.

Legislator Ronk: Sorry, I was on an extended call with a member of the Lodging Coalition. So.

Chairwoman Archer: Ah, Okay.

Legislator Ronk: It was legislative business, but it was just not, not this business.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Well, thanks for joining us.

Resolution 135. This is for People's Place. Would someone like to make a motion to approve Resolution 135, as amended before you.

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion, as amended.

Legislator Bartels: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: And a second?

Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. Resolution 136. This is the Ulster County Community Action Committee. Someone like to make a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll make a motion, as amended.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay.

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? No opposition.

Resolution 137: Mid-Hudson Arts. A motion as.

Legislator Ronk: I'll make a motion, as amended.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? Okay, No, no opposition.

Resolution 138, make a motion to amend as before us?

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion as amended.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Haynes: Second, Heidi.

Chairwoman Archer: All in, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. Resolution 139. This is for the Ulster County Library program.

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion as amended.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Haynes: Second, Heidi.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Resolution 144. Or 141, excuse me, this is for supervised visit, visitation. We had previously postponed this. Legislator Bartels

Legislator Bartels: Make a motion to discuss.

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So I, I had a brief conversation with Commissioner Iapoce today. I had asked that we postpone it a month. But then given that we had the meeting today, I wanted to see if I could get some update. He said that he did some research, because obviously, Department of Social Services has always participated in supervised visitation, particularly as it's mandated by the court for those in our care and custody, for whatever reason, whether that's been through removal, or a voluntary separation.

His understanding of this program is that this program is used for private custody matters. In other words, it's in connection with private custody cases where supervised visitation is recommended, and typically, he said that the members come to agreement on who might be able to provide that supervised visitation. Sometimes it's a family member. But there are cases where they either can't come to agreement, or they don't have anyone. There's no one that they can get to provide the supervision for the visitation.

And in those cases, now, the court would refer to Family of Woodstock, and the county pays for that supervision. He said that there is an organization that does this regionally. I think it's called Bridges of Hope, he said. He said but they charge a fee. Family of Woodstock also charges a fee. It's just that we pay it. And his impression, from talking to the clerk of one of the courts, was that the court sees it as a valuable service, particularly for families who might not have the means to pay for the service.

Now, I do personally believe that we need to have a conversation in this next budget cycle of where this program will live. If we continue with it, with the county, if we continue to serve it. I don't know if that would be Social Services. It might be Department of Health, or Mental Health, or through some of the other. We'll have, we'll have to the Executive's Office about it. But, I don't at this point in time, it's not something that would be taken over by Social Services, because again, these are these are private custody cases. So, I think we should, I think we should discuss this and move on it today.

Chairwoman Archer: Are you going to make a proposal to amend the current amount?

Legislator Bartels: Yeah. Can you share the numbers that, that you had, or that Natalie got from the last cycle? And also.

Chairwoman Archer: Go ahead.

Legislator Bartels: Just as background for everyone to know was we're looking at this contract This is a not to exceed contract. They bill, I think Natalie can tell us, but I think they bill quarterly.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah.

Legislator Bartels: And they submit invoices. So, it's not an absolute that we would spend this money. I think we're going to hear from Natalie in a minute that we didn't spend the full amount last year. So.

Chairwoman Archer: Natalie, you want to just give everyone an update of what you've surfaced?

Natalie Kelder: Sorry, I had to sum the quarterly payments. So, last year, they submitted for just shy of \$23,000. And then.

Chairwoman Archer: They had an up to up to \$25,500, correct?

Natalie Kelder: I have, yes, \$25,500.

Chairwoman Archer: And this year, this year there was language added in the program, where we're asking them to tell us by month, the number of families that were assigned, the number of visits that were set up, and the number of visits that were conducted per month, correct?

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I guess I have a question about that, especially with COVID. And most of the courts being closed. Do we know what the last three months have looked like? You said we get quarterly reports?

Chairwoman Archer: We didn't get anything this year because this is this year's contract that we're discussing.

Legislator Walter: Oh. Right.

Amber Feaster: Submission is part of their invoicing. So, they wouldn't have invoiced us for a period that there's no executed contract for.

Chairwoman Archer: Now, we did hear, and Tracey, you may have heard this, that there was limited Family Court, but it's not the usual full docket. Is that correct?

Legislator Bartels: Well, I didn't hear that from Commissioner Iapoce. I heard that anecdotally.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, okay.

Legislator Bartels: From people in my life. So, I couldn't, I couldn't 100% confirm that or whether or not that was just their experience of it.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: But wouldn't there still had been continued visitation?

Chairwoman Archer: With this, with the Family of Woodstock?

Legislator Haynes: Even during COVID. If, if, if these monies are going towards supervised visitation, wouldn't there have continued, I can't imagine a parent waiving their rights to visitation even during a pandemic.

Chairwoman Archer: I can't, can't speak to that. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I feel like maybe, given this information, I mean I don't want to postpone it. But at the same time, you know, like, I don't know if this is a cumulative. Whether this just provides services for the first set of visitations. Because if it was a cumulative for all visitations, then it would just get bigger and bigger. So, it might be worth knowing a little bit more about how much they've served over the last three months. And whether the courts were even operating in this way.

Chairwoman Archer: Did we get a response? I'm sorry, did we get a response from Family of Woodstock on this? I don't have it before me.

Legislator Walter: Isn't this the one that they suggested that they dropped down to, or maybe that was a different one. One of them, Family had sort of suggested a cut but.

Legislator Bartels: This is the only one in this packet, I think.

Legislator Walter: Okay. So, they suggested a drop down. I have written in my notes that they suggested a drop down to \$7,500. But that doesn't sound... a drop down of \$7,500. Maybe that's what they said in their notes.

Legislator Maio: I have it here, you're right Eve, it says to drop it by \$7,500, to make it \$22.5K.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Does somebody want to make an amendment?

Legislator Ronk: Lynn, can I be recognized?

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't see your hand up there.

Legislator Ronk: That's okay. It's in the blue. It's tough.

Chairwoman Archer: It's dark. Yeah, sorry.

Legislator Ronk: It is yeah, I'm backlit here, which is a problem. Here if I turn this way, you'll be able to see me better

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, much better.

Legislator Ronk: I'll just, I'll hold the computer. So, what, remind me, because I think I was on my ambulance call when we went through this, you know, at Ways and Means. What was agreed on by the committee?

Chairwoman Archer: We had postponed it, waiting further information from Iapoce, which that's what Tracy just shared with us.

Legislator Ronk: Okay. What was the original amount without me pulling it up?

Chairwoman Archer: \$30K.

Legislator Ronk: \$30K?

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah.

Legislator Ronk: At this time, here's my proposal. I make an amendment that we drop it to \$20,000, but reserve the right for them to come back to us later in the year and justify an increase if there's more visitation. That would be my proposal.

Chairwoman Archer: Is there a second?

Tracey?

Legislator Bartels: Well, I'll second it for discussion and then may I comment?

Chairwoman Archer: Yes, please.

Legislator Bartels: I mean, I'm just curious, Ken, aren't they, wouldn't they be coming back to us, just through the course of the contract, with these new details be given that they bill 1.) they bill quarterly; and 2.) they bill as they use it?

Legislator Ronk: Yeah.

Legislator Bartels: So, if there's more visitation, that you know what I mean, they're gonna, Last year than in use the full funding. So, I feel like they're going to come to us anyway. I mean, the difference between what they're asking for which is the \$7,500 cut to a \$10,000 cut, I think is minimal. You know, I'd almost sooner go with their \$7,500 cut for this year. But I really do want

us to look closely at this program and see where it could live in an executive budget. In fact, we determined that it is worthy to move forward with. Because again, we're you know, we're funding private custody cases, which isn't necessarily a bad thing, but I think we do need to really understand that, and have it, have it looked at somehow, departmentally.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. You know, my going a little above their number or, you know, for a cut is mainly because, you know, I think that they're probably not going to use the whole amount that they've asked for either. And I would rather, you know, keep less in the budget when we're trying to cut then put more in knowing that they're probably going to come in under budget again. Especially since the courts have been shut down except for in emergencies.

And from what you've said, Tracey, about what Mike Iapocce said, and the fact that even last year they came in under budget, with a full year of visitation. I feel like the \$20,000 dollars is safe. And then, you know, the reserving the right is, you know, no one wants, you know, the visitations, you know, to have a gap or something like that. So, again, with the quarterly reporting, if we notice that there's a higher number than normal visitations, the Legislature can always put it back in. You know, that's, you know, that's our that's our right here.

I don't know, I just think that, I definitely agree with you that we should look for a place to put this in the budget as a whole.

But I also think that this highlights the need for, you know, Legislator Petite, and I, along with Legislator Walter, and others who have interest, to work on the policy for funding these organizations. Because, again, this seems like something, that if it's this important, should be a regular line the budget and shouldn't be, you know, subject to the will or whims of, you know, a majority of members on this committee or a majority of members in the legislature.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Haynes.

I just happened to look it up. Under the Family of Woodstock website. It says visitation is has now been moved to the Everett Hodge Center. This happened last fall. And the program typically works with five to eight families each month. And last year, they actually hired two extra staff to help facilitate so that there wasn't a backlog waiting, so that there wasn't a waiting list.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Right. So, on, there's amendment before us to amend to \$20,000.

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Legislator Bartels: I'll, I'll, I'll, concede the \$10,000. As long as they have the opportunity to come back to us overall.

Legislator Walter: Yeah. I will.

Legislator Archer: Yeah. Can we make that caveat in in the contract?

Legislator Ronk: I did in my motion.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Oh, Okay, great.

Legislator Bartels: I think we'll just want, we'll need to communicate that to them, and to our caucuses, that stipulation.

Legislator Ronk: Yes.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All right.

Resolution 142. This is the Dispute Resolution Center. Motion to approve 142 as amended before you.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it, as amended.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

I need to go back to 141, I needed to do the two-step and I only did the one-step. So, we approved the amendment. Now, we have to approve, adopt the resolution as amended.

So, on resolution 141, can I get a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: And the second? Maio.

All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: Resolution 143. This is Ulster County Performance Art Center. This is a motion to approve Resolution 143, as amended before you.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it as amended.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Mary Beth Maio. Okay.

All in favor?

Group: Aye. Aye. Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Any new business anyone?

Legislator Gavaris: Lynn, Lynn. I was opposed on that one.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, you're opposed. Okay. I apologize. I didn't catch your hand.

Legislator Gavaris: Yes. It's okay. I also missed some of them before. I had problem with the PDF I couldn't open it. So, I did unfortunately vote yes earlier where I meant to vote no on some, but that's okay. It's fine.

Legislator Ronk: Before the meeting is adjourned, you can change your vote.

Chairwoman Archer: Did you want to change your vote before? I'm sorry?

Legislator Ronk: I said, before the meeting's adjourned, he can change his vote.

Chairwoman Archer: I understand. That's what I was just going to say to him. Is there a vote you'd like to change, John, before we close the meeting?

Legislator Gavaris: I just got this PDF open. So, let me go back because I didn't, I had it in my email and I didn't open it. So, I've got it now. Give me a second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, which resolution is it? Okay.

Legislator Gavaris: Lynn, never mind, go ahead. It's fine. It's fine.

Chairwoman Archer: You're okay. So, you're only opposed to the last one, 143?

Legislator Gavaris: It's fine, yeah.

Chairwoman Archer: Any new business?

Legislator Ronk: I move we adjourn.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Second?

Legislator Gavaris: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you, everyone, see you on the 30th.