

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 8, 2023 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, & Ronk
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Greene, Litts, Maloney, Nolan, Petit, Sperry & Uchitelle, Legislative Counsel Gordon, Pascale & Ragucci, Deputy County Executive Contreras, Kelly, & LaValle – UC Executive’s Office, Deputy Comptroller DeMarco – UC Comptroller’s Office, District Attorney Clegg – UC District Attorney’s Office, Director Doyle – UC Planning Department, Director Litwin – UC Recovery & Resilience, Undersheriff Benjamin & Frank Dart – UC Sheriff’s Office, Jacki Brownstein, Tom Denton, Susan Denton, Tom Rocco & Ellen Rocco – Ulster Activists, Kevin Lynch – Economic Development Director nominee

Chair Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM

Resolutions for the August 15, 2023 Session of the Legislature

Motion No. 1: **MOTION TO APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023 and July 18, 2023 Regular Meetings**

Motion By: Legislator Roberts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolution No. 486 of 2022: Adopting The Ulster County Information Services/ Information Technology Security Policy – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts the Ulster County Information Services / Information Technology Security Policy.

Motion No. 2: **Moved Resolution No. 486 OF 2022 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: None

Motion No. 3: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 486 OF 2022 TO SPECIAL MEETING
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

Resolution No. 330: Dedicating Funding To Housing Affordability, Establishing A Policy For Its Use, And Authorizing The Release Of A Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) For 2023 – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes an Ulster County Housing Action Fund and assigns \$15 Million of unassigned fund balance to support the construction, development, and redevelopment of affordable housing.

Motion No. 4: Moved Resolution No. 330 FOR DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislative Chair Bartels expressed concern regarding the ability to expend the funds and the long-term management of the projects but appreciates the intent and agrees housing is an emergency.

Planning Director Doyle explained that the additional staff would be necessary but only .5 FTE to begin with and some of the contracts will have monitoring built into it.

Legislator Cahill questioned the inclusionary zoning changes that municipalities can make in order to participate. Director Doyle explained an exclusion is not necessary for this program and more commonly seen in the Housing Smart Communities Program.

Legislator Maloney asked for current examples of the monitoring. Director Doyle explained that monitoring is built into the contracts for the Community Development Block Grant. Discussion ensued on the process and potential effects from Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements.

Legislator Cahill asked how many projects would qualify for the use of these funds. Director Doyle explained that several projects are going through approval processes, but the idea is that once the funds are available there are more opportunities and incentives.

Legislative Chair Bartels pointed out that the definition of “County Executive Staff” could be interpreted different ways.

Legislator Maloney stated that the focus for the county dollars should be on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) or smaller projects that would not happen without the county’s financial help, adding that the larger projects will happen regardless, and the county would merely be subsidizing their expense.

Legislator Roberts expressed disappointment that the Minority party only has a “recommended pick” and felt they should have fair representation and the legislature should have more board members than the county executive.

Legislator Uchitelle committed to having a marked up copy prior to the next meeting, to allow for time to review and stressed that he strongly feels this is the best opportunity at making a significant impact on the housing crisis.

Motion No. 5: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 330 1 WEEK
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED 1 WEEK

Resolution No. 337: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston, Where The County Is A Subrecipient Of The City’s ARPA-SLFRF Funds, For The Renovation Of Elizabeth Manor, Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Kingston, where the county is a subrecipient of the City of Kingston’s American Rescue Plan Act funding, in the amount of \$500,000.

Motion No. 6: Moved Resolution No. 337 FOR DISCUSSION
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislator Ronk made a motion to postpone this Resolution as all other Resolutions pertaining to Elizabeth Manor have been postponed.

Motion No. 7: MOTION TO POSTPONE. Resolution No. 337 1 MONTH
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED 1 WEEK**

Resolution No. 369: Establishing A Policy To Provide Legislators With Restricted Access To The New World Financial Management System

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a policy to provide legislators with read-only access to the New World Financial Management system.

Motion No. 8: **Moved Resolution No. 369, AS PRESENTED, FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislator Ronk stated that his opinion has not changed and is not in favor of this Resolution.

Legislator Roberts asked if any movement or compromise has been made.

Legislator Nolan stated a preference for a training that would provide a certification to utilize the New World Financial Management System.

Legislative Chair Bartels noted that the Resolution includes required training and does not see the negative in which a legislator has access to information.

Deputy County Executive questioned what the user role is, in order to properly provide access, for example, running reports would necessitate a specific type of access.

Legislator Cahill stated that user parameters should be based on job description and function.

Legislator Ronk pointed out that the Resolution states that training be offered but not required.

Legislator Criswell urged his fellow legislators to view the system before voting.

Legislator Maloney stated the responsibility of the legislature is to oversee the budget for the entire county and many, as part time legislators, work at night and the benefit is receiving real time answers while the legislator is working, as opposed to waiting until normal office hours to receive information from staff.

Motion No. 9: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 369 1 WEEK**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, & Ronk
Voting Against: Legislator Roberts
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED 1 WEEK**

Resolution No. 370: Authorizing Legislative Review Of Certain Non-Commodity Draft Bid Documents

Resolution Summary: This Resolution directs an electronic copy of any Request for Proposal, Request for Quote, and/or non-commodity bid to be forwarded to the Legislative Clerk for distribution to the legislative body.

Motion No. 10: **Moved Resolution No. 370, As Presented, FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislator Ronk stated support for receiving the bid once complete, but not prior. Legislator Ronk expressed the opinion that if the bid is not what the legislature had envisioned, there is time to fight for an addendum or not approve the contract after it is awarded.

Legislative Chair Bartels expressed concerns for when there is legislative policy and legislative proposals, but the bid is issued and not reflective of the intent.

Legislator Petit stated that she would oftentimes be unaware that the bid had been issued and proposal received.

Legislator Criswell stated that he recently had a great experience working with the Purchasing Department on a Request for Proposal (RFP) and seeing something through to the end is how he wants to handle his initiatives.

Legislator Cahill suggested adding specifics to the resolutions as to what should be in the RFP.

Legislative Chair Bartels noted that there are a significant number of RFP's completed annually, when the non-commodity's are included.

Legislator Maloney stated concern for the non-legislative initiatives in which the legislature is completely unaware are happening.

The committee agreed to postpone the resolution and Legislators Petit and Maloney agreed to provide a further amended version next week.

Motion No. 11: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 370 1 WEEK**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED 1 WEEK**

Resolution No. 372: Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers

Resolution Summary: This Resolution requests that the New York State Legislature and Governor pass legislation amending Article 31 of the New York State Tax Law, adding subdivision “H”, permitting the County of Ulster to adopt and amend a local law imposing in the County of Ulster a tax on each conveyance of real property or interest therein when the consideration exceeds five hundred dollars, at the rate of fifty cents for each five hundred dollars or fractional part thereof.

Motion No. 12: **Moved Resolution No. 372 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislator Ronk stated he has always been against a transfer tax and that homeowners already pay a mortgage tax.

Legislator Roberts stated that in the counties efforts to make affordable housing, this would make housing less affordable.

Legislative Chair Bartels was in favor of a bottom end exclusion where properties below a certain amount would be excluded and asked for an updated financial impact.

Legislator Erner stated that the suggested rate is one tenth of one percent, which equates to \$100 of a \$100,000 sale.

Motion No. 13: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 372 1 MONTH**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: Legislators Roberts & Ronk

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 2

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED 1 MONTH**

Resolution No. 381: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) To Accept Grant Funds For The Golden Hill Renewable Energy Project - Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to accept grant funds, in the amount of \$1,684,980, for the Golden Hill Renewable Energy Project.

Motion No. 14: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 381
Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 382: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Various Agreements To Fulfill Requirements For Grant Funding Through The New York State Climate Smart Communities Program For Renewable Energy Equipment At The Golden Hill Housing Site – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute various agreements to fulfill requirements for grant funding for renewable energy equipment at the Golden Hill Housing Site.

Motion No. 15: Moved Resolution No. 382 FOR DISCUSSION
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Motion No. 16: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 382 1 WEEK
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED 1 WEEK

Resolution No. 387: Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Revise Compensation Of A Current Part-Time Investigator Position To A Full-Time Investigator Position - District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2023 Operating Budget to adjust the salary lines for a DA Investigator position to increase the position from part-time, non-benefited to full-time, benefited.

Motion No. 17: **Moved Resolution No. 387 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislative Chair Bartels asked if there are any updates from the last discussion, noting that the timeline is now in the budget cycle.

Legislator Nolan stated most of the time this individual would be doing investigative work. However, there is a chance that a trained professional could be needed, and this individual can step into that role.

Chairman Gavaris explained that there has been no answer regarding what changed from the budget cycle last year to today.

Legislator Ronk explained that he tried to place armed security guards from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office in this role but was told that was not needed. Legislator Ronk stated that this Resolution would have had no issues if statistics of increased traffic accidents were shown and no mention of security. Legislator Ronk also noted how many mid-year increases and mid-year staff additions have been awarded to this District Attorney's Office.

Legislative Chair Bartels noted that the individual in question is already working full time and this Resolution would make it permanent, which is most likely already in their 2024 budget request.

District Attorney Clegg informed the committee that he just recently got notification that the Ulster County District Attorney's Office has been awarded an additional \$500,000 for Aid to Prosecution, retroactive to April of 2023.

Voting In Favor: None

Voting Against: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Votes in Favor: 0

Votes Against: 6

Disposition: **Resolution DEFEATED**

Resolution No. 432: A Policy Requiring Vendors To Comply With All Applicable Ulster County Policies

Resolution Summary: This Resolution creates a policy requiring vendors to comply with all other applicable Ulster County Policies.

Motion No. 18: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 432**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 434: Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Resolution No. 286 of 1968 to increase the rate of sales and compensating use tax to allow the county to collect 4%, instead of 3% on various sales.

Motion No. 19: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 434**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 436: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing A \$419,079.00 Reduction In The Original \$1,000,000.00 Contract Amount, Resulting In A New Not To Exceed Amount Of \$580,921.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Finance – ARPA

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment, reducing the contractual value by \$419,079, for a total contract value of \$580,921 with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance for the distribution of American Rescue Plan Funds and extends the term through September 1, 2024.

Motion No. 20: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 436**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

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

Resolution No. 437: Approving The Execution A Contract For \$395,611.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Finance – ARPA

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance in the amount of \$395,611, to administer a subaward of American Rescue Plan funds for certain small businesses that were unable to receive funds under the Cares II Small Business Assistance Program.

Motion No. 21: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 437**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislator Criswell explained that there was an error with the firewall that was intended to exclude businesses with certain income levels, therefore awards were made that should not have, based upon the original legislative intent. However, contracts had been executed and the committee felt that those contracts should be honored.

Legislator Maloney expressed concern regarding which businesses received grants.

Legislator Cahill stated that an audit was done to identify and address the issues.

Legislative Chair Bartels clarified that the members of the award committee were only scoring those applications before them based upon parameters set forth. The error occurred prior to this process and certain businesses should not have gotten to this point.

Discussion ensued on the process of selecting awardees.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 438: 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 totaling \$22,832 in back taxes.

Motion No. 22: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 438**

Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 439: Authorizing The Execution Of Sub-Lease Agreement With The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. For Space At The Work Force Innovation Center Located At iPark87 In The Town Of Ulster – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the execution of a sub-lease agreement with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. for space at the Work Force Innovation Center in the Town of Ulster for up to 20,000 square feet at a rate of \$12.75 per square foot, with the rate increasing 2% annually.

Motion No. 23: **Moved Resolution No. 439 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Cahill

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislator Maloney expressed concern that private leases were not coming through as expected at the iPark facility.

Legislator Cahill stated how proud he is to have helped in any part to revitalize what was known as Tech City and noted the significant progress made on the property in just one year. Legislator Cahill went on to explain how this site will ultimately benefit not just the district but the county as a whole by bringing higher, better paying jobs, and increasing the tax base.

Legislator Maloney explained that the county is not allowed to enter a ten-year lease and it needs to be done through the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance.

Legislator Petit requested greater transparency from UCEDA in the future.

Motion No. 24: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 439 1 WEEK**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED 1 WEEK

Resolution No. 454: Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program -Establishing Capital Project No. 675 – Jail Axon Body Camera Purchase - Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 675, Jail Axon Body Camera Purchase, in the amount of \$440,753.

Motion No. 25: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 454

Motion By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 456: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,000.00, 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 Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$8,000 with New York Communications Company, Inc for additional portable radio packages.

Motion No. 26: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 456

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: Legislator Gavaris

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 457: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,200.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Verify Polygraph & Forensic Consultants, LLC – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$7,200, with Verify Polygraph & Forensic Consultants, LLC to include a charge for the cancellation of confirmed polygraph test appointments.

Motion No. 27: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 457
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 440: Confirming Appointment Of Kevin Lynch As Director Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Kevin Lynch as Director of Economic Development with an annual budgeted salary of \$102,029.

Motion No. 28: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 440
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 441: Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) And Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive to execute a contract with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation for \$92,532 of federal funding for the implementation of a community development block grant.

Motion No. 29: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 441
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 442: Authorizing The Office Of Employment And Training To Submit An Application To The New York State Office Of Strategic Workforce Pay For Performance Grant Program: Operating Grants – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Office of Employment and Training to submit an application to the New York State Office of Strategic Workforce Pay for Performance Grant Program for potential revenue of \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

Motion No. 30: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 442**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 443: Approving The Execution A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. – Legislature

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

Motion No. 31: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 443**
Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 444: Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept An Additional Allocation Of Adult Protective Services Funds From The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2023 Ulster County Budget to accept an additional allocation of adult protective services funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$15,000.

Motion No. 32: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 444
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 446: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With SAMADHI For Office Space At 368 Broadway – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a lease agreement with SAMADHI for office space at 368 Broadway for 2,224 square feet at a cost of \$14/square foot for the first year.

Motion No. 33: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 446
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, & Roberts
Voting Against: Legislator Ronk
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 448: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A License Agreement With The Ulster County Board Of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) In Relation To A One-Month License At 701 Grant Avenue - Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a license agreement with the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a one-month lease at 701 Grant Avenue in the amount of \$1,000.

Motion No. 34: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 448
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 449: Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 676 – 2023 Various Embankment Repairs – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution Establishes Capital Project No. 676, 2023 Various Embankment Repairs, in the amount of \$325,000.

Motion No. 35: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 449**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 451: Approving The Execution A Contract For \$379,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Otis Elevator Company – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Otis Elevator Company, in the amount of \$379,600 for labor, equipment, and materials to complete construction services for the Elevator Modernization Project for two elevators at the County Office Building.

Motion No. 36: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 451**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 452: Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 653 – Hall Of Records Building Rooftop Solar Array Project For Construction Services — Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 653, Hall of Records Building Rooftop Solar Array, in the amount of \$361,600 for professional services and construction services.

Motion No. 37: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 452

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 458: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,815.80, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Eaton Corporation – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Eaton Corporation, to repair and maintain two uninterrupted power supply units, and extend the term one additional year.

Motion No. 38: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 458

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 459: Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Fund A Salary Study – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2023 Ulster County Budget to fund a salary study in the amount of \$121,590.

Motion No. 39: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 459

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislator Petit questioned the previous salary study.

Legislative Chair Bartels explained that a management study was done internally. Deputy Executive Kelly informed the committee that it is expected to finish in January.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 460: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$130,090.00 Entered Into By The County – Baker Tilly US, LLP – Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Baker Tilly US, for a salary study, in the amount of \$130,090.

Motion No. 40: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 460**
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 467: Adopting An Updated Reacquisition Policy To Prohibit Online Auctions

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts an updated reacquisition policy to prohibit online property auctions.

Motion No. 41: **MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 467**
Motion By: Legislator Roberts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislative Chair Bartels informed the committee that Comptroller Gallagher issued a memo on the topic and that there is currently a Supreme Court Decision that could impact this. Legislative Chair Bartels also expressed that an in-person auction is prohibitive because it is a cash sale where someone must be present.

Legislator Maloney agreed that to buy a property sight-unseen, you must have access to cash to do so. Legislator Maloney also pointed out that an online

auction could give access to disabled individuals who may not be able to make it to an in-person auction.

Legislator Criswell stated he previously investigated a point system, to attempt to give an advantage to local buyers, that has since been found to be illegal but has requested legislative counsel to review other possibilities.

Legislative Chair Bartels noted that a Land Bank is the demonstrated way to help local buyers, but Land Banks are at risk due to the Supreme Court decision.

Deputy Executive Kelly explained that a potential New York State Bill has put the county at a standstill.

Discussion ensued on the potential impacts of pending legislation.

Legislator Sperry, the sponsor of this Resolution, expressed appreciation for the discussion thus far and stated that 1/3 of the most recent auction bidders were from outside of the county. Legislator Sperry stressed the need for more data and to review the impacts of covid.

Chair Gavaris reminded the committee that interest in this area during and after the Covid-19 pandemic increased substantially and felt out-of-county interest is there, regardless of how the auction is held. Chair Gavaris also explained that the in-person auction forces the bidder to spend a day there, potentially time off from work, while the online auction allows you to set your highest bid and enter all the information ahead of time.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Criswell, & Ronk
Voting Against:	Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Gavaris, & Roberts
Votes in Favor:	2
Votes Against:	4
Disposition:	Resolution DEFEATED

Resolution No. 471: Authorizing The Department Of Environment To Submit An Application To The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Department of the Environment to submit an application to the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation for a grant in which the state will potentially share in up to 90% of the project costs.

Motion No. 42:	MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 471
Motion By:	Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Cahill

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Kevin Lynch, the nominee for Director of Economic Development, introduced himself to the committee, providing a brief employment background, which included investment banking, capital planning, and workforce development. Additionally, Mr. Lynch expressed his desire to work and live in the Catskills.

Forthcoming Resolutions / Local Laws:

Resolution No. 126 – Dedicating Funding To Housing Justice
(No Action in Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee on 8/1/2023)

Resolution No. 127 - Establishing A Policy To Prioritize Meals For Ulster County Residents Living In Emergency Housing
(No Action in Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee on 8/1/2023)

Resolution No. 309 - Placing A Spending Cap Of \$XX,XXX,XXX.00 On All Costs Related To The Proposed Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane In New Paltz
(No Action in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee on 8/3/2023)

Resolution No. 364 - Establishing A Restricted Capital Reserve Fund For The Government Operations Center Of The County Of Ulster Under Section 6-C Of The New York State General Municipal Law
(No Action in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee on 8/3/2023)

Resolution No. 423 - Establishing A Policy To Reform Social Services – Temporary Assistance – Housing
(Postponed in Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee on 8/1/2023)

Resolution No. 427 - Establishing A Policy To Set Minimum Frequencies And To Prevent Gaps On Fixed-Route Public Transportation Services
(Postponed in Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee on 8/7/2023)

Resolution No. 428 - Establishing A Policy To Provide Public Transportation In All Municipalities And Census Designated Places
(Postponed in Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee on 8/7/2023)

Resolution No. 429 - Establishing A Policy To Have Express And Local Fixed-Route Public-Transportation Service
(Postponed in Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee on 8/7/2023)

Resolution No. 447 - Abandonment Of Portion Of Albany Post Road, County Road Number 79, Town Of Gardiner, To Adjoining Property Owner, Authorizing The Chair To Sign Agreement With The Adjoining Property Owner
(No Action in Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee on 8/7/2023)

Resolution No. 464 - Establishing A Policy To Provide Public Transportation In Relation To County Facilities And Sessions Of The Ulster County Legislature

(Postponed in Public Works, Capital Projects, & Transportation Committee on 8/7/2023)

Resolution No. 468 - Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program - Amending Capital Project No. 645 – Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street – Elizabeth Manor Emergency Housing

(Postponed in Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee on 8/1/2023)

Resolution No. 469 - Authorizing Commencement Of The Process Of Direct Sale Of The Property Located At 21 Elizabeth Street, City Of Kingston

(Postponed in Health, Human Services, & Housing Committee on 8/1/2023)

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder

Minutes Approved: September 12, 2023