

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** October 12, 2021 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing: 1-646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID: 813 3742 5401  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Gavaris, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Lynn Archer, Tracey  
Bartels, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio, John Parete (arrived  
at 5:02 PM), and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman  
David B. Donaldson  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Brian Cahill, Manna Jo Greene, Jonathan  
Heppner, and Laura Petit; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria  
Fabella; Minority Counsel Nicholas Pascale; Deputy  
County Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim;  
Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick; Comptroller March  
Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller Alicia DeMarco; Director  
of Personnel Dawn Spader; County Clerk Nina Postupack;  
Deputy County Clerk Alice Lawlis; Sheriff Juan Figueroa;  
Director of Purchasing Edward Jordan; District Attorney  
David Clegg; Director of Economic Development Tim  
Weidemann; Mid-Hudson News

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2021 and September 14, 2021  
Regular Meetings**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, and Walter;  
and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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County Clerk Nina Postupack spoke from 5:02 PM to 5:07 PM provided a brief explanation of the 2022 County Executive Recommended Budget for the County Clerk's Office, emphasizing pride in the office's accomplishments throughout the pandemic and explaining why revenues are not anticipated to increase in 2022.

Director of Personnel Dawn Spader spoke from 5:07 PM to 5:12 PM on the 2022 County Executive Recommended Budget for the Personnel Department, noting two position changes, some adjustments to current and estimated contractual expenditures, and answering Committee member questions.

Director of Purchasing Edward Jordan spoke from 5:13 PM to 5:20 PM on the 2022 County Executive Recommended Budget for the Purchasing Department, disclosing some key performance indicators within the Department and how these affect the Department's predictions for expenditures in the upcoming year.

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**New Business:**

**Comptroller Gallagher** spoke from 5:20 PM to 5:22 PM stating the Department released a report on housing, is focusing on the reporting of ARPA funds, and providing Committee members with a brief explanation of the 2022 County Executive Recommended Budget pertaining to the Comptroller's Office.

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**Motion No. 2: To discuss Resolution No. 505** – Rescinding Resolution No. 333 Of 2021, And Establishing Special Revenue Projects For Transparent Reporting – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Rescinds Resolution No. 333 of 2021, reestablishes the proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects as "Special Revenue Projects", requires that these projects be established in the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, and requires that all ARPA-related reports and journal entries be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels noted that a memorandum was received earlier in the day from Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick, and that one was previously circulated by Comptroller Gallagher. Legislator Bartels continued, providing a background for the Resolution and an explanation for what the Resolution is doing, stating she expects more time will be needed. Legislator Ronk specified he is open to discussion, but is not ready to vote tonight and would like to speak with Minority Counsel regarding the

Resolution's actions. Legislative Chairman Donaldson said he's comfortable with the use of the Capital Fund for all ARPA-related projects and that he does not want to prevent forward movement on the Projects. Legislator Bartels emphasized that the Resolution does not prevent forward movement and pertains strictly to how the funds are accounted for and reported. Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature – Finance, provided a brief history on the guidance issued by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller, emphasizing the need to review what the proposed expenditures are when considering proper accounting and reporting, and informing Committee members how the use of a Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund would display the revenues and expenditures. Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick said the majority of the proposed Projects have been completed before in the County, that many are capitalizable, that Federal Funds of this value are common for Ulster County, and that he's willing to work with the Legislature and the Comptroller to come up with a solution. Legislator Bartels said she looks forward to more discussion, noting that in her conversation with GASB the use of the Special Revenue Fund consolidates the location of the expenses, creating a more transparent and more easily understood accounting for them. Further discussion pursued on the ability to capitalize the proposed projects and the need for multi-year accounting. Comptroller March Gallagher emphasized the distinguishment between capital and operating expenditures and the need for greater transparency, noting that she hasn't found another County who was using the Capital Fund to budget for operating expenditures as Ulster County has proposed.

**Motion No. 3: To postpone Resolution No. 505 – Rescinding Resolution No. 333 Of 2021, And Establishing Special Revenue Projects For Transparent Reporting – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Rescinds Resolution No. 333 of 2021, reestablishes the proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects as “Special Revenue Projects”, requires that these projects be established in the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, and requires that all ARPA-related reports and journal entries be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 4: To discuss Resolution No. 424** – Establishing A Policy Requiring An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/ Or Substance Use Crisis

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes a policy to have a Crisis Stabilization Center which operates 24 hours/day, 7 days per week, with sufficient staffing including: administrative staff, credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselors (CASAC), social workers and/or otherwise licensed counselor, case managers, and certified recovery peer advocates (CPRA); with priority given to individuals with personal lived recovery experience for mental health illness or substance abuse.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter stated that the Resolution’s financial impact is a ceiling, not a floor, and assumes no State funding is available and that there are no other partnering reimbursements. Further Legislator Walter clarified that this Resolution sets the policy and allows for an RFP to take place and that once an RFP is completed, the financial impact will be refined. Legislator Ronk expressed concern in not knowing where the facility will be located. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider said the County Executive Office is supportive of the Resolution but noted discomfort with the staff requirements, arguing that a partner may need to determine their own staffing levels. Legislator Walter emphasized the need to be informed and to be able to make a recommendation to the State, answering that she feels strongly that this level of staffing is appropriate, but that she is okay with an amendment to change the staff levels to “recommended”.

**Motion No. 5: To amend Resolution No. 424** – Establishing A Policy Requiring An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/ Or Substance Use Crisis

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes a policy to have a Crisis Stabilization Center which operates 24 hours/day, 7 days per week, with sufficient staffing including: administrative staff, credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselors (CASAC), social workers and/or otherwise licensed counselor, case managers, and certified recovery peer advocates (CPRA); with priority given to individuals with personal lived recovery experience for mental health illness or substance abuse.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter motioned to amend the Resolution to read "...it shall be the policy of Ulster County to have a Crisis Stabilization Center recommended to operate...".

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Amended

**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 424** – Establishing A Policy Requiring An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/ Or Substance Use Crisis, as Amended

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes a policy to have a Crisis Stabilization Center which operates 24 hours/day, 7 days per week, with sufficient staffing including: administrative staff, credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselors (CASAC), social workers and/or otherwise licensed counselor, case managers, and certified recovery peer advocates (CPRA); with priority given to individuals with personal lived recovery experience for mental health illness or substance abuse.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 1

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 425** – Establishing A Policy Requiring Respite Houses In Ulster County, And Requesting The Initiation Of The Procurement Process To Secure Services For Individuals Seeking Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Recovery Assistance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes a policy to have 7-10 day Respite Houses in Ulster County, geographically spread out across the county, providing a minimum of eight beds overall, available to any resident of Ulster County ages 18 years old and over, with staffing for each home to include: administrative staff, crisis specialists, case managers, and administrative support.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter informed Committee members that there is a strong possibility this will be reimbursable, stating that the location has intentionally been left open, requiring up to two geographically spread-out locations. Legislator Walter continued that the intent is not to necessarily locate the facility in Kingston and that the desire is for accessibility to all County residents.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 437 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services-Project GIVE – Ulster County Sheriff/Ulster County Probation**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any related amendments with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the GIVE grant in the amount of \$77,000.00 for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 438** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant– Child Passenger Safety Program – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement accepting a Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee Grant, Child Passenger Safety Program, secured by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$3,500.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 439** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement For A Department Of Homeland Security - FEMA- Port Security Grant, Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement to accept a Department of Homeland Security, FEMA Port Security Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 440** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,328.00, 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 with New York Communications Company, Inc. from March 31, 2021 through May 31, 2021 to extend the term of agreement and increase the not-to-exceed amount for the lease of radio communications equipment with associated maintenance to the Corrections Division of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for an additional \$9,328.00, making the contract total \$442,570.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 441** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Inter-Municipal Agreements With Various Police Agencies For The Provision Of Funding For Expenses Related To The Implementation Of Discovery And Bail Reform, Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – District Attorney

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute inter-municipal agreements with the included agencies for the amounts disclosed therein for reimbursement under the direction of the District Attorney's Office for the purpose of funding expenses related to the implementation of Discovery and Bail Reform for a total amount of \$180,491.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 442** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For FY21 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments thereto with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY21, in the amount of \$230,463.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 443** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2021 — Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a Participation Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for participation in the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2021, with an annual allocation of \$71,622.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 444** – Amending The 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 607 Government Operations Center – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 607 Government Operations Center to provide comprehensive full phase architectural, engineering and/or consulting services for the design of the new Ulster County Public Safety Communications Building to include the Ulster County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)/Government Operations Center (GOC), all the divisions of the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, and the County’s Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in the amount of \$1,353,624.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter explained that in concept she is very supportive of this Project, expressing concern that this was a priority area in Democratic caucus for ARPA funding and asking why it’s not being considered for ARPA. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that the ARPA funding application should not delay the start of the project and that there is no reason to postpone the project’s creation so these contracts can be moved forward. Legislator Ronk stated support for the Project regardless of whether ARPA aid is applied or not, but confirming that the Project is an eligible expenditure under Emergency Preparedness and COVID.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 446** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$722,430.25 Entered Into By The County – Urbahn Architects PLLC – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Urbahn Architects PLLC from November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 for architectural services for the Government Operations Center – Capital Project 607 (Resolution No. 444 of 2021) in the amount of \$722,430.25.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 447** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$419,634.00 Entered Into By The County – The Palombo Group Inc.– Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Palombo Group, Inc. from September 9, 2021 through June 30, 2024 for construction management services for the Government Operations Center - Capital Project 607 (Resolution No. 444 of 2021) in the amount of \$419,634.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 18: To approve Resolution No. 448** – Authorizing The County Executive To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Office Of Community Renewal For Community Development Block Grant Funds For The Year 2021 – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the County Executive or his designee to submit an application, as well as all necessary understandings, assurances, and additional information as may be required, to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for the purposes of housing rehabilitation for substandard owner-occupied housing on scattered sites consistent with the funding levels, purposes, and other criteria as provided for in the Request for Applications.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 449** – Authorizing The County Executive To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Office Department Of Transportation For Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding For The Construction Of A Rail Trail From Highmount To The Belleayre Day Use Area – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the County Executive or his designee to submit an application, as well as all necessary understandings, assurances, and additional information as may be required, to the New York State Department of Transportation under the TAP program in the amount of \$4,950,000.00, with a Federal amount of \$3,960,000.00, and a local match of \$990,000.00 for purposes of converting approximately 2.5 miles of the U&D Corridor from Highmount to the Belleayre Day Use Area to a rail trail.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 450** – Establishing Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery which allocates \$435,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds via contract to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) for the purposes of preparing the Enterprise West properties and buildings for redevelopment.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 8

**No. of Votes Against:** 1

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 21: To discuss Resolution No. 451** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$435,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for economic development services which shall include but not be limited to the redevelopment of portions of the former IBM campus in the Town of Ulster, known as Enterprise West, which actions are intended to prepare the site, properties, and buildings for redevelopment in the amount of \$435,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer noted that the County Executive is coming back to the well on this project, stating opposition against further spending on repairs at Enterprise West, and noting that the Legislature hasn't been given a financial update on UCEDA in a few months. Further, Legislator Archer questioned why UCEDA isn't spending their own money on the property. Legislator Bartels noted that this is County funding even if ARPA aid is being dedicated to it, asking that both Resolutions No. 450 and 451 be postponed as she is not prepared to dedicate funds for the project at this time. Legislator Bartels continued that the plan for the project is not clear, requesting that UCEDA come to the Legislature to make a presentation on the long-term plans for this project, particularly if County funding is going to be requested and stating concern about the level of communication currently taking place.

**Motion No. 22: To reconsider Resolution No. 450 – Establishing Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery – Department Of Economic Development**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery which allocates \$435,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds via contract to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) for the purposes of preparing the Enterprise West properties and buildings for redevelopment.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 23: To postpone the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 450 – Establishing Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery – Department Of Economic Development**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 601 – Small Business And Economic Recovery which allocates \$435,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds via contract to the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) for the purposes of preparing the Enterprise West properties and buildings for redevelopment.

**Resolution No. 451 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$435,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Economic Development**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for economic development services which shall include but not be limited to the redevelopment of portions of the former IBM campus in the Town of Ulster, known as Enterprise West, which actions are intended to prepare the site, properties, and buildings for redevelopment in the amount of \$435,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislative Chairman Donaldson said he hopes this Project can be established next week. Legislator Bartels questioned what qualifications the project is eligible for ARPA reimbursement

under. Director of Economic Development Tim Weidemann noted that a renewed Request for Proposal Interest (RFPI) was issued, giving a brief update on where the project currently stands. Legislator Bartels asked what marketing the property means, whether the intention is long-term involvement in ownership, or sale of the property. Director Weidemann said the goal is to avoid having the property mis-used in any way. Discussion pursued on the use of the property and the County's end goal, the need to sustain the property, and the continued requests for funding on the project.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 9  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 452** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$95,558.00 Entered Into By The County – PK30 System Inc. – Department Of Economic Development

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with PK30 System, Inc. from October 20, 2021 through February 3, 2023 for CDBG Economic Development/Small Business Program pass-thru funds to support the creation of four (4) full-time equivalent jobs with a focus on low-to-moderate income individuals in the amount of \$95,558.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** Director of Economic Development Tim Weidemann explained that this is a contract to distribute funds for the purchase of equipment through CDBG pass-thru funding.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 453** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The On-The-Job Training Program Through The Ulster County Office Of Employment And Training

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into intermunicipal contracts with various municipalities for an On-the-Job Training program for the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter asked for clarification on how this program works, how municipalities are invited to submit, and how the reimbursement is calculated. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider explained that on-the-job training contracts are with other vendors, that they are covered by Federal funding, and promising to communicate further prior to session with more information on the reimbursement process.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 26: To approve Resolution No. 454 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$112,500.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Department Of Economic Development**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County, Inc. from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to revise the Scope of Services and increase the not-to-exceed amount for the year round youth payroll services program as a result of the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative for an additional \$112,500.00, making the contract total \$257,500.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Deputy County Executive Marc Rider informed Committee members that this contract was part of prior Governor’s initiative to get kids off of streets and keep them occupied, explaining Ulster County’s process and how this contract aids in that process.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None



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

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**Motion No. 27: To approve Resolution No. 455** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$24,532.46, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – AssetWorks LLC – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with AssetWorks LLC from November 30, 2021 through November 30, 2022 to extend the term of agreement for paid maintenance and support of software, hardware, installation, and implementation services, and training for the County’s AVL/GPS County-wide Fleet Management System for an additional \$24,532.46, making the contract total \$477,691.40.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

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**Motion No. 28: To approve Resolution No. 456** – Supporting And Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept And Administer 5307 Urbanized Area Funds Under The American Rescue Plan Act Of 2021 For UCAT’s 2021-2022 Operating Budget 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 and authorizes the grant application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1,310,895.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter confirmed with Deputy County Executive John Milgrim that this is a second set of ARPA funds just for transportation.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 29: To approve Resolution No. 457** – Supporting And Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept And Administer 5339(b) Funding For Bus Replacements 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 and authorizes a grant application to the FTA’s Bus and Bus Facilities Program to purchase four buses up to the following ratio: 80% Federal share (\$1,168,485), 10% New York share (\$146,060), 10% Ulster County share (\$146,060).

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter asked if any of these buses are going to be green. Deputy County Executive John Milgrim said late this year the County will receive their first allotment of fossil-free fleets, others will be diesel because they are meant for longer routes that the electric buses cannot manage. Deputy County Executive Milgrim continued, saying he is hoping that as technology improves electric buses will be able to replace these longer routes as well, that Ulster County does not have the capability to make the long distance runs with current infrastructure, that charging stations are extraordinarily expensive, and the charging stations needed are part of the County’s long-term plan. Conversation pursued on the use of diesel buses in the future, the plan for phase out of fossil-burning buses, and the plan for charging station infrastructure.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 30: To approve Resolution No. 458** – Amending Capital Project No. 529 - Purchase Of Mass Transit Buses And Related Equipment, And Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the Capital Improvement Program and the Capital Fund Budget in the amount of \$91,000.00 upon notification that \$72,800.00 of additional Federal Section 5311 funds were made available to UCAT as part of its 2020 allocation, whereas this allocation is equal to 80% of the total expenditure and New York State has a 10% share of \$9,100.00 and Ulster County has a 10% share of \$9,100.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 460** – Establishing Capital Project No. 610 - UCAT Equipment & Facility Upgrade, And Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 610 - UCAT Equipment & Facility Upgrade for the New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT's) Modernization and Enhancement Program which included funds in the amount of \$655,730, of which \$205,730 is being sought for immediate use for upgrades to UCAT bus technical equipment, and for NYSDOT's Accelerated Transit Capital which included funds in the amount of \$178,990 for upgrades to UCAT bus technical equipment. Further, this Resolution amends the Capital Fund Budget accordingly in the amount of \$384,720.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 463** – Amending Capital Project No. 584, Bridge Superstructure Repairs – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 584, Bridge Superstructure Repairs to enter into a contract for the rehabilitation of the Sawkill Church Bridge in the Town of Kingston and Powdermill Bridge in the Town of Kingston in the amount of \$619,822.00 for a total project cost of \$674,822.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 33: To approve Resolution No. 465** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$59,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MJ Engineering And Land Surveying – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment to extend the term of agreement from November 1, 2021 through February 28, 2023 and to increase funding to accommodate the part-time construction support in connection with the Sawkill Church Bridge and the Powdermill Bridge for an additional \$59,000.00, making the contract total \$114,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 34: To approve Resolution No. 466** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$479,974.47 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrows Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract from November 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022 for superstructure repair for Sawkill Church and Powdermill Bridges in the amount of \$479,974.47.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 35: To approve Resolution No. 467** – Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 608 - Bridge Street Bridge, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 608 - Bridge Street Bridge, Town Of Shandaken to accept grant funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for design costs, and amends the Capital Improvement Program and Capital Fund accordingly.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 36: To approve Resolution No. 469** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2023 for funds for the Bridge Street Bridge design and analysis in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 37: To approve Resolution No. 470** – Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 609, Plank Road Culvert, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 609, Plank Road Culvert, Town Of Shandaken to accept grant funding in the amount of \$95,350.00 for future construction costs, and amends the Capital Improvement Program and Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 38: To approve Resolution No. 472** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$95,350.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2023 for funds for construction services related to the Plan Road culvert upsized in the amount of \$95,350.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 39: To approve Resolution No. 473** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$40,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – A & J Construction Of N.Y., Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with A & J Construction of N.Y. from September 20, 2021 through June 14, 2022 to increase the not-to-exceed amount for full service on-call roofing maintenance and repair services at County-owned buildings for an additional \$40,000.00, making the total contract value \$80,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 40: To approve Resolution No. 474** – Approving An Increase In Funding For Design, Testing And Construction Services Of Emergency Roof Work At Various Buildings On Campus Related To The Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs, And Approving The Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) For Such Services – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund – Ulster County Community College

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves Work Order 2019-009B with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for design, testing and construction services of emergency roof work at various buildings on campus related to the Campus Roofs Capital Project No. 489 – Campus Roofs, and amends the Capital Fund Budget accordingly in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 41: To approve Resolution No. 476** – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Additional Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For The Veteran Peer To Peer Support Pilot Program – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2021 Capital Budget in the amount of \$46,250.00 to reflect increased funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) for the Veteran Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 42: To approve Resolution No. 477 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For A Cost Of Living Adjustment – Department Of Mental Health**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the Operating Budget upon the receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of increased funding for a 1% Cost of Living Adjustment for eligible programs in the amount of \$527.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 43: To approve Resolution No. 479 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Settlement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Civil Service Employees Association, For The Period Of March 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the Operating Budget for a settlement between Ulster County and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA) for the period between March 15, 2020 and June 6, 2020 for a one-time payment for all eligible CSEA members who meet certain criteria to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$868,198.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 44: To approve Resolution No. 480** – Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Staff Association, For The Years 2021, 2022, 2023 And 2024 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the Memorandum of Agreement covering the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024 between Ulster County and the Ulster County Staff Association, and amends the Operating Budget accordingly in the amount of \$161,411.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 45: To approve Resolution No. 481** – Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2022 Levy

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes the ratio of percentages which the assessed valuation of real property in each Town and City of Kingston bears to its full valuation for the year 2022.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 46: To approve Resolution No. 482** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Olive – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement for the sharing of inventory information pertaining to all properties within the Town that have been identified as advertising short term rentals and any related amendments with the Town of Olive.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Chairman Garavis confirmed that all municipalities are aware that this agreement is available to them.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 47: To approve Resolution No. 483 –** Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Saugerties – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement for the sharing of inventory information and any related amendments with the Town of Saugerties pertaining to all properties within the Town that have been identified as advertising short term rentals and any related amendments with the Town.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 48: To approve Resolution No. 484 –** Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment as set forth within for the included parcel ad that upon receipt of such payment authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to the owner making payment a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in the parcel.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 49: To block the Resolutions No. 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, and 490**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 50: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 485** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$74.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – ACCESS: Supports for Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with ACCESS: Supports for Living, Inc. from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to increase State funding for crisis intervention services utilizing a mobile treatment team for children and adults in the community who have behavioral health concerns and who are in crisis situations for an additional \$74.00, making the contract total \$727,077.00.

**Resolution No. 486** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Astor Services for Children & Families from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to increase State funding for (a) a Health House Non-Medicaid Case Management Program; (b) a Health Home Care Management Service Dollars program; (c) a Family Peer Support Services program; (d) operations of a warm line for families participating in the Families Together program; and (e) Home Based Crisis Intervention (HBCI) services for an additional \$16.00, making the contract total \$385,367.00.

**Resolution No. 487** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$38.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to increase State funding for i) Non-Medical Care Coordination, ii) Primary Prevention Services, iv) Advocacy/Support Services, v) Family Peer Support Services (Children and Family), and vi) Outreach pursuant to funding provided by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (“OASAS”) in the amount of \$38.00, making the contract total \$1,116,217.00.

**Resolution No. 488** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$59.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to increase State funding for Supported Housing Community Services; ii) Treatment Apartment; iii) Vocational Rehabilitation; iv) Certified Work Activity/Shelter Workshop; v) Comprehensive Personalized Recovery Oriented Services with Clinic; vi) Non-Medicaid Care Coordination; vii) Transformed business Model; viii) Vocational Internship Program; and ix) Transportation in the amount of \$59.00, making the contract total \$1,968,556.00.

**Resolution No. 489** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$88.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to increase State funding for providing i) Advocacy/Support Services; ii) Non-Medical Care Coordination; iii) Family Peer Support Services, iv) Supported Housing Community Services; v) Assertive Community Treatment Program; vi) Assertive Community Treatment Service Dollars;

vii) Health Home Non-Medicaid Care Management; viii) Health Home Care Management Service Dollars; iv) Supported Education; x) Self-Help Program; xi) Drop-in Center; and xii) Outreach for an additional \$88.00, making the contract total \$2,084,693.00.

**Resolution No. 490** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment from April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to increase State funding for advocacy and support services, and supported housing for psychiatrically labeled individuals for an additional \$20.00, making the contract total \$323,383.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 51: To approve Resolution No. 491** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$65,340.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornerstone Family Healthcare – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Cornerstone Family Healthcare from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 to increase the not-to-exceed amount for outreach, harm reductions education, syringe exchange access, linkage to medications for opioid use disorder, naloxone distribution case management, and transportation to intake/admission appointment as needed for high risk individuals living with substance and opioid use disorder in Ulster County in the amount of \$65,340.00, making the contract total \$100,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 52: To approve Resolution No. 492** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$249,589.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Family Services, Inc. from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 to extend the term for one (1) additional year, revise the Scope of Services, and increase the total not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement for work with students throughout Ulster County, the Ulster County Health Department and other community partners and professionals to engage and guide students in the creation and implementation of an integrated and multi-media substance use prevention campaign for an additional \$249,589.00, making the contract total \$284,859.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 53: To approve Resolution No. 493** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$4,100,381.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Health Research, Inc. from July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for PHEP ELC School reopening in the amount of \$4,100,381.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 54: To approve Resolution No. 494** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$172,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Health Research, Inc. from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 for revenue for an overdose data action plan in the amount of \$172,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter asked for an update on what’s happening. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider informed Committee members that the program has been awarded through RFQ, that a Late Resolution should be expected to process the contract, explaining who will complete the testing, that weekly testing is mandated for all staff, and that surveys will be conducted to assess interest in offering testing to students.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, Maio, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 55: To approve Resolution No. 495** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$72,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with PEOPLE; Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 to extend the term of agreement for one (1) additional year and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement for work with the Ulster County High Risk Mitigation Team to identify and provide comprehensive guidance and support services for persistent high-risk opioid/substance users in Kingston for an additional \$72,000.00, making the contract total \$125,000.00.



**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 56: To discuss Resolution No. 496 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.39 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Samadhi Center, Inc. from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for expansion of Samadhi, Inc. Recovery Outreach Program to increase hours of operation to include twenty-four-hour, seven day a week peer services for Ulster County residents struggling with Opioid Use Disorder in the amount of \$112,500.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislative Chairman Donaldson disclosed that he has received calls from concerned residents and that a number of activities have taken place at this location that concern him, noting that the school district has changed the bus stop due to complaints about the organization, and asking that the Resolution be sent back to Committee for further discussion. Legislator Walter said she spoke with David McNamara of Samadhi and he is willing to come to Committee to discuss how these concerns can be mitigated, noting that this is not a place for treatment and that Samadhi offers a different type of model for treatment. Further, Legislator Walter acknowledged that Samadhi is part of a larger community and that concerns should be addressed. Legislative Chairman Donaldson said he supports this type of program but emphasized the magnitude of his concern over the complaints. Legislator Haynes acknowledged that this location has always offered supportive services, stating that this is a situation where things are just a little bit off. Legislative Chairman Donaldson said the residents affected by this contract have the right to be at a Committee meeting where the contract is discussed and that the concerns expressed are not acceptable.

**Motion No. 57: To postpone Resolution No. 496** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.39 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Samadhi Center, Inc. from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for expansion of Samadhi, Inc. Recovery Outreach Program to increase hours of operation to include twenty-four-hour, seven day a week peer services for Ulster County residents struggling with Opioid Use Disorder in the amount of \$112,500.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Maio, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Haynes, and Parete; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 3  
**Disposition:** Defeated

**Motion No. 58: To refer the following Resolution back to the Public Health and Social Services Committee:**

**Resolution No. 496** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.39 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Samadhi Center, Inc. from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 for expansion of Samadhi, Inc. Recovery Outreach Program to increase hours of operation to include twenty-four-hour, seven day a week peer services for Ulster County residents struggling with Opioid Use Disorder in the amount of \$112,500.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Haynes

**Discussion:** Legislator Archer confirmed with Deputy County Executive Marc Rider that this contract pertains to expanded services.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Haynes, and Parete; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Walter  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 59: To approve Resolution No. 497** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$71,235.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth from September 29, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for residential foster care assessment in the amount of \$71,235.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 60: To approve Resolutions No. 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, and 504**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 61: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 498** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$226,00.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Village – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with The Children’s Village from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family Fire Prevention Services Act (FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need for an additional \$226,000.00, making the contract total \$275,000.00.

**Resolution No. 499** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Children's Home Of Poughkeepsie – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to amend the agreement for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need in the amount of \$100,000.00, making the contract total \$3,100,000.00.

**Resolution No. 500** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to amend the agreement for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need in the amount of \$100,000.00, making the contract total \$500,000.00.

**Resolution No. 501** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$151,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MercyFirst– Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with MercyFirst from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to amend the agreement for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need in the amount of \$151,000.00, making the contract total \$200,000.00.

**Resolution No. 502** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$200,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Rising Ground from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to amend the agreement for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family First Prevention Services Act

(FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need in the amount of \$200,000.00, making the contract total \$600,000.00.

**Resolution No. 503** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Saint Anne Institute from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to amend the agreement for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need in the amount of \$100,000.00, making the contract total \$350,000.00.

**Resolution No. 504** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. John Bosco Child And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with St. John Bosco Child and Family Services from September 29, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to amend the agreement for foster care services to reflect requirements contained in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFSA), which was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and which becomes effective in the State of New York on September 29, 2021 and to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to increased need in the amount of \$150,000.00, making the contract total \$1,150,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Forthcoming:**

**Chairman Gavaris noted that the following Resolution is coming up next week if passed by the Laws & Rules Committee:**

**Resolution No. 374** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 16, 2021 At 7:00 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021 to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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**Old Business:** None

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

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 6:58 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Amber Feaster

**Minutes Approved:** November 9, 2021

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Transcript**

**DATE & TIME:** October 12, 2021 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 813 3742 5401  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Gavaris, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio, John Parete (arrived at 5:02 PM), and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Brian Cahill, Manna Jo Greene, Jonathan Heppner, and Laura Petit; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella; Minority Counsel Nicholas Pascale; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, and John Milgrim; Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller Alicia DeMarco; Director of Personnel Dawn Spader; County Clerk Nina Postupack; Deputy County Clerk Alice Lawlis; Sheriff Juan Figueroa; Director of Purchasing Edward Jordan; District Attorney David Clegg; Director of Economic Development Tim Weidemann; Mid-Hudson News

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**County Clerk Postupack:** ...obviously when um the pandemic occurred and the Motor Vehicles shut down, we weren't able to bring employees into the office and up through the our Deputies, Alice Lawlis, Nancy DeGasperi and one employee in the Recording Department, we were able to continue to, and myself, were able to continue the operations. And we actually ended up meeting our revenue estimates at the end of 2020. So first of all, I want to say I am very proud of my staff and our office and what we accomplished through the pandemic.

With that being said, when we did our budget for 2022, we looked at that, and we realized that one of our main goals was to continue to offer the services that are needed to the real estate industry, to the citizens of the county, but without them having to come into the office, but still generating the revenue that we have in the past and enabling people to receive the same services. So that was our guiding goal, that was our goal throughout the 2022 process. So, looking at the County Exec's budget proposal for the County Clerk's office, you'll see that we are, have \$281,000 over last year's expenditures. So I think what we need to look at, at this point is personnel. So if you look at the personnel costs for 2022, it actually has increased by \$333,000. That includes our benefit increases, \$70,000; and our personnel costs of \$255,000. That's all due to, justified raises that the CSEA employees received and will receive

in 2022, but actually something that is beyond the control of our office and budgeting for expenses. So when you actually look at that, we did three downgrades due to retirement, we did, we eliminated two part-time positions, and we're only doing one upgrade in our 2022 budget, for personnel. So when you take those figures, and you actually pull out that \$333,000 that was on beyond our control, we just decreased our budget by \$51,000. So which we're very pleased and happy to be able to do that.

But in addition, by doing that, we're still generating the same amount of revenues. And when you look at the County Exec's budget, once again for revenues, and you look at the figure that they give you for revenues, it's \$2.6 million. So I'm, a couple things about that \$2.6 million, that is part of the revenue that we generate from the County Clerk's office. In addition to that we collect motor vehicle use tax, which we're estimating for next year will be over \$1.1 million. That's not included in this because DMV we collect it, we process it, but DMV submits it directly to our finance department. So therefore they don't include it in our budget revenue estimates. In addition to that, we collect \$5.4 million in mortgage tax that actually goes to the Towns, and Cities, and Villages in the County of Ulster. So to me, that's revenue that we're collecting for the county itself. So when you look at those two components, in addition to the \$2.6 million, we will probably bring in about \$9.3 million over the course of this year and next year. Now I did not, we did not increase our revenues and the reason for that is because I really don't foresee the real estate market sustaining the numbers and the sales and the borrowing that, mortgage borrowing that they have done this past year. I, I have always been conservative and I will continue to be conservative because I do not want to over budget and so I will keep I have suggested and proposed that our revenues remain the same for 2022. And hopefully that is the case that they don't go down that do not decrease. But um, we remain the same. So with that being said, any questions or anything else I can clarify?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you, does anyone have any questions for the Clerk? All right, thank you.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Okay. Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I think I saw Dawn. Is Dawn on?

**Personnel Director Spader:** Yes, I'm on.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Oh, there you are. Okay, sorry. The sun is glaring, I couldn't see. If you're ready, we're ready for you.

**Personnel Director Spader:** Okay, looking over the budget for 2022, there's no big changes to the personnel budget in 2022. Some notable mentions though, are title change for two personnel staff. April Rodman went from Chief Personnel Analyst to Administrative Civil & Personnel Services. She has taken on more oversight of the full civil service unit as well as development and growth. For Kelli Ganda who also changed from Personnel Analyst to Senior Personnel Analyst. Kelli is learning the



exam program from Elizabeth Belmore, she's our Principal Personnel Analyst for future succession and possibility of taking over the exam process. Both increases shown have included the 7% contract increase through UCSA.

Part-time budget increased due to need for a temperature taker in the County Building. Some expenditures went up \$45,782, coming from the two increases in regular pay, and a 7% increase from contract negotiations. There is an \$8,000 decrease in longevity due to retirement of the Personnel Officer.

Employee Benefits, Retiree Health Insurance Buyback, and Medicare Supplement Insurance increased for a total of \$410,000, due to the incentive. Contractual separation pay decreased by \$400,000 for 2022, due to the inflated amount from the retirement incentive from 2020 to 2021. We do not anticipate as many separations in 2022, fingers crossed. We decreased unemployment insurance by \$20,000. Health insurance increased by 7, 7% County-wide. For criminal background, as of today we have fingerprinted 164 employees for Ulster County. This includes new SUNY Ulster employees. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice charges our departments \$75 per employee, to process fingerprints and live scan cards and Identogo by Morphotrust charges \$14.75 per employee to do the fingerprinting. We have paid a total of \$14,719 and we anticipate fingerprinting approximately 100 more employees by year end. In 2022, we anticipate fingerprinting at least 250 employees, therefore be at least 200 sorry \$22,437.50 of processing fees. Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Jefferson has conducted trainings for OET and Probation most recently, both trainings were for large groups and well received. He will be, he will be attending the Career Expo this Saturday, at the SUNY Ulster campus in Kingston. Dr. Jefferson and I have discussed plans for the development of programs geared towards high school seniors, BOCES, Boys and Girls Clubs and to increase pipeline and internship opportunities. He'll be working directly with Cortney Moshier, our Personnel Development Coordinator, on developing these programs and trainings to increase accessibility and bring more individuals from various diverse, underrepresented, and historically excluded communities to the table.

Exams, the New York State Civil Service Charges our agency on a per approved application basis for examinations held after 1/1/2022. These exam fees are due 3/1/2023. Exam fees anticipated, the number of non-uniform service exams are 600. And the number of uniform service exams is 500. This anticipated total along with decentralized portions will total \$18,000. The Personnel Department charges Police Deputy Sheriff exam candidates for fitness and medical exams. We anticipate holding at least 20 Fitness exams in 2022 at \$39 per candidate. Also we anticipate holding 20 medical exams in 2022 at \$75 per candidate. Holy Avenue, Family Medical charges Ulster County \$75. However, the Personnel Department charges the candidate \$175. Therefore, the revenue for these exams is 2,000 or \$100 per candidate for medical exams. Do you have any questions at this time?

**Chairman Gavaris:** I don't, does anybody else? Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** Thank you. Maybe you were referring to this, but I'm looking at the personnel list. And what's the Admin CS & PS position that's in there for \$98,000?

**Personnel Director Spader:** CS & PS?

**Legislator Archer:** Yeah. Is that a new position? Or is this part of the combined position?

**Personnel Director Spader:** Oh that's, that's the April Rodman. That is the Administrator of Civil Service and Personnel Services. She went from Chief Personnel Analyst to that position. So the one above that it should be directly above that should have a zero line with it.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay, so was, was someone else doing the other half of that job or I'm just trying to piece it together so and, and that that's like one of the highest paid jobs and so was that, is that a civil service job?

**Personnel Director Spader:** Yes, it's part of UCSA.

**Legislator Archer:** UCSA. All right, thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Anybody else? Okay, thank you. Mr. Jordan.

**Purchasing Director Jordan:** Hi, everyone.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Hello.

**Purchasing Director Jordan:** You can hear me all right?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah.

**Purchasing Director Jordan:** Okay, good. So I usually start off with some year to date statistics for the department, before I get to the budget. Number of solicitations, 2021, so far, Capital Bids-12, Request for Proposals-21, Bids-35, Quotes-11. The new world financial system we've processed 2,063 purchase orders at a value of \$22,622,000. The JPMorgan Chase procurement card 1,103 transactions with a dollar value of \$293,056. As far as year to date revenue for the vending machines \$4,444. Postage for the New York State court system \$7,616 and postage for the reimbursable departments \$46,662 for a total revenue \$58,722.

As far as cost savings \$103,000 for negotiations, usually the best and final offers a way to do Request for Proposals and cost avoidance techniques savings of \$28,000 for a total of \$131,000. As far as the mail, outgoing mail, 214,557 pieces, incoming mail, this is an estimate because we don't count incoming

mail, 150,000 pieces, interoffice Mail 75,000 that's an estimate, UPS packages we've processed 765 and as far as document insertion, county documents 30,492. The school tax bills in August we did 70,076 and tax letters we did 17,951 coming up in December we have the property tax bills. We estimate 85,000 bills and 10,000 property tax letters and mailroom copy work for departments 185,249 pages so far this year.

So when it comes to the budget, expenses, regular pay has gone up by \$52,598 to \$605,578. And that is due to the new CSEA collective bargaining agreement and a proposed management increase. Also a reclassification of the driver messenger position to machine operator. We eliminated the part-time pay line. Overtime pay we added \$3,500 and that is to account for the two large tax bill projects I just mentioned in August and December and any last-minute requests that the mailroom gets for printing or folder inserting work.

Contractual pay longevity is \$4,500 for the Director, \$3,000 for the Deputy. Supplies has gone up to \$6,000, \$2,000 for fuel for the van. \$4,000 for office supplies, which is still half of the '22 or 2020 Adopted amount of \$8,000 for office supplies. Professional services stays at \$3,000, that's the legal notices that we do for our solicitations in Hudson Valley One and the Shawngunk Journal. The leases, rental of equipment, the Pitney Bowes postage machine cost went up by \$3,000 this year to \$15,192. The quadrant folder inserter costs remain the same \$21,408, the total is \$36,600. Conference expenses, we had eliminated that line last year. But we thought it's important to bring it back for next year and actually go even a little higher than we usually have it at \$3,000, we went up to four we have two new buyers who started just before the pandemic who haven't been able to attend, attend any kind of training conferences, because most of them haven't been offered. But we really think that's a great opportunity for them to, to meet, network with other purchasing people, vendors and attend classes on you know, variety of subjects. You know about RFPs about New York State OGS contracts about the legal aspects of procurement, things like that. So we thought we would raise it by \$1,000 for next year. Miscellaneous expenses, that's our, our other large expense besides pay that has gone up from \$290 to \$310,000. And that is for our postage.

And then as far as revenues, departmental income, we have decreased that line from \$40,000 to \$30,000 for 2022. Just because the, the chargeback, chargeback amounts with the court systems haven't been as high as they've been previously. So we, we knocked that down by 10. Vending remains at \$10,000, so it's a total \$30,000 for departmental income. The intergovernmental funds, that's \$50,000 a year, for the next three years with SUNY Ulster. We're finalizing an MOU with them. It's going to provide the revenue for the inter-governmental charge line. As I mentioned, we're assisting the college with a lot of their procurement activities as part of a cost cutting initiative by the college. And we're also working with them to develop specifications for goods and services that are exclusive to their daily operations. And then we have \$120,000 our inter, interfund revenues for reimbursable departments within the county, that's DSS, Sheriff's Office, Health, Board of Elections, OFA, OET, Insurance, and Stop DWI. So as far as the budget for 2022, that's, that's about it in a nutshell.

I would say, just a few highlights for 2021. We did shift focus for COVID supply orders from PPE, masks, gloves, things of that nature to, to focus on supplies for the vaccination sites, including the Best Buy location, and some of the items ordered, including band aids, gauze, sharps containers for medical waste, medical waste bags, alcohol pads, and table covers. And we also worked with Abbott laboratory in late August for the acquisition of 100,000 Binax now rapid test kits for the school testing program. Purchasing contributed three staff members to the COVID response this year and beginning last year. Secretary was responsible for scheduling at all vaccination sites, and two of our buyers have been assisting at the Recovery Services Center. And yeah, I think that's, that's about it right now, see if you have some questions.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you. Anybody have any questions? Great. Thank you very much.

**Purchasing Director Jordan:** Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Comptroller Gallagher, do you have, want, anything or?

**Comptroller Gallagher:** Happy to share some information, sure. Going forward. We released an emergency housing snapshot report today, I think you should all have gotten it in your email that kind of details what the county spends, spent in 2020 on emergency housing, average length of stay, average cost per night, that sort of thing. So please take a look at that. We've been spending a lot of time on ARPA accounting, as you know. And we are in the middle of an audit of unemployment insurance claims that were filed with Ulster County. And looking at 18V, which I think we've talked to you folks about before.

If you'd like me to say a few words about my budget, I'm happy to. I wasn't clear how you scheduled everyone else in, or whether or not I would be invited. But I could take a minute right now and probably bring you up to speed, which is just to say, we're looking to bring back our DIAC position, you know, that was cut for COVID, at our, our suggestion, we do need that position back. We are not able to do the volume of internal audit work that we really could be bringing to value for the taxpayer. And we added money to our contractual line. To cover things like legal and investigation. It turns out that in certain circumstances, it would have been nice to be able to do things like soil test, compost chemistry, so I'm happy to answer other questions on that or come back at another time. But that's kind of a little update on what we've been working on. Thanks.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you.

All right, I'm gonna take resolution 505 out of order. Legislator Bartels may not be able to be here for that so why not get that out of the way.

Resolution 505: Rescinding Resolution 333 of 2021, Establishing Special Revenue Project for transparent reporting. Can I have a motion?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Move it. Second?

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll second it for discussion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Discussion? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. And, and thank you for taking it out of, out of order. I know that everyone received a memo today from Commissioner of Finance / Budget Director Gulnick and I had it, I looked it, I looked it over and I expect that we'll have the opportunity to discuss it here and, and also everyone received a memo from Comptroller Gallagher on the same subject. If I can just back up a little bit and provide a little perspective on the resolution. The resolution came about after hearing concerns from both our Finance Department and the Comptroller's Office, about whether or not the proposed way of accounting for the ARPA funds was the, was the best practice. I just want to be clear at the outset that what, what the resolution proposes to do is really to just change that, the accounting practice, we're not talking about policy at all, we're not, we're, we're not delving into that, that realm, per se. You know, I read the, I read the Commissioner of Finances' memo and, and I do think and I look forward to, to hearing the perspective today, but I also expect that we're going to need a little more time to have the opportunity to sit down with the Finance Department, along with the Comptroller's office and our own Finance Division. I think Amber can also if, if she's willing give a, a little perspective and a little backdrop on the resolution. We, we did have a, have a meeting with, with GASB as it related to this and, and as backdrop, we also did meet with the Commissioner prior to putting it in and also met with the Comptroller's Office. So you know, that's that's just a little bit of background about how we got here today. And I'm, I'm looking forward to a spirited discussion where we ultimately find the, the best way for accounting for these funds. Because, again, the idea of, of running this all through Capital is something that was very alien to me, but I'm not an accountant. So hearing from certain experts, that they also had an alternative approach that may be better practice. I wanted to bring it to the Committee and to the Legislature.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you, anybody else, discussion? Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks. I don't necessarily have the same concerns that Legislator Bartels does. But I'm definitely open to the discussion. I'm certainly not ready to vote to move this forward tonight. But I'm open to the discussion. I, I do still have to have a conversation with Minority Counsel, he had some concerns about the manner that we were doing it with the rescinding and creating a new resolution

versus if we were going to do this amending the old, amending the old resolution. So there's no break in the actions.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. Yes, um, you know, I had some communication with Legislative Counsel Ragucci to ask about how the conversation with Minority Counsel went because as I said in a in a conversation to Legislator Ronk. I definitely wanted to hear Minority Counsels concerns addressed. And so I agree that this is not something that I anticipate we'll move forward today, although I do look forward to hearing from the Commissioner of Finance and, and having you all potentially hear from, from our own financial advisor and also from the Comptroller's Office. That said, I am totally amenable to the change that Legislator Ronk suggests I just would want Legislator Ronk to have the opportunity to have the conversation with Minority Counsel, and again, to reconfirm the conversation between the two councils as well. So I'm, I'm amenable to that. But I would very much like to hear from Commissioner of Finance, Comptroller and our own financial department on this, if, if everyone's willing to have a little conversation today. I'm, I'm not rushing to move this forward at this, at this meeting.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I personally am comfortable with it going into the Capital Funds budget, I think it makes more sense, still significant items still have to come back to the body, for actually carrying them out. So I don't really understand the why we would change that at this point. I mean, I think we are in the process of moving forward, and I'd like to see us continue to move forward.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. Yeah, I just I want to be clear and careful that the resolution in no way is an attempt, nor, nor would it be a step back. This is strictly about how we account for the funds. So, and I just, I, I don't know if that's what the Chair meant. But I just want to be overtly clear that this is not a step backwards. Even this discussion isn't a step backwards. It's, it's a discussion among, among all of us about what the best practice is and, and I defer to the experts at the table being Finance, Comptroller and our own Financial Division, and there may be differences of opinion within those three bodies. But I think it's important that we get to the bottom of that. I think what, what we probably can all agree upon is that much of what we're talking about running through A as ARPA projects, or at least some of what we're talking about, are definitively and decidedly not Capital Projects. So, again, I think, you know, if, if Amber is willing, maybe we could start with Amber just kind of giving a little backdrop and explanation of her memo, since her memo was the first one to go out. As it relates to the conversation that we had with GASB in the proposal as a potential best practice for accounting. But I do think that there, you know, there's there there needs to be further discussion on this. It's just I want to be clear, it's

not, it's not a step backward. Having these discussions is not a step backwards, it's about, it's about the the application of how, how we account for these funds, we can still be moving forward.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Amber you want to talk about it or?

**Deputy Clerk Feaster:** Sure. Um, one of the major sources of confusion, I think, at this point is the recommendations, the guidance, that OSC has published. So OSC is specifically, um, their, their document, with regards to this, is really meant as a generic guidance for all municipalities. It's not specific to one government type, and it's not specific to a type of expenditure. So when we're talking about proper accounting and reporting, we need to be focusing on what the expense is and how to properly classify each expense. So my memorandum was really to focus on how Ulster County is intending to use this funding. Um, the other thing about OSC's memorandum is that it's based on GASB's technical bulletin 2020-1, which was regarding CARES funding, it was not specific to ARPA funding. So it makes sense to use the general fund in a lot of situations but we need to think about what Ulster County is doing specifically. With the Special Revenue Fund, it is allowable to flow capital expenditures through that fund. What makes that fund, what makes it a qualifying expense to flow through that fund is the revenue source that's covering the expenditure. So it really creates a clear drawdown of the, the spending for this federal source of revenue. The revenue is restricted, it is specific to its allowable uses. So it's absolutely appropriate to create the fund for that purpose. And it's not a situation where we're creating special or I'm proposing that we create a Special Revenue Fund for each of these projects. It's for the revenue source, specifically. With regards to utilizing a fund that we already have Special Revenue Funds are designed for a specific revenue source. So we can only use one revenue source in each those funds.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** No, I mean, I, I could see, in other words, I, I think I'm comfortable with the using it in the Capital Fund budget but I could see moving things that like for instance, the grants that we talk about for nonprofits and those for small businesses, because they're not, we're not going to actually create a Capital Project for those and then they're going to be awarded by you know whatever their needs are if we, if they fit whatever our criteria is. So I would, I could see those not being in the Capital Funds, but I think the others make sense. I think it's clean, it's transparent, and I, I think it's, you know, basically saves time.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks. I'd like to hear what our Commissioner of Finance has to say on the subject.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Burt.

**Commissioner Gulnick:** Okay, I hope you have all received the, the memo today that I, I sent out. It does list the majority of the projects are kind of traditional Capital Projects that we've done before in the County, and, and some that are newer, but they are improvements to things or studies for those improvements. So they would fit our, our Capital that we've done before. I will say, I know Amber had mentioned a Special Grant Fund for a, one specific purpose and Amber, I didn't receive your memo, it was [inaudible] receive. But anyway, our grant fund that we have now is in the B fund where OET resides. But we also have CDBG funds through there too. So we do use it for multiple sources, and it, and it's been audited. And we just create different departments to keep track of that. And there's always that mechanism in our system, I will say too in terms of federal revenues, [inaudible] receives federal revenues every year and we are audited and we have to do a single audit on those federal revenues. And we keep track of those and the expenses related to those. And ironically, in 2020, the amount of those revenues were \$34 million. So this is yes, it may be a onetime funding of \$34 million. But every year, the county gets 30, 30 to \$34 million in federal revenue where we have to track this, they're not in a Special Fund. They're dispersed amongst many departments where we do have to keep track of those, because that is how we receive federal revenue on a daily basis. In terms of again, I am you know, there are some projects that may not be kind of capital oriented, you know, we could move those to that, that B fund, if needed, as my memo mentioned. So I am willing, you know, to work with the Legislature and, and the Comptroller to come up with those.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I definitely look forward to additional conversations on the subject. You know, I, I, you know, for one, the idea and it is, I, it's, it's interesting if not ironic that you know, what happened to be \$34 million last year. But one of the things that was appealing to me, as I listened to the conversation with GASB about this Special Revenue fund, as I understand it, is just sort of the clear and direct and very transparent, in one place, way of drawing down the funds. And Burt I, I appreciate that we have to account for the funds. But what, what's unique about for me, again, what's unique about these, these funds, this \$34 million is that we're you know, we're being asked to make policy decisions about the funds. And while it's not, you know, we're not pitting one against another on a dollar figure, we are always going to have to be ever mindful of the, of the larger picture and the drawdown so that we know how much we have left to spend and where exactly we are. So it's seemed just very simple and direct to, to be running it from one fund. I think that we should have a different additional conversations because I'm not an expert and I can't speak to using the B fund versus the Special Revenue Fund. I do have questions about some of the, some of the projects that in, in your memo are referred to as you know, traditional Capital Projects, particularly when we don't own the asset and we don't plan to own the asset. We're talking about money running from the county, to municipalities or private organizations, for work that they're doing on their assets. So that's, again, that's something that I'd be curious how we think of that as a capital project within the county without taking ownership of those projects. But again, these are, these are conversations to be had for sure.



**Chairman Gavaris:** Burt.

**Commissioner Gulnick:** And Legislator Bartels the, the interest or the ownership on that really relates to bonding. If we had to bond these things, we're not bonding this. If we didn't have any interest or we wouldn't be able to bond. There's no need for that because these are federal revenues. So that's a big difference here as to why they're in Capital. I will say too, the Capital, the big advantage to capital too, besides being transparent, where we're creating a project for each one of these kind of buckets per se, we can track it via the Capital Project number, but it also is a multi-year budget. That's one thing in the Special Grants fund either a new one or in the B fund. It's just an annual budget. There is no multi-year tool. As the Capital Project Fund has, that is the big, one of the big advantages to using the Capital Project Fund, you establish a budget, it rolls from one year to the next.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Comptroller Gallagher and then

**Comptroller Gallagher:** So I think you have our, our memo, we also supported the idea of a Special Revenue fund for easy tracking. But most importantly, we feel strongly that capital is capital and operating is operating. And there is a real reason to separate out the operating that actually there's a number of projects and programs that are being proposed right now that may actually prove out to be viable things that you all decide to continue post-ARPA funding, and there will be funding cliff, we all know that, and we will have to be prepared to absorb some of those into our operating budget. So I want to caution you with respect to that issue, particularly for some of the ones identified in the Commissioners memo where there are, you know, could be programmatic expenditures, for example, in the mental health category. So I think you know, where we stand, it really is a transparency and a ability to see at all times kind of what's left, I understand the Commissioner has another approach. And he's, you know, obviously going to make whatever decision he does with respect to that, but I, I know that he cited to other counties, I was not able to find another county that was moving 100% of the money to Capital Projects, unless they were pure Capital Projects. So I was not able to find other county partners that were budgeting operating expenditures into, out of a Capital Project unless they were expenditures that were associated with, put it moving that capital project forward, engineering expenses, being, you know, an example. So I wanted you guys to know where we stand and what our, our thoughts are going forward. And, and I think you have that. So that's where we're at. Yeah, I respect the Commissioners opinion. And, you know, the recognition that capital projects provides some ease of use for the Department of Finance. Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. I, I'm sorry, because I'm on my phone, I can't see anybody else. So, you know, at some point, I would, I'd like to make a motion but I don't want to cut anybody off if there's anyone else wanting to speak, that we postpone this a week so that Legislator Ronk can have

conversation with Minority Counsel, and that perhaps we can get the Comptroller's Office, Finance and, and our finance together to, to see if we can come to some, some agreement.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion on it so far? Okay, so if you want to make that motion, Legislator.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll make a motion that we postpone it one week.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll second that motion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? Okay, postponed till next week. Thank you.

420? Yes,

**Deputy Executive Rider:** We had one request, Burt mentioned it. But is there any way Burt can get the memo from Amber so that that can start the conversation? I mean, I think we have all the other memos, the Comptroller shared her memo, Burt shared the memo.

**Amber Feaster:** It was distributed with the Ways and Means meeting materials,

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Okay.

**Deputy Clerk Feaster:** but I can send it again.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** If that's, if it's in the backup. I didn't see it. So that's great. Thank you, Amber.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you. Okay.

Resolution 424: Establishing a policy of requiring Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center. Can I have a motion? Eve. Second, Legislator Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. So I just wanted to give a little bit of background for anyone who didn't, wasn't aware. In terms of the anticipated project costs, this, this is a ceiling, not a floor, it assumes that there would be no state funding for this, which we feel very strongly is likely coming down very soon. And it also assumes no, none of the reimburse, reimbursement costs that would come back from the

what, whoever our partnering agency is. And in estimates that, you know, back sort of the, the back of the sheet estimates if, if they operated only 20% that would be \$250,000 right there in that first year. So you know, there, once it's up and running, there will be reimbursement costs coming back to the agency. Again, so that offsetting those staffing costs, and we expect state funding. So while the \$3 million is there listed in front of you as anticipated costs, it is highly unlikely that it's going to be that amount, it will be either somewhat less or considerably less than that. And the last thing is just to be clear that this is to set a policy that we would have a crisis stabilization center and for the request for an RFP to find a partnering agency, once we have a partnering agency, we also, you know, these numbers will be further refined. And this is true for the second one too.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Any other discussion? Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** I just, I think this might be cart before the horse, I'm probably going to be a no on this tonight moving forward, I'm sure I'm going to be alone on that. But um, you know, without knowing, without knowing the where's, I, I hesitate to set a policy that we're going to have one.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Other discussion? Deputy Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** So, I, you know, we're supportive of this resolution, for the most part. The, the one thing I want to flag is the first resolved that talks about the policy to have a crisis stabilization center and 24 hours a day and it's very prescriptive on the staff that are working there. This is going to be like Dutchess County has, something that we contract out and, and I would want our partner, whoever that is to be able to determine their own staffing levels. And, you know, starting off and saying it must be 24 hours a day, seven days a week worries me a little, I don't know if there's a way to kind of just strike that, that whole resolved. And two; I don't have a problem requesting an RFP. But this is something that the state is getting ready to put out an RFP on their own, I think it's good to have some sort of procurement to determine who we should partner with and who we should send letters of support to, but, but the state themselves are going to do an RFP and determine who is getting the reimbursement in Ulster County. So again, it's a resolved, I wish it was a whereas but I'm, I'm okay with it just saying requests that we do that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. Okay, so there's three different points I just want to make sure I cover through all of them. So in terms of, I'm not sure I fully understand Legislator Ronk, your, what your concern is, but the reality is and, and to clarify also, what I don't believe Marc, you're exactly correct, I mean, this this state will not decide for us who will be our partnering organization, they will say we are ready to fund a partnering and, and provide support to a partnering organization so for us to be in front of it, and to do this RFP and start identifying and seeing people's projects sort of move us along in a

more efficient manner but the state by no means is going to choose for us who we will partner with. And it's

**Deputy Executive Rider:** [inaudible] an organization and they are putting out their own Request for Proposal.

**Legislator Walter:** Right, they're put from what I understand they're putting having processing through each county so that we would still have to make the final decision as to which organization.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** They, they take a lot of input from the local [inaudible]. Yes.

**Legislator Walter:** I mean I do feel like we will that in the end we will have the capacity to make that decision they're not going to decide without us and I don't, I think that's sort of misnomer. So by us having this process and and seeing what the potential programs are will inform us ahead of the game so that we know how to make that recommendation in the best way possible. So I think it's smart that we're doing this at this point. In terms of dictating I mean I do feel pretty strongly that this kind of staffing is the appropriate kind of staffing. We don't say how many people we just say that it [inaudible] and it also says including in terms of if it's a preference that it is a changed to a recommended added to the resolve I'm fine with and I'm you know I could talk to a Legislator Criswell, but I think the putting the word recommended is perfectly fine, for me. I do, I feel like still specifying to some detail even with the word recommended does tell the potential people who are applying and the whatever group of people who are reviewing these RFPs, what we are really looking for because these are all, all of those positions would be really important. I also would be willing to put the recommended, but I think it's also important that we make it clear that in our, our goal and policy, this is a 24/7. That, that's what this needs to be, is a 24/7. We have other types of programs like an urgent care, and those kinds of things that are available, this is filling a very specific need. And so that 24/7, 7 days a week, but again, to allow the flexibility of the RFP applicants, I'm willing to say the word recommended, but I think it's important for us to keep in mind that that those, these elements that are in there are very important to the success of this program.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Yeah, I, I would feel much more comfortable if the wording was recommended. Because my mind set, we have not done any studies on this ourselves. We have not done a, an extensive study that many people here seem to want on everything. So as a result, I mean, I really do feel much more comfortable with it was recommended in items, even the 24/7 recommended so in other words it makes and we can always tighten that later on. Until I would support that and I'd like to either make a motion to do that or let Legislator Walter do that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah, so just so that you get both of those comments in there, I will make a motion to amend it to state that it shall be the policy of Ulster County to have a crisis stabilization center, it is recommended that it, so we'll strike which, it is recommended that it operates 24 hours and blah, blah, blah for the rest of it. So which would come out and replace with it is recommended that it.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll second that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, any discussion? All right. All those in favor of the amendment?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? Okay. So as amended, all those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? Alright, so carried. You're opposed Legislator Ronk?

**Legislator Ronk:** I am.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Thank you.

425: Establishing a policy requiring Respite Housing in Ulster County. Motion? Bartels. Second, Walter. Discussion? [inaudible] Okay. All those in favor?

**Legislator Walter:** Oh, wait, I had a

**Chairman Gavaris:** Oh sorry, you moved around.

**Legislator Walter:** I just wanted to also clarify, I know, you know, it's right now it's remains, well, first of all, related to what I was speaking about before, there's, there's a strong expectation given these respite houses elsewhere that this will fully be self-reimbursable, once it's operational, even at an 80%. That the, the location of it is still left open, the language is put that it is geographically that you know, if there are up to two, they're geographically spread out. So you know, I do want to make it clear that it is not the thought that this respite house is necessarily located in the City of Kingston, but recognizing that we have a very large County, and, and we there are a lot of communities. We want to have this be accessible, you know, to people, not just within the City of Kingston, but I think in the RFP process it can play out as to the specific locations. But it's important to me that it's clear that we are not envisioning this or I'm not envisioning this as located directly in Kingston. And I do think that especially more of our outer communities could really benefit from it being located in those places. So I think it's

going to be important to kind of map out where similar types of respite houses are located so that we could figure out the best place for it to be. [inaudible]

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

437: Authorizing the Chair to execute an agreement with DCJS. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second, Chair Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

438: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to accept Governor's traffic safety committee grant. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second, Chair Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

439: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement for Department of Homeland Security FEMA grant, Port Security.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Ronk. Second, Chair Donaldson. Discussion. All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

Approving the execution of a contract amendment with NYCOMCO.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Chair Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

441: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement with various police agencies for provision

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** funding. Second? Chair Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

442: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with DC, with the Department of Homeland Security for Emergency Communications. Chair Donaldson. Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So Carried.

443: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute agreement with the Department Homeland Security for Local Emergency Management. Motion? Chair Donaldson. Second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

444: Amending the 21 - 2026 Capital Improvement Project.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Ronk:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Ronk. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. So um, this came up in Law Enforcement & Public Safety. And this sort of gets lumped with the next two, 446 and 447, related to building out a new 911 Emergency Response Center and moving our current one. The, the only concerns, in concept I'm, I'm very supportive of this. My concern was this was a priority area, at least in the Democratic caucus, for ARP funding, it seems to fit very well for ARP funding. So I was not clear why this wasn't considered why it isn't being considered for ARP funding. Also included that that would include a process that involved the Legislators who were part of that umbrella, Legislator Gavaris and Legislator Ronk, and so I'm just I'm not, I'm not convinced yet why this would not be processed as an ARP project. And you know, the, the information we were given at, at Law Enforcement Public Safety was that it needed to move quickly because of grants but you know, those grants as far as I reviewed, were for product, for, for, for supplies or or, you know, the, the equipment and that would have to go into only the new building cannot go into the old but they're already, they've already, they've been ordered, they're being ordered, they are showing up, they're going to be, have, have to be stored, because no matter what, to approve, an architectural review, and then to find a spot and then to do the building, it's going to take some time before that move is going to happen. So no matter what the things that are being purchased by

Emergency Management are going to be stored for a bit. So I'm not, I, like the fact that there's that grant, and they want those things that can't go into the current 911 is not enough reason to not actually process this through ARP and have it be reviewed by Legislator Gavaris and Ronk and fed back to the Legislators, so that we can hear whether, whether they support this idea in this way. And so yeah, so those are my concerns.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Deputy Executive Rider, then Ronk.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Ken can go.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Say that again Marc?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** The, Legislator Ronk can go ahead of me.

**Legislator Ronk:** I don't know that I had my hand up, but you go ahead Marc.

**Chairman Gavaris:** You were doing this so I thought you were waving so all right.

**Legislator Ronk:** I may have been.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Okay. All right, so, I think whether any ARP funds are used for this is yet to be determined, but I don't think that we need like we need to move forward with this project. This isn't saying that we're going to necessarily bond it at this point. This is creating the Capital Project. If you all want to go back. You know this is gonna at the end of the day, be a \$12 to \$13 Million Capital Project. Somewhere in that realm, that, that's what we put in the Capital Program. If, if, it's determined by the Legislature that ARP funds are used for part of this purpose. I don't think that stops us from creating this project, allowing architecture, engineering, site selection, all the things that need to happen that are weather related. The grant is going to affect this, these are large consoles, they won't be purchased and stored. We are timing the completion of this project, which we hope to be towards the, you know, back end of 2023, to, to coincide with the purchase and, and relocation of those consoles. So I, I, I hear what Legislator Walter is saying, but there's no reason to, to postpone creating this Capital Projects and moving these, these contracts forward.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson, did you have your hand up before?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I did, but Deputy Executive Rider sort of, was what I was going to say.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter. You're on mute.



**Legislator Walter:** To clarify, because at our meeting, the we were told this, these items were already purchased, and some have already been received and are being stored. That's that that's that was the information we were given. But I guess I would, for me, even though it's to use the term used earlier cart before horse, I mean, I would, I would appreciate to hear from Legislator Gavaris and Legislator Ronk, because the reason why I felt good about them being on the ARP Committee is that these, these are two people who are knowledgeable and experts in this area. And so, you know, I would have preferred a, an ARP meeting, and then you have that discussion, and you could feed it back to us. But in terms of these next two steps, I would feel more comfortable if I knew that you two felt more comfortable, I would just say that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks. Um, you know, I support this moving forward now. Whether we use ARP funding or not, this is something that is 10 years past due for being built. And we can't start moving forward with building anything until these contracts are executed. And these organizations start their work, because part of the RFP involved in, in these resolutions included site selection, deciding whether or not we're going to build the place up on Golden Hill or not, I think that it's likely to be built there, because it's gonna save us a bunch of money on building a couple of new towers. But, you know, I, I, I think that the, I think that the haste to move forward on this is more important than how we're going to pay for it, whether it be with you know ARP funds, or a bond. And if we're going to use ARPA funding towards it, there's going to be plenty of opportunity for that when we're actually building the facility and not just doing the initial costs for engineering and architecture.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** My, I'm wondering, because this is somewhat has been an established project that we've been talking about doing and would that, you know, if we turn around and try to use it with the ARP money, would that be a problem because the ARP money basically wants you to do new things, they don't want you to be paying off something that you were already going to do in the money is meant for stimulation. So I don't know, I don't know that answer. I'm wondering if somebody can answer that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** The only person raising their hand is Legislator Ronk, so I'm going to him.

**Legislator Ronk:** Chairman, this qualifies under the emergency management emergency preparedness, you know, criterion.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Alright, I just wasn't sure because if you were already discussing it, I thought maybe they might

**Legislator Ronk:** No, it it also qualifies. I mean,

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** That's good.

**Legislator Ronk:** pretty much qualifies under COVID relief as well, because the you know, the PCAP does all the dispatching for all of the you know, pandemic calls. So,

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** All right.

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

4, I lost track of where we were. 444 where, what number are we up to?

**John Milgrim:** 446, is the next one.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yep, Approving the execution of a contract for Urbahn Architects. Can I have a motion?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Move.

**Legislator Ronk:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

447: Approving the execution of a contract for Palombo group. Can I have a motion?

**Legislator Parete:** Moved it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second, Legislator Haynes. Discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

448: Authorize the County Executive to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant. Can I have a motion?

**Legislator Ronk:** Move.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second. Bartels, discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

449: Authorize the County Executive to submit application for TAP funding.

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Legislator Bartels. Any discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

Establishing, 457 Capital Project 601 Small Business and Economic Recovery. Can I have a motion?

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Move. Second? Chairman Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried.

451: Approving the execution of a contract for UCEDA. Can I have a motion?

**Legislator Ronk:** I'll move it for discussion.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Move it. Second, Legislator Archer. Discussion? Legislator Ronk, you, you have discussion?

**Legislator Ronk:** Yeah, I don't know if I'm frozen, though.

**Chairman Gavaris:** You are. All right, we'll come back to you Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks.

**Legislator Archer:** Yes, thank you, um, once again, where they're coming back to the well on this. And I've said this in Economic Development, and I'm saying it here, I think that at this stage, we should not be spending another penny on, on the moving money for the repairs at Tech City or Enterprise West as they're calling it. We haven't had the last couple of months, we haven't had a financial update on UCEDA and how much money they have, if we're really talking about selling this or preparing this building for sale, etc. I'm not sure why they're not using their own money to do this. We transferred it there. It's our biggest asset and at this juncture, I can't support sending any more money their way.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. Yeah. You know, I, I agree with Legislator Archer. Um, I, you know, I have some, I have many questions and concerns the last time that at the point that we transfer the property, it was my understanding that that was going to be the end of county funds and going to the project. At the same time, you know, I heard at the last meeting, an explanation that, you know, these aren't county funds, they are ARPA funds, but they are county funds. You know, I, I do not feel prepared to move forward on this. And I, and I also, you know, we just went through so many so fast I, I'm, I'd like to change my vote on 450. I mean, I'd actually like to postpone 450 and 451. But if there isn't the will to postpone both, I'm not prepared to establish a Capital Project, dedicating these funds in this way, you know, to to so I'm talking about them both at this time, I'm, spending \$100,000 of ARPA funds on property management. I'm not even really clear on, on what the plan was. I attended the Economic Development committee meeting and listened to the discussion, but I, I don't yet have a strong sense on what the plan is going forward. I would like to see UCEDA come to the Legislature as a whole, not just Ways and Means, and make a, a, a very specific presentation on the long-term plans for this project, particularly if there's going to be the request for continued county support. It's my understanding another RFQ went out, I didn't know that until I attended the Economic Development meeting. I didn't know that the, that the deals with the, the tenants that were chosen fell through until I heard about it from other Legislators. So all, there's a lot that's happening but again, you know, if we're being asked to vote on it this minute, I'll be a no. I'd rather see us postpone both 450 and 451. I realized we just passed 450 but I'd like to reconsider 450.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Minority Leader Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** You know, Legislator Bartels are you making a motion to reconsider one 450?

**Legislator Bartels:** I would like to Yes. Make a motion to reconsider 450.

**Legislator Ronk:** I don't believe that motion needs to be seconded.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, can we combine the two both together, postpone both?

**Legislator Bartels:** I think we have to reconsider for 450 first, since it technically passed. I didn't I didn't raise my hand in consent or against but it's

**Legislator Archer:** Well I voted, I voted no and I'm happy to reconsider.

**Legislator Ronk:** Only somebody who voted yes can reconsider it because it passed.

**Legislator Archer:** Right, okay, okay. Thank you.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Walter:** So,

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** So I mean, is it a question of the Clerk, how did Legislator Bartels get documented as voting yes? So then, then Legislator Bartels, can

**Legislator Bartels:** That's fine, it

**Legislator Ronk:** I've already made the motion to reconsider.

**Legislator Bartels:** He's already made it, yeah, I'm, I'm good with that.

**Legislator Ronk:** If a Legislator doesn't raise their hand, yes or no, they're counted as a yes if they're present.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yep.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah.

**Legislator Archer:** I raised a no.

**Legislator Bartels:** So Legislator Ronk made a motion to reconsider. So on the reconsideration, oh

**Chairman Gavaris:** Go right ahead.

**Legislator Bartels:** on the reconsideration. I don't, I don't know if we can now while we're reconsidering, if we can combine the two or if we want to take them one at a time, but on the reconsideration, I would like to make a motion to postpone 450. I'm open to hearing more right now but I think it's going to take, for me, it's gonna take more than, than what I'm going to hear today to make me comfortable with moving this money to UCEDA.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Are you willing to second that Legislator Ronk, for postponement?

**Legislator Ronk:** Um, so first thing we have to do, there's been a motion to reconsider now we have to vote on the reconsideration and then it would be proper to have a motion to postpone.

**Chairman Gavaris:** [inaudible] on reconsidering?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay.

**Legislator Ronk:** Now, I'll make a motion that we postpone 450 and 451 until next week.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** Second.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Walter, second. Any discussion? Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Well, I mean, I, I understand the small business economic recovery, that is going to be more in grants and such like that. So as a result for me. I, just so that we can establish whatever the funds that is going to go into and what is going to be called by next week. So we're not dragging our feet on this. And I certainly understand that this is something that, you know, doesn't necessarily need to be in a Capital Project.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair, Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah. And just, you know, another thing that I'd like to bring up for discussion and, and thought between now and next week is, you know, I'm not, I'm not even fully 100% clear on how what is being proposed here is ARP eligible. You know, I appreciate that this is establishing that Capital, as the Chair says, relates to small business, but it is specific to the \$435,000, which go to surveys and appraisals and property management and legal and architecture and engineering and sprinklers, which I thought were done already. But all that said, you know,

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Which one are you talking about?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'm talking about both, the backup for both.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Isn't 601, is establishing the Capital Projects that you can spend money for you know to help out small businesses, recovery, right?

**Legislator Bartels:** Well

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** The other one is more dealing with Enterprise West.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I mean, my understanding, because I'm on my phone, and I don't have access to my computer to backup but I do have my notes. My understanding is that the backup for 450 is the back, is, is directly related to the contract in 451 and includes all that detail that I just went through. \$80,000 in surveys, \$50,000 appraisals, \$100,000 property management. It's, I mean, it's referencing the general bucket, but what we're, what we're moving right now, what we're establishing it for is Enterprise West, through UCEDA.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Further discussion? On the postponement? Tim, go ahead.

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, so I just wanted to see if Legislator Bartels or others who are requesting the postponement could clarify any particular questions. I'm happy to reach out afterwards too, to talk with you in further detail, would just like to be able to prepare the best response that I can if this body feels that it needs to postpone this. I would just as point of information, note that um, we did issue a renewed RFPI back in September, which was published both in the paper and through official channels. And we used our networks at HVEDC and the state to get that out to a developer community that would be interested in responding. Just at the UCEDA board meeting, which I was late to this meeting, as we are concluding, the UCEDA board did decide to advance negotiations with National Resources, which is the developer of iPark84, down in Fishkill, as well as some other projects who have expressed interest in the site. So I would note that the reason that we're bringing this to you now is out of a common desire to see a transaction here and the necessary steps are outlined in this Capital Project that would get us there, the appraisals, the survey work, the temporary property management, leasing agent services, architectural services, those are items that are required in order for us to complete what I think we all would agree, which is a transaction to get us out of the business of being a landlord over the long run.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Yes. I apologize. I stand corrected for 450. I was thinking it was something other than what it actually is. So I actually believe that this thing should be moved forward. And as you're pointing out, so I think we need to get that information Tim, before next week. Because if we're going to market this, we need to have these things done.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Bartels then Archer.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, I was just going to respond that I will get together I will reach out to to Tim and provide my questions and and my concerns in order to be prepared for next week. But, but one, one thing that does continue to confuse me is when we talk about marketing, as the Chair just said, are we talking about marketing the property for sale? Or, or, or negotiating with this development organization in a sale? Or are we talking about a longer-term involvement, of UCEDA and the County as a partner in, in owning the property in a public-private partnership?

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** To my, I, I think our goal all along as stated back in, even the surplus resolution was to avoid a transaction that would put this back at risk as a site that would continue to go undeveloped or underutilized or, or worse yet be developed in ways that wouldn't be consistent with the desires of the community, or to the best and highest use. So the, the, the guide rails that I'm under are to negotiate terms that do not include a purchase and sale agreement at this point, but could include something like a master developer agreement that could eventually result in a sale if certain conditions are met. So I'm happy to go into more detail on that. But I think the short answer is that this would not be negotiating a purchase and sale agreement, it would be negotiating something like a lease, a joint venture, a master developer agreement that would have UCEDA continue for some relatively short duration, to continue to have parameters around the redevelopment site.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** So, which is hence

**Chairman Gavaris:** you're, you muted yourself. Nope, your mute again.

**Legislator Archer:** hitting it. Now?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Now you're good.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** If you're on your spacebar, it mutes you automatically. So just



**Legislator Archer:** Thank you, John. So which is why you don't need a prop, which is why you need a property manager because you want somebody on site. So let me ask you, in the response that National Resource gave us was their response on a purchase level? Or was their response to work with us and, and did the RFQ go out as a public private with, our retaining it? So if we've already teed it up, that we're retaining it, we've not even entertained, highest and best use for a sale purposes? Correct?

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** It's correct that we did not market this as a property for sale, we marketed it as a property for redevelopment in partnership with the EDA. That, again, doesn't preclude an eventual sale, but it means that this was not marketed as a simple purchase options.

**Legislator Archer:** And so National Resource came back to us saying what? That they wanted

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** They were interested in negotiating terms for a joint venture master developer agreement or lease.

**Legislator Archer:** And so at this juncture for us to do the appraisal to which, by the way, two years ago, if you all recall, we did have this conversation. Why weren't we doing it back then? So we even knew the value of our property. And yes, maybe things would have changed. But you know why we're doing it at this juncture, it you need to lay it out, you need to explain it because this is, you know, once again, promising never to come back for money. And you do this every single time there's a shift or change without sufficient conversation as to what's happening or where you're going, you keep talking about trying to manage who buys that. And the end of the day, once the, once a property is purchased, we lose control over it. I hear what you're saying you want to continue to control it, it's going to limit your ability to sell this property. And it's going to be at undervalued because no developer is necessarily going to want to come in and, and pay a premium for a property that we're going to tie their hands on.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Go ahead Tim.

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** Just, just I hear you understand and, you know, can sense your frustration. I would just point out that we are already seeing the kinds of deals that we would probably want to avoid happen on the east side of the campus with the purchase of several of those buildings over there by a buyer who clearly appears to have not done their due diligence, paid a premium, but ultimately, it's an open question as to whether that will actually productively add value to the site. And so I think we have together worked out a strategy here, which I hear you, may I am, maybe I haven't given enough updates to keep you all apprised of that. But I think we are trying to pursue that, the timing is right to do an appraisal and survey because now is the time that we're looking to enter in to a partnership with a developer that will allow us to redevelop the site.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Further discussion? All right, I'll just say, I mean, a lot of it's been said already, but when the sewer repair was told that that was it, we had to do that to get a C of O in order to be able to

move forward and get this property out of the county hands to UCEDA so they can sell it. And I said it then and I wish I could predict lottery numbers the way I predicted this, is there, you will be back asking for money again, this is a never-ending saga, and I just don't get it. If you don't want it to turn into something well, then don't sell it to somebody who's doing that. But we don't need to maintain ownership of it, nor should UCEDA, because it doesn't seem like they can sustain the project on their own without the county inputting funds. So that's all I have to say on it. So all those in favor of postponing?

**Group:** Aye.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

452: Approving the execution of a contract for PK30 Systems. Can I have a motion? Walter. Second, Archer. Discussion? All those in, Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** So I'm sorry, I just, I, I can someone explain to me what this is? Whether this is actually federally funded since we have, it's not listed down below and what the vendor is providing. I just I read it carefully. I'm trying to understand what it was, but I could not really figure out what I was looking at.

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** Can I?

This is a contract with PK30 to distribute funds from Community Development Block Grant for purchase of equipment. So they were eligible for funding assistance from CDBG, for that purchase. We are required to make the application on their behalf made the application they were awarded the funds, they have now made the purchase. So this would be to reimburse them the portion of their equipment costs that they were offered.

**Legislator Walter:** So can you just explain, there's four full-time, four full-time equivalent jobs, what those are, and then what is it that we bought? And, and also just to be clear, because on again, on financial impact? It appears like we're paying, you know, it doesn't say that it's federally reimbursed. So but yeah, what, what is, what are these four people doing and what is this machinery that they're using?

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** Sure. This is a CNC machine that is used to make the extruded aluminum for their interior curtain walls, they manufacture architectural curtain walls. And so it's a large, expensive piece of equipment, I believe the cost was about \$300,000 or more. And the reimbursement is for a portion of that cost. The four positions are to be added. I think three of them are machinists that would actually operate the equipment and then one of them as additional sales staff that would be to pick up the additional work that they're able to do with this piece of equipment.

**Legislator Walter:** Thank you. I just couldn't figure it out when I read it. And so and it's fully

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** it is fully

**Legislator Walter:** federal

**Director Tim Wiedemann:** fully reimbursed. And we have that commitment. When this is

**Legislator Walter:** Thank you, I just couldn't figure out what it was. Thank you.

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

453: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with various municipalities for on the job training. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Sorry, I just, you know I know, we can't all go to other people's meetings. But I'm also just, can there be some clarification of how this works? How are municipalities sort of invited to submit? How do you figure out the reimbursable? Not a problem with the concept just couldn't really understand the process.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Deputy Executive Rider.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** [inaudible] a lot of on the job training program contracts, most of the time, they're with other vendors. These are all, you know, federal funds. And, and this is one of the programs that OET puts out for these specific contracts. It, it's obviously with the municipalities, they'll be hiring and training the staff, and we're just reimbursing, depending on if they meet the federal requirements for either 50% or 90% of the wages paid during this training period. I'm gonna have to get back to you after talking to Tomasine on how we decided which municipalities to work with. My guess is that we reached out to all of them, but I don't want to say something that isn't necessarily true. So um, she's not here and neither is Evelyn. So I, I can circle back on that prior to session.

**Legislator Walter:** I appreciate it. Yeah, I couldn't even tell that it was already decided. So yeah, who and, and what and the different reimbursements? It's just, yeah, it's useful, especially going forward, you know, knowing that our municipality are aware of these kinds of things and what it is actually offering. Thanks.

**Chairman Gavaris:** You okay, moving forward, Legislator Walter. All right. Any other discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

454: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for United Way. Motion, Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks, sorry, it just happens they're all together, the ones that I felt confused about. So this is payroll services related to a gun violence prevention initiative. Can, can someone explain sort of how the, like the connection between and again, not a problem with paying kids to do things. But like, are they tracking? Is this reducing gun violence? How? What? I just got confused about the gun violence initiative aspect of this. You know, paying youth to work.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Deputy Executive Rider?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** So this was part of I think the prior Governor's initiative was to get kids off the streets and keep them occupied. I think in the summer, we did a with the Youth Bureau, we did a basketball program. This is just doing like an extension of our, our OET, where we do summer youth employment, year-round youth employment. And we do an RFP periodically. And the United Way's the winner of that RFP recently to do payroll services so that OET doesn't actually have to write the checks, keep track of hours. So this contract is just for the payroll services for that aspect.

**Legislator Walter:** Okay. I Understand. So it's just that the Governor calls it a gun violence prevention, but it's really just being used to keep kids busy another way.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Correct.

**Legislator Walter:** Okay. Thank you.

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

455: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for Assetworks. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Second? Chair Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

456: Supporting and authorizing the grant application for Federal Transit Administration on to ARPA. Chair Donaldson. Second? Walter. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** So is, so is this a separate line kind of like we had with Office of the Aging? That this is a, a separate set of ARPA funds just for transportation?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Deputy Executive Milgrim.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Direct, direct to UCAT from the federal government, not, it's not part of the county pot.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Other discussion, all those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

457: Supporting application, grant application for bus replacement. Chair Donaldson. Second? Can I have a second?

Legislator Archer. Any discussion? All those, same thing for this John?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** I'm sorry, which one are we on?

**Chairman Gavaris:** The bus itself.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** If it's, if it's ARPA funding it is. I'm not, I don't believe it is. But

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter

**Legislator Walter:** So I know there was that conversation of greening the whole fleet, is there, are any of these going to be green, or all of them?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Right now as, as we speak, we are getting our first non-fossil fuel. I'm sorry, may I?

**Chairman Gavaris:** [inaudible]

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Our not, first non-fossil fuel buses late this year, think either late November, early December, we're getting three of them. The next purchases after that were originally planned under our contract that we did with I believe was Creighton Manning, a study, were going to be diesel because they were meant to replace some buses that were on the longer routes that electric buses couldn't handle. We believe that the current diesels that we have will be able to last a little bit longer. So I think our next purchases will be electric again too. Hoping that technology is going to improve by the time our only diesels are left for the long hauls. And we can continue just down on the electric purchases. So right now, the current purchase order, and the next ones are going to be electric.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Wait, sorry. The current one and the next one are going to be electric. But you said you're going to do some diesel?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Yes, the plan is always that some, we don't have the capability with the infrastructure and with the technology and the busses that are being made to make the long distance runs that we make.

**Legislator Walter:** But didn't we, didn't we approved charging stations specifically in locations for the buses?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Not the high, no, not you approved the charging stations at the UCAT facility.

**Legislator Walter:** Only.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Yes, yes, these the charging stations to do high speed charge or high rate charge in the field or on these routes are extraordinarily expensive. That's, those are seven figure contracts. Those are big, they are part of the plan. And there is a whole plan that we, we commissioned a few years ago to transition to electric. That might, gives you kind of a timeline, sort of spreadsheet, how we'll go through the different routes. I can get you a copy of that, if it helps.

**Legislator Walter:** And just one last, how long do these diesel vehicles last? Like, [inaudible] and how long are we gonna live with it.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** They, they do have a lifespan under the federal regulations, I believe they're about 10 years, nine or 10 years. It could depend on the routes that they're on. We're, we're trying to we're doing our best to not as quickly as possible, replace diesel with diesel. We're first going for the routes that the technologies or the infrastructure is there to enable. And we're shifting diesels from those shorter routes to the long route well, to keep using those on the long routes to try to avoid getting non-electric vehicles. So it's, it's going to be about a 10 year process to transition the entire fleet, including the infrastructure build out as well as the purchase throughout the years of the buses.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I'm sorry Deputy Exec Milgrim, I want to make sure I didn't mishear you. You're saying that the, are we purchasing new diesel buses in the future? Or are we just taking the existing diesel and sort of hammy down giving it to the longer route as their buses go, go [inaudible].

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** That's the way we're trying to logistically do this Chairman. We are set at some point we may have to buy some more diesels, if those buses, if we don't have any diesels anymore. To do the long routes and the infrastructure's not in place, or technology. As of right now our current plan that we commissioned, as a county, a few years ago, to transition to an electric fleet did contemplate include us continuing to buy a few diesels to kind of make this 10-year gap for the longer routes because it did not anticipate the buses that we have to last long enough as the technology was catching up and the infrastructure is getting built out. As of right now, fingers crossed, our current order

for buses, which we're receiving in another month and a half are electric. And I anticipate our next order of buses will be electric, again, solely electric. I am going to try to continue that path through UCAT and, and hope that technology and the infrastructure build out can catch up and ultimately the little bit of diesel that we have left in five years, six years can sustain us so that no purchases, to the best of our ability, have to be fossil fuel burning.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, just a follow up on that then you said that the cost was in the six figures for the

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** So the high, for the high speed charging centers.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yep.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** And there would, seven figures there. There, they include, like overhead connections to the, the triangular things that stick up from bus roofs. So, for the very high speed ones, high capacity, ability to charge in 20 to 30 minutes to keep a bus route going.

**Chairman Gavaris:** When, when's the last time that that was looked at and, and scoped, and spec'd out?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Not too long ago, Creighton Manning did a full study. We had an engineering firm come in, do a study on the transition of the entire fleet to electric, the electrification of the county of UCAT.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Is it possible to forward that to the group or me?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Sure.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Because those numbers are a lot higher than I've heard? For a 480-volt charging station.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** So no, no, no. Much, much higher than that. It's actually no I'm sorry, they, they may be but it's it's the ampage, it's not the voltage. It's the amount of

**Chairman Gavaris:** Yeah,

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** yeah, it's a lot of equipment, but yes, I'll get you. I think we actually have some capital plan figures on it too, for the next few years.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, thank you.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Sure.

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

458: Amending Capital Project 529 purchases of bus related equipment. Legislator Archer. Second? Chair Donaldson. Discussion? Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer:** This is just registering a vote. I tried to catch you before you put this resolution up but for resolution 455 I was off camera. So I'm just voting yes for that. Sorry about that.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay. Thank you.

So all those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

460: Establishing Cap, Capital Project 610 for Ulster, UCAT equipment and facility upgrade. Motion? Chair Donaldson. Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

463: Amending Capital Project 584, Bridge structure superstructure repairs. Chair Donaldson. Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

465: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for MJ Engineering. Can I have motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

466: Approving the execution of a contract, execution of a contract for Harrison and Burrows Bridge Constructions. Chair Donaldson, motion. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

467: Amending the Capital Improvement Program, Establishing Capital Project 608 for Bridge Street. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

469: Approving the execution of a contract for Cornell Cooperative. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

470: Amending the Capital Improvement Program, Establishing a Capital Project 609 for Plank Road Culvert. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

472: Approving the execution of contract for Cornell Cooperative Extension. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.



473: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for A & J Construction. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

474: Approving an increase of funding for design, testing and construction services scope emergency work at various buildings on campus. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

476: Amending the Capital, the 2021 budget to accept additional funding from New York State Office of Mental Health. Can I have a motion? Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

477: Amending the '21 budget to accept increased funding for cost of living adjustment. Can I have a motion? Legislator Archer. Second, Chair Donaldson. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

479: Amending the '21 budget to settlement with CSEA. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Legislator Archer. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

480: Approving the MOA with the Ulster County Staff Association. Can I have a motion? Donaldson. Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

481: Establishing county equalization rate for 2022. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Archer. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

482: Authorizing Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, intermunicipal agreement for sharing relating to short term rental properties. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. Quick question. What, do we, why do we need to authorize this? We can't just share information? Without doing this? Go ahead Marc.

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Municipal agreements so they require the Chairman's signature and that can only be approved by a resolution.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay. Do all of the municipalities know that this is available to them?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** I believe it's been discussed at the Supervisors Association and, and other places. Many of them have signed on to these agreements.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay, thank you.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** There's only probably a couple that haven't at this point, right?

**Chairman Gavaris:** I would just be surprised of why they wouldn't, it just like to me you just, I couldn't understand why they wouldn't do it but okay. Thank you.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I think, I think it's a matter of their, the paperwork.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Got it. Okay. Thank you.

483: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal agreement for sharing short term rentals with Saugerties. Can I have a motion? Second, Chair Donaldson. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

484: Authorizing the conveyance of county owned property to the original owners. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second? Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Can I have a motion to block 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, and 490?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move it.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Archer. Second, Donaldson. Any discussion? On the Block? On blocking it? All those in favor? Opposed? Okay. On the Block. All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

491: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for Cornerstone Family. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

492: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for Family Services. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

493: Approving the execution of a contract for HRI. Can I have a motion? Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

494: Approving the execution of a contract for Health Research Inc. Motion? Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? You have a discussion, Walter?

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah, just can, can in terms of this screening protocol in the schools, can you just update us on what's happening so that we could be informed?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** So last month, we did a RFQ to find vendors to do the testing. Currently, we have Village Apothecary, and you should I was hoping to get this month a late contract because they're

already doing the work. They were awarded through the RFQ. And we had to get the program up and running. I know that it hasn't hit you as late resolution yet. So I'm going to check on that tomorrow. I don't know it may be too late. But they were awarded six of the schools and Institute for Family Health was awarded three of the schools. However, they are having an issue with their lab license. And so we are using Accucare nurses to do the testing in those three schools. Basically, right now, the school districts are offering, well, they're mandating that any of the unvaccinated teachers, staff, drivers, substitutes, that they go through weekly testing. There are also offering, offering it to any staff who are vaccinated, who want to go through weekly testing. And they should just be rolling out within the last week or so out now. Surveys to families to, to offer testing for students on a weekly basis, who, who want to be tested. So the programs are up and running. We are testing in all the school districts as of right now.

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

495: Approving the execution of a contract amendment with, for PEOPLE. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried?

496: Approving the execution of a contract for SAMADHI center. Chair Donaldson. second? Walter.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I want to, to talk on this issue.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Go right ahead.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I just, for people that don't understand what this project is, what they're doing. They are in, this is a project that has recently I've been getting phone calls, in reference to a number of people overdosing at the, at the site. Which is I understand using as a you know, a safe area for, you know, that type of activity. The problem is this is in a really working class neighborhood with a lot of children in it. The school district, my understanding is changed the bus stop, because of it. They the people there have made repeated complaints, but they've been complaining to the Common Council and the Mayor and various other people that not really understanding where they needed to put those complaints. They've been reaching out to others. And there's been, you know, a number of activities that have taken place there that I, it's probably not good for me to say right at this point, I would rather go have that discussion at another point, but I there is a great deal of concern by the neighbors that of what's going on. And like I said, there has been activities or I don't want to go into all of them. So I really think this resolution I would like to see it sent back to committee. And so they can air out and talk about these, in other words, because it is extremely troublesome to me from what, by the information that I was given. Not only that, I had a conversation with the you know, with Chief Tinti along with the Sheriff. So, I'd like to see this sent back to committee.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. Um, so the Chair reached out to me last week about this, and I saw Legislator Petit expressed concern. So I, I have spoken to David McNamara and he's very supportive of attending a meeting and taught and answering questions and speaking about this program. But also, you know, I said, the conversation included, really how he proposes to remediate some of these kinds of concerns, but you know, not just defend them or explain them. But actually, what steps can he take. I express that my, first of all, I don't think a lot of people don't understand the kinds of services that you know that the model of SAMADHI is a different kind of model. It's not a treatment place. I think there's, it's important to understand that. Obviously, we understand how NIMBY-ism is impacted by this kind of services and this kind of population. But also it is his responsibility to recognize that he is a part of a larger community. We, we have a resolution for crisis stabilization and respite houses and Access has their urgent care, we need to have all of our programs not being shadowed by negative press on this because we, there's a lot of programs we want to put into place. So he's very supportive. It, it could go back to committee and he can come there or we could postpone it here and he can come next week and talk to us. But either way, you know, I think allowing him to be available to answer questions would be definitely the right way to go.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I, I mean, I don't think it's a NIMBY effect here. What's happened is, a number of the people that have actually complained are people that are recovering addicts themselves that live in the area. And it's, and it's the parents of children that have seen things that they really shouldn't have to see. To be honest with you, I know I wouldn't want my children to see it and I certainly wouldn't want my grandchildren to see some of the things that have been happening in, in the, the, you know, in the backyard at points. So, you know, my mindset is, this is not a place for this type of program. I support this type of a program. I think it has a place and I think it probably, you know, there's, there's a spot in there. Now I know they're talking about moving it to Broadway or something of that nature. I'm not, I don't know. But the complaints come from not only from outside, but they come from inside the church, also. So I mean, there's, there is things that I really don't want to talk about here. But if I have to, I will.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Haynes

**Legislator Haynes:** Just in knowing that sight and having driven past it for six years. That sites always been a spot for supportive services in the past. I know that since SAMADHI moved in, it's offering different types of services. So I'd have to, I'd have to agree with Dave, I don't believe that it's a NIMBY-ism situation, just a situation where perhaps something's occurring that just seems a little bit off from the services that have been provided there in the past.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. Just to be clear, with my NIMBY comment it's typically associated with all kinds of services of this kind, not just what SAMADHI is doing. That this is a challenge that they have, they aren't moving to the Broadway location, because they are facing challenges in the planning board side for this very reason. There they are, they have considered other locations, away from the watchful eyes of communities. The challenge with that is that then the people who need those services, the most have a, have difficulty getting to them. As it is they bus people in and out, so they'll have to keep doing that. But my point is neither, none of those things, it's just that having David McNamara present would be the best step so that any questions or concerns can go directly to him, and he gets the opportunity to have the conversation. That's all I'm proposing here, either, I'm sure he'd be open if the group decides to refer back to committee. But if we also decided to postpone it for a week, before we choose to do that, this is a grant and, and you know, it's, it's there's a whole bunch of them here. But this is, that this is money that have already been funded to cover some of the previous services and expand their services. It, we could consider postponing it, allowing him to speak next week, and then if you've still felt the desire to send it back to committee, you could. But again, my point is not about agreeing or disagreeing on whether it's good or bad to have them there. But requesting that we give David McNamara the opportunity to have the conversation

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** The, I mean, I think the people in that neighborhood have the right to be at this and I think they need to be somewhat prepared themselves. I mean, and I can tell you that what is been explained to me, would not be acceptable, no matter how we explained it to be honest with you, or how you explain it away. They, these children that are dealing with these things shouldn't have to deal with that. That's not what they should have to deal with on a regular basis. And that's the problem that and I understand, you know, there's people in need, and, and they this neighborhood has, like Heidi said, it's always been a place where they've had various services. It has been the homeless shelter there. And the neighbors have not complained in the past about those things. There has been some but very little complaints as opposed to this because of the various other activities that are made taking place, along with that and seemed to be no supervision on dealing with that. So that's why I'd rather have them have the opportunity to go back to a committee. And so the committee can discuss this and we can actually, David McNamara can be there, but they need to deal with it. And I think, I, I think the neighbors have that, they should have that right.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks just in the interest of moving it forward, and it could get voted down if it does, but I'm going to just make a motion that we postpone it to next week. So David McNamara can be available. Again, at that point, if we wanted to refer back to committee, we still can, but this would

allow him the opportunity to answer any questions you all have. So I'm making the motion to postpone this.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Postpone, second? Legislator Archer. Discussion? All those in favor of postponing? Looks like 3-3, all right, postponement fails.

**Legislator Walter:** I thought it was four?

**Chairman Gavaris:** It was me, you and Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Walter:** And Marybeth Maio had her hand up.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I'm sorry. This the screen keeps moving around people are signing off and signing on. So, I apologize. Legislator, you were a

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I mean I had, I would like to have a motion to send it back

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair, Chair, hold on. Chair Donaldson let, just

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** I already had a motion, I had a motion before that we were considering and then a new motion came in. So I'd like to consider the motion that I already had.

**Chairman Gavaris:** What was your, you, you

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** My motion was to postpone it to committee.

**Chairman Gavaris:** I don't recall you making an official motion to do that. But let me just understand what Legislator Maio's vote was. Were you a yes or a no. And now she's gone. Okay.

**Legislator Walter:** Her hand was up.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Either way. I think we need five if I'm not correct. Yeah. So either way, it fails, it doesn't matter. So all right Chair Donaldson now

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Yes, I'd like to make a motion to send this back to committee.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. Second?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** So, so, so.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Legislator Haynes. Discussion?

**Legislator Parete:** Yeah, I, I, to the Chairman, you're talking about the concern about the degradation of the community and what people are witnessing. Is that correct?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Correct.

**Legislator Parete:** Thank you.

**Chairman Gavaris:** All right. All those in favor of referring back to committee? Opposed? Legislator Archer, you're opposed? You're opposed, okay. So 1,2,3,4,5 in favor, 1 opposed. Correct?

**Legislator Walter:** No, two opposed.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Two opposed? Okay, I didn't see Legislator Walter opposed. All right. So that's defeated as well.

**Legislator Archer:** Can I just say, may I just ask a

**Chairman Gavaris:** Go right ahead.

**Legislator Archer:** point for clarification? Is this, is this, if I may, is this money for services already provided? Or is this for? This is for expanded serv, services?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** [inaudible]

**Legislator Archer:** Okay, then I, I'm going to change my vote. If it's for expanded services, I do think it probably should go back to the committee for them to have a conversation about it with the, with SAMADHI before they expand services. So I, I'm sorry, I misunderstood.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Okay. So all in favor, again of referring back to committee? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Okay. Legislator Par, okay all those in favor. Any opposed? All right, motion's been referred back to committee. Thank you.

**Legislator Walter:** To confirm somebody will reach out to David McNamara so that he can be present to talk about it? When, when it goes back to committee, Marc or whoever?

**Deputy Executive Rider:** Clarify what committee? It's going back to Public Health, right?

**Chairman Gavaris:** Chair Donaldson. Yes. All right.

497: Approving the execution of a contract for Berkshire Farm Center. Can I have a motion? Chair Donaldson. Second? Can I have a second on that? Legislator Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

Can I have a motion to block 498 through 504?

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** So moved.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Second? Can I get a second? Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried. All right, on the block? In favor? Opposed? So carried.

**Chairman Gavaris:** This is coming up. So we just wanted everybody to be aware of it. 374 is going to be setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law Number 6, having to do with the school based Mental Health Safety Act. We don't have to do anything tonight. It's a committee scheduling issue. It has not made it to us yet, but it will be for our next meeting. Correct? Amber, Natalie, that's for next week's meeting, correct? Yeah. Okay. All right, any other old business?

**Amber Feaster:** Next week's meeting if it's passed by Laws & Rules.

**Chairman Gavaris:** Of course. All right, any old business? Any new business? Alright, motion to adjourn? Chair Donaldson. Second? Legislator Archer. All those in favor? Opposed? Thank you, everyone.

**Legislative Chairman Donaldson:** Thank you.