

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 16, 2018 – 5:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig
V. Lopez, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney, and Joseph
Maloney; and Legislative Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Julius Collins, Dean Fabiano, Jonathan Heppner,
Herbert Litts III, Manna Jo Greene, Kathy Nolan, and Hector
Rodriguez; Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Marc Rider,
Deputy County Executive; Ken Crannell, Deputy County
Executive; Major Jon Becker, Warden; Jennifer Clark and Marie
Bing, County Attorney; Jennifer Mahler, Deputy Clerk of the
Legislature; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters; John
Grossbohlin, City of Kingston, Complete Streets Advisory
Council

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 385 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trinity Services Group, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc from November 30, 2018 through December 31, 2021 for food services for the Ulster County Jail for rates anticipated to amount to \$730,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion: Chairman Gerentine introduced Major Jon Becker. Major Becker explained that Trinity is a corrections-based food service that is widely used throughout New York State, that three vendors responded to the Request for Proposal (RFP), and that there are not a lot of companies who provide both food & commissary services combined as requested. Discussion pursued on staff and inmate meals. Major Becker explained that under the terms of the contract in discussion, vending machine commissions are 18% and

commissary commissions are 28%. Legislator Bartels asked how commissary commissions are spent. Major Becker affirmed that all commissary commissions are required by law to go back to the inmate population, providing examples of prior purchases such as ice machines, games, basketball hoops, and televisions in common areas. Major Becker further explained that Ulster Literacy was approved to obtain funding to provide services to the jail through the commissary. Legislator Bartels expressed concern that a “fruit item” doesn’t have to be an actual piece of fruit and that inmates may not see fruits and vegetables while in the jail. Moreover, Legislator Bartels expressed concern that while it’s great the County provides food at such a low cost, she finds it hard to believe that it’s possible to supply healthy quality meals at that low of a cost. Legislator Bartels respectfully asked that the Legislature look into bringing these services in house to obtain an understanding of what this would cost. Major Becker stated that he completed an analysis of this in the recent past and after considering the cost of staffing requirements alone, food costs would increase. Legislator Petit stated support for this idea, saying that it would be a good incarceration to work force program.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Lopez, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph), and Ronk
Voting Against: Legislator Bartels
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 391 – Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$52,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Slope Stabilization On Various County Roads, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of an additional \$52,000.00 bonds for amendments made to Capital Project No. 475, Slope Analysis & Stabilization, for anticipated additional construction costs due to bedrock removal at the slope stabilization project located at Ohayo Mountain Road, bringing the total Project costs to \$1,224,480.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph), and Ronk
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 393 – Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$315,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Preliminary Engineering And Design For The Fire Training Center, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of an additional \$315,000.00 of bonds for amendments made to Capital Project No. 483, Fire Training Center, to increase the funding available for design of the center, including design, engineering, and any needed environmental and legal work necessary to effectuate the design of the Training Center.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, James Maloney, Joseph Maloney, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: Deputy Clerk of the Legislature, Jay Mahler informed the Committee that the Chairman of the Legislature has signed the contract for a Forensic IT Investigation and that the report will be available no later than Friday, November 16th. Legislator Bartels requested circulation of the contract's Schedule A to confirm the scope of the contract. Discussion pursued on the contents of the contract's Schedule A and the Committee's involvement in the investigation moving forward. Legislator Bartels expressed concern over the broad scope of the contract. Further, Legislator Bartels expressed concern that the Committee did not have the opportunity to approve the contract prior to completion. Legislator Litts explained that the contract is based on the proposal approved by the Committee and should not differ from this document in scope.

Legislator Bartels asked when meetings with Department Heads concerning the 2019 Executive Recommended Budget will take place. Chairman Gerentine stated that a Special meeting of the Ways & Means Committee will take place within the next two weeks.

Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Maio
No. of Votes in Favor:	9
No. of Votes Against:	0
Time:	5:56 PM
Respectfully submitted:	Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved:	November 13, 2018