

## Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** November 25, 2019 – 3:00  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lynn Archer, Chairwoman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder & Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Richard Gerentine, David B. Donaldson, Joseph  
Maloney, Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., and Laura Petit, and  
Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Mary Beth Maio  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Manna Jo Greene, Heidi Haynes, Jonathan Heppner,  
and Kathy Nolan; Deputy County Executive, Marc Rider;  
Deputy County Executive, John Milgrim; Nina Postupack,  
County Clerk; March Gallegher, Comptroller-elect; Evan Gallo,  
Deputy Comptroller; Director of Innovation, Timothy  
Weidemann; Ana Markowitz, Assistant Deputy County  
Executive; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters; Patricia  
Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Jared Buono, Cornell Cooperative  
Extension

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To approve Budget Amendment No. 1** – To create a new position to manage and coordinate the Brighter Futures Initiative for the youth, which will be funded with revenue through Community Foundations. Position is to be removed once funding is no longer available, unless another source of funding is identified.

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

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed what “sunset” means and how it relates to the amendment in discussion.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk,  
and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 2: To approve Budget Amendment No. 2** – To account for additional Raise the Age funding for which approval was given by New York State for the included expenditures.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 3: To approve Budget Amendment No. 3** – To reassign two (2) positions: one being the Risk Compliance Officer moving from Insurance to the Health Dept, the other being an Accountant from the Health Dept to the Insurance Dept.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Joseph Maloney confirmed that the Deputy Director of Innovation is a newly created position within the 2020 County Executive Recommended Budget.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Budget Amendment No. 4** – To create a new position to oversee the health across all policies through the departments as well as outreach to community seniors and community partners to refine and implement the Ulster County Senior-Friendly Action Plan as part of the Age Friendly Grant (NYS).

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Budget Amendment No. 5** – To repurpose unmet Need Grant Funds (NYS), creating two (2) new positions to help address wait lists for personal care services. Funding of positions is to be covered 100% by State Aid and positions are to be removed when funding is no longer available.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 6: To approve Budget Amendment No. 6** – To increase funding for Arts Mid-Hudson.

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

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed the proposed use of Contingency and how the ending value of Contingency will be considered against each proposed amendment. Discussion pursued on the history of the County's funding to Arts Mid-Hudson, the affects that the Organization has on the County, and how the Legislature obtains and determines contract agencies.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, and Donaldson, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk,  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Budget Amendment No. 7** – To increase funding for the Mid-Hudson Library Association.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Donaldson spoke highly of the Library Association. Legislator Ronk noted that his district’s library is not a part of the Mid-Hudson Library association but he feels it’s a great benefit to the residents of Ulster County.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Budget Amendment No. 8** – To increase funding for Supervised Visitation which is provided by Family of Woodstock.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Donaldson introduced the amendment and spoke highly of the program, expressing concern that the increase is necessary for Family of Woodstock to administer the program.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk,

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3

**No. of Votes Against:** 4

**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 9: To approve Budget Amendment No. 9** – To increase funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Petit noted concern over a duplication of services between Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District and Cornell Cooperative Extension for a specific program. Legislator Nolan stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension’s program is

intended to subsidize the Soil and Water Conservation District's program. Discussion pursued on how much the County covers Cornell Cooperative Extension's rent.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk,  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 10: To approve Budget Amendment No. 10** – To fund Mohonk Preserve, Inc. for outdoor field studies and outreach educational programs.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk praised the Organization but stated he cannot support funding it at this time. Legislator Donaldson spoke highly of the Organization and its programs. Legislative Chairwoman Bartels noted the intent of the funding, applauding the Organization's outreach.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk,  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 11: To approve Budget Amendment No. 11** – To fund addiction/recovery and rehabilitation training professional services which are to be provided pursuant to the completion of a Request for Proposal (RFP).

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk expressed support for the purpose of the amendment but asked that the amount remain in Contingency until the Request For Proposal is complete. Discussion pursued on the ability to designate funding within Contingency for specific purposes.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Maloney, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, and Ronk

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 12: To approve Budget Amendment No. 12** – To fund D&H Canal Historical Society for interpretive elements and exhibits on the exterior of a Visitor Center.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Donaldson explained what the Historical Society intends to utilize the proposed funding for.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, and Ronk,  
**Votes Abstained:** Legislator Archer  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 3  
**No. of Votes Abstained:** 1  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 13: To approve Budget Amendment No. 13** – To fund People’s Place for program support.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Donaldson explained what the Organization intends to utilize the proposed funding for. Legislator Ronk inquired on the Organization’s outreach throughout Ulster County. Discussion pursued on the programs covered by the proposed funding.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Maloney, and Ronk  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 14: To approve Budget Amendment No. 14** – To fund the Maritime Museum for a portion of the Consolidated Funding Application grant (Rondout Riverport Phase 2).

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** Legislators Maloney, and Ronk

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 2

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 15: To discuss Budget Amendment No. 15** – to fund Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL) to expand the Employment Program.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Motion No. 16: To amend and approve Budget Amendment No. 15** – to fund Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL) to expand the Employment Program in the amount of \$15,000.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved, as Amended

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**Motion No. 17: To approve Budget Amendment No. 16** – to fund off-site fire fighter training.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Gerentine stated support for firefighters, explaining his concerns over the proposed funding. Legislator Ronk explained

what the proposed funding is intended to cover and how it is different from the training available internally. Legislator Haynes reiterated the importance of the training this funding would cover. Discussion pursued on the distribution of funds being completed in a manner that is fair and equitable.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, and Donaldson  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 18: To approve Budget Amendment No. 17** – to fund a Confidential Secretary position in place of the County Executive Recommended Administrative Assistant position within the Office of the Comptroller.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Petit noted the salary for the proposed Confidential Secretary position. Legislator Gerentine asked for an update on the status of the Compensation Study. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider answered that some management employees had not yet completed the requested survey and the County Executive placed a pause on the study to be potentially moved forward on in the year ended December 31, 2020 upon review of the contracted outcome in comparison to the requested or desired outcome.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Gerentine  
**Votes Abstained:** Legislator Maloney  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**No. of Votes Abstained:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 19: To approve Budget Amendment No. 18** – To maintain a 40-hour work week for 3 positions (13151010, 13151308, and 13151404) and to increase 1 position's (13151005) 37.5-hour work week to a 40-hour work week.

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



**Discussion:** Legislative Chairwoman Bartels vocalized concern over the proposed amendment, noting that a 40-hour work week is not standard practice and that consideration may be given in the subsequent year upon completion of the Comptroller-elect's first year in office.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Donaldson, and Petit  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Votes Abstained:** Legislator Maloney  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 2  
**No. of Votes Against:** 4  
**No. of Votes Abstained:** 1  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 20: To approve Budget Amendment No. 19** – To increase the salary of the Director of Internal Audit and Control and restore the position to a 37.5 hour work week.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk explained his proposed amendment to increase the Director of Internal Audit and Control's salary to a rate which is comparable to Legislative financial staff, stating concern for supporting outside departments more than the Legislature. Discussion pursued as to whether the positions in discussion supervise personnel.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk  
**Votes Abstained:** Legislator Maloney  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**No. of Votes Abstained:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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Legislator Ronk withdrew Budget Amendment No. 20 – To increase the salary of the Director of Internal Audit and Control at a 7.5 hour work day (37.5 hour work week), stating that the amendment is not necessary with Budget Amendment No. 19 being brought to the floor of the Legislature.

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**Motion No. 22: To approve Budget Amendment No. 21** – To add two (2) new entry level staff positions within the Board of Elections.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Donaldson noted that he has not received a response from the Republican Commissioner of the Board of Elections as this time. Discussion pursued on whether the Republican Commissioner wanted the additional position, the distribution of Comp Time within the Board of Elections, the use of Part-Time pay and Comp Time as an alternative solution, and additional information requested.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, and Ronk,  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 3  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 23: To discuss Budget Amendment No. 22** – To relocate four (4) specified positions from various departments within the County Executive Department to better reflect their flow of authority and oversight.

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

**Discussion:** Deputy County Executive Marc Rider vocalized concern with proposed title changes to two positions, affirmed that the Confidential Secretary to the Budget Director is completing work for the Budget Department but also performs backup work for County Executive Department, and requested that time be given for consideration of a new title for the “Financial Analyst” position stating that “Public Information Officer” more closely resembles this individual’s duties. Further, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider affirmed agreement with the transfer of two positions: The Director of Research Operations and the Digital Media Coordinator, agreeing to follow up with a job description for the “Financial Analyst” position by March 31, 2020 and an Organizational Chart for the County Executive branch by Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

**Motion No. 24: To amend and approve Budget Amendment No. 22** – To relocate two (2) specified positions from various departments within the County Executive Department to better reflect their flow of authority and oversight.

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

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** Legislators Donaldson, and Petit

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 5

**Disposition:** Approved, as Amended

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**Motion No. 25: To amend Budget Amendment No. 30** – To remove all management, non-union raises greater than 4% for the purpose of first completing the compensation study which was started in 2019.

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

**Discussion:** County Clerk Nina Postupack provided justification for an increase to a supervisor position. Legislator Gerentine proposed the removal of this position from the Budget Amendment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**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 Budget Amendment No. 23** – To reclassify costs pertaining to the Innovation Division to this Division's budget, rather than maintaining these costs under the Commissioner of Finance Division's budget.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**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 Budget Amendment No. 24** – To increase salaries of six (6) Assistant District Attorneys.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney provided justification for the proposed Budget Amendment, citing parity between the District Attorney’s office and the Public Defender’s office. Legislator Ronk provided justification for the proposed Budget Amendment offering a lesser increase to the same six positions in discussion. Discussion pursued on the completion of a salary study, comparison of the salaries between the two departments, and support between the two similar amendments.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Maloney, and Ronk,  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 2  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 28: To approve Budget Amendment No. 25** – To increase salaries of six (6) Assistant District Attorneys to amounts comparable to newly created Assistant Public Defender positions.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 29: To discuss Budget Amendment No. 26** – To create and fund an additional position entitled Environmental Compliance Officer within the Environment Department for the purpose of ensuring compliance with local environmental regulatory requirements.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Greene first provided a history of recent changes to local environmental regulations, explaining these changes create an increased need for compliance. Legislator Greene added that in reviewing the Department of Environment in the creation of this amendment, it was discovered that there are compression issues within the Department for which adjustments to salaries of management personnel are included within the proposed amendment. Legislative Chairwoman Bartels stated support for additional resources for the Department but questioned the title of the proposed position and suggested the salary for the position be lowered. Discussion pursued on the salary of the position, the need for educational outreach as well as compliance, and the possibility of applying for reimbursement for the expense.

**Motion No. 30: To amend and approve Budget Amendment No. 26** – To create and fund an additional position entitled Environmental Compliance Officer within the Environment Department for the purpose of ensuring compliance with local environmental regulatory requirements for a lesser salary without adjustments to other management, non-union personnel salaries.

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

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Maloney, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** Legislators Gerentine and Ronk

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 2

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 31: To approve Budget Amendment No. 27** – To reclassify funds for “additional environment funding” until a detailed plan is provided to the Legislature for review and approval.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Gerentine provided a brief explanation of the amendment. Discussion pursued on the stated intent to use the funds for a solar feasibility study and as a reserve fund. Legislative Chairwoman Bartels stated support for the concept of an environmental reserve fund. Committee members further discussed the concept of a “reserve fund” and how it works.

**Motion No. 32: To approve Budget Amendment No. 27** – To ~~reclassify~~ define the intent of funds for “additional environment funding” ~~until a detailed plan is provided to the Legislature for review and approval.~~

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

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**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 Budget Amendment No. 28** – To reclassify funds for the “Town Economic Development Match” until a detailed plan can be brought forth for Legislative understanding and approval.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gerentine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Gerentine provided a brief explanation of the amendment. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider stated agreement with the amendment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**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 Budget Amendment No. 29** – To reclassify funds for the Innovation Division’s professional services until a detailed plan can be brought forth for Legislative understanding and approval.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Gerentine provided a brief explanation of the amendment. Director of Innovation Tim Weidemann explained that \$5,000 would be utilized for data management tools, \$8,000 - \$10,000 would be utilized for external professional services, and \$5,000 would be utilized for education. Legislator Gerentine agreed to withdrawal the amendment provided that this intent is agreed to be abided by in the year.

**Disposition:** Withdrawn

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**Motion No. 35: To approve Budget Amendment No. 30** – To remove all management, non-union raises greater than 4% to first complete the compensation study which was started in 2019.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislator Gerentine provided a brief explanation of the amendment. Discussion pursued on the Public Defender personnel included, the Assistant Deputy County Executive included, the County Attorney personnel included, and the Probation personnel included. Committee members took a show of hands on which personnel to remove from the proposed amendment.

**Motion No. 36: To amend Budget Amendment No. 30** – To remove specific management, non-union raises greater than 4% to first complete the compensation study which was started in 2019.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, and Donaldson, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 3

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 37: To approve Budget Amendment No. 37** – To remove the regular pay increase awarded to the Assistant Deputy County Executive during the year ended December 31, 2019 thus restoring the 2019 Adopted rate for this position.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, and Ronk,  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Archer, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Votes Abstained:** Legislator Petit  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 2  
**No. of Votes Abstained:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 38: To amend Budget Amendment No. 34** – To reclassify “additional Economic Development Funding and Services” until a detailed plan or explanation is available for Legislative understanding and approval.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk suggested moving \$100,000 into Contingency, leaving \$25,000 in the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of giving the Department funds to operate with immediately at the start of the year. Legislator Donaldson stated disagreement, explaining his stance. Legislator Maloney expressed concerns over the Department of Economic Development.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislator Ronk  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maloney, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 1  
**No. of Votes Against:** 6  
**Disposition:** Defeated

**Motion No. 39: To approve Budget Amendment No. 34** – To reclassify “additional Economic Development Funding and Services” until a detailed plan or explanation is available for Legislative understanding and approval.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Maloney, and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, and Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels



**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 40: To approve Budget Amendment No. 31** – To reduce Director and Deputy Director of Innovation County Executive Recommended Regular Pay to be in alignment with the Clerk of the Legislature and the Deputy Clerk of the Legislature’s regular pay.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 0  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 41: To approve Budget Amendment No. 32** – To remove the vacant Deputy County Executive position which has been vacant since February 2019.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 0  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 42: To approve Budget Amendment No. 33** – To reclassify funding for UCEDA while a contract is prepared for Legislative review and approval.

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

**Discussion:** Legislative Chairwoman Bartels stated that she would like to see this funding not designated as UCEDA, but rather left as general

professional services. Committee members agreed to write an email to clarify that there is an agreement that funding will not be distributed to UCEDA until the Legislature is provided the opportunity to review the conditions.

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 0  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 43: To approve Budget Amendment No. 35** – To relocate funding for the newly recommended position of Chief Diversity Officer until a Civil Service Test is administered.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 0  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 44: To approve Budget Amendment No. 36** – To reduce the County Executive’s Misc. Contractual Expenditures for monies spent in 2019 for the preparation of the 2020 County Executive Recommended Operating Budget Speech’s presentation.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gerentine  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 0  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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No Action was taken on **Budget Amendment No. 38** – To provide applicable management, non-union employees with a 2% raise over the adopted 2019 rate.

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**Motion No. 45: To approve Budget Amendment No. 39** – To create a new position within the Clerk of the Legislature Department.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 0  
**No. of Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** Defeated

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**Motion No. 46: To approve Resolution No. 509** – Ratification Of Tax Rolls

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 47: To approve Resolution No. 510** – Levy For Unpaid Sewer Rents

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 48: To approve Resolution No. 511 – Levy For Unpaid Water Rents**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 49: To approve Resolution No. 512 – Approving Completed Tax Rolls And Directing The Execution Of Delivery Of Warrants**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 50: To approve Resolution No. 514 – Adopting the Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2020 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government, as Amended**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 51: To approve Resolution No. 513 – Authorizing Commissioner of Finance To Make Transfers Of Funds and Budgetary Amendments**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 52: To approve Resolution No. 515 – Adopting Ulster County Capital Program For 2019 – 2024**

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

**Discussion:** Deputy County Executive Marc Rider explained that there is funding in the program for SUNY Ulster, and to relocate various departments.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 53: To approve Resolution No. 516 – Approving The Advancement Of Capital Projects For The Ulster County Community College – Ulster County Community College**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Petit, and Legislative Chairwoman Bartels

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** Legislator Nolan presented a new budget amendment to relocate funding for Awareness, Inc to the Health Department for the purpose of having a Request for Proposal (RFP) completed by the Department. Discussion pursued on the Legislative Budget Amendment deadline. Committee members vocalized disagreement with the amendment.

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**Old Business:** None

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 7:14 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Amber Feaster

**Minutes Approved:** December 18, 2019