

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** October 13, 2020 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID 913 7856 6343  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lynn Archer, Chairwoman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, and Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 4:36 PM, out at 5:18 PM), Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes; Mary Beth Maio (left at 4:15 PM; arrived at 4:42 PM), and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson (arrived at 4:40 PM)  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Brian Cahill, James Delaune, Jonathan Heppner, and Laura Petit; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, John Milgrim, and Evelyn Wright; Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick; Comptroller, March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller Christopher Quirk; County Clerk, Nina Postupack; Chief Deputy County Clerk, Alice Lawlis; Director of Personnel, Sheree Cross; Director of Purchasing, Edward Jordan; Capitan Vincent Altieri, Deputy Sheriff; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters; Residents Michael Tomlinson, Clark Richters Sr., and Patrick Logan; Rebecca Martin, Our Citizens; Ruth Boyer, candidate for Public Defender

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM**

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**County Clerk Nina Postupack** spoke from 3:02 PM to 3:23 PM explaining how the Office was affected by COVID, what changes were implemented to maintain revenues at their current levels, and why budgeted revenues for 2021 are equal to 2020 budgeted values, as well as providing a brief overview of proposed changes to the Office’s personnel. County Clerk Postupack also answered committee member questions.

**Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick** spoke from 3:23 PM to 3:37 PM providing an overview of the Finance, Budget, and Assessment Departments, including changes to personnel, an explanation for the relocation of the Innovation Division, and some of the scope limitations with regards to revenue projections. Commissioner of Finance Gulnick also answered committee member questions.

**Director of Personnel Sheree Cross** spoke from 3:38 PM to 3:41 PM providing a brief overview of the Personnel Department's recommended budget, including the affects that COVID has had on the Department during the year 2020.

**Director of Purchasing Ed Jordan** spoke from 3:41 PM to 3:48 PM providing comparison of the Purchasing Department's 2021 County Executive Recommended Budget against the 2020 adopted budget, and explaining the impact that COVID has had on the Department.

**Deputy County Executive Marc Rider** spoke from 3:50 PM to 4:19 PM explaining changes to personnel within County Executive's Department.

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**Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 299** – Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make any and all 2020 budget amendments necessary to transfer and appropriate the necessary funds up to the recommended amount of \$1,476,084.28 into the appropriate budget lines from which COVID-19 related expenditures were made, and requires a list of any and all such transfers be provided at the first Ways & Means Regular Committee meeting following said transfer.

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

**Discussion:** Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick suggested postponing the Resolution until the results of the Resolution to authorize the use of Contingency funds is known and the Resolution can be amended for this factor if necessary. Legislator Bartels asked of other available budgetary funding within the Emergency Department. Discussion pursued on the law's intent to require the use of "all available" funds. Further discussion pursued on the timing of approval as it relates to closing procedures, the affects the use has on bond rating, and the financial position of the County currently and anticipated in future years.

**Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 299** – Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make any and all 2020 budget amendments necessary to transfer and appropriate the necessary funds up to the recommended amount of \$1,476,084.28 into the appropriate budget lines from which COVID-19 related expenditures were made, and requires a list of any and all such transfers be provided at the first Ways & Means Regular Committee meeting following said transfer.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Ronk and Haynes  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 325 - Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes the Standard Work Days for the included elected and appointed officials who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the established time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 327 - Confirming The Appointment Of Ruth Boyer As Director Of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution confirms the appointment of Ruth Boyer as Director of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office.

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

**Discussion:** Chairwoman Archer welcomed Ruth Boyer to the meeting. Ruth Boyer read a statement she had prepared for the Committee.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, 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. 5: To discuss Resolution No. 328** - Approving The Deviation By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Relating To The Terms And Conditions Of A Certain PILOT Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Kingstonian Development, LLC In Connection With The Kingstonian Development, LLC Project, And The Undertaking Of The Project Under The Agency's Housing Policy

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution (1) acknowledges notification of the proposed deviation from the Agency's Policy, (2) waives any formal notice from the Agency of the proposed deviation from the Agency's UTEP Policy, (3) approves the payment terms and other conditions to be contained in the PILOT Agreement, as substantially described therein, and (4) approves the Project by the Agency.

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

**Discussion:** Committee members discussed an independent analysis that was expected but has not yet been received. Legislator Cahill specified that this Resolution was moved out of Economic Development with the intent of the Ways & Means Committee having an independent financial analysis on the project to review during their discussions. Chairman Donaldson agreed on the postponement due to Legislator Cahill's, Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, & Transit Committee, request.

**Motion No. 6: To postpone Resolution No. 328** - Approving The Deviation By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Relating To The Terms And Conditions Of A Certain PILOT Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Kingstonian Development, LLC In Connection With The Kingstonian Development, LLC Project, And The Undertaking Of The Project Under The Agency's Housing Policy

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution (1) acknowledges notification of the proposed deviation from the Agency's Policy, (2) waives any formal notice from the Agency of the proposed deviation from the Agency's UTEP Policy, (3) approves the payment terms and other conditions to be contained in the PILOT Agreement, as substantially described therein, and (4) approves the Project by the Agency.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk, Haynes, Maio

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 3

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 329 -** Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2021 Levy

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

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 330 -** Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Public Health Preparedness Funding For The COVID 19 Enhanced Detection Grant And Create Positions – Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to create three (3) new positions, one (1) Supervising Public Health Nurse, and two (2) Public Health Nurses for a 2020 cost of \$47,713.00, which is annualized as \$289,447.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Walter inquired as to how these new positions affect the currently contracted nurse services. Deputy County Executive Rider answered that the new positions will reduce contracted nurse shifts from 34 shifts to 4 shifts.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 331** - Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Supplemental Immunization Action Plan Funding From The New York State Department Of Health For Flu Activities – Ulster County Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2020 Ulster County Budget to increase Professional Services Medical/Health and State and Federal Aid to reflect increased funding upon the receipt of notification from the New York State Department of Health of supplemental Immunization Action Plan funding in the amount of \$39,153.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 332** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program – Ulster County Department Of Health

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a five-year contract and any future amendments thereto, for the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$144,505.00 with the New York State Department of Health to continue the CYSHCN program.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 333** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Education Department’s Adult Career And Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation And Employment And Training For Reimbursement Through The Work-Try-Out Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2020 And Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – Office Of Employment And Training

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a Work Try-Out Agreement Form and any amendments with the New York State Education Department’s Adult Career and Continuing Education Services=Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCESS-VR), and amends the 2020 Budget accordingly in the amount of \$8,128.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 334** - Amending The 2020 Budget For COVID-19 Related Expenses – Emergency Management

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2020 Budget to transfer the full value of the Contingent Account to Emergency Management in the amount of \$459,504.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked if the Commissioner of Finance feels this is necessary independent of the results of the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund authorization. Commissioner of Finance Gulnick answered yes, that Emergency has incurred COVID expenditures which were unaccounted for in the creation of their budget.

Legislator Ronk explained that he is opposed to the Resolution as he feels the authorization of the use of the Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund is appropriate without the authorization of these funds.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 335 -** 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 2020, Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – 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 participation in the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2020, with an annual allocation of \$71,640.00, and amends the 2020 Budget accordingly in the amount of \$72,181.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 337 -** Approving Ulster County’s 2021 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-Municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Department Of Probation, STOP-DWI Division

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves Ulster County’s 2021 STOP-DWI Program Plan, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute such inter-municipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, as may be required to carry out the approved Program Plan.



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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels raised concern that the plan does not include rehabilitation services which is a stated directive in the State.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 338** - 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, and to accept a Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant, Child Passenger Safety Program, secured by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$6,500.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels expressed interest in enhancing the outreach and public knowledge of these services. Legislator Ronk explained that Deputy Sheriffs routinely visit several local organizations to provide the services.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 339** - Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Police Traffic Services – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign an agreement, and to accept a Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant, secured by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, in the amount of \$10,725.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 340** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Shared Services Agreement With Town Of Gardiner For Maintenance Of County Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter an agreement with the Town of Gardiner for the performance of snow plowing, sanding, and salting for the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 18: To approve Resolution No. 341** - Establishing Capital Project No. 575 – Purchase Of Seraphin Volumeric Calibration Trailer – Department Of Public Works (Central Garage)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 575 for the purchase of replacement of County vehicles during the year 2020 in the amount of \$40,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels inquired as to what a Seraphin Volumeric Calibration Trailer is. Discussion pursued on the backup provided to the Legislature.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 344** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$210,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc., D/B/A Relph Benefit Advisors – Personnel

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc. D/B/A Relph Benefits Advisors to extend the term of agreement and increase funds for the administration of health insurance benefits from December 30, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for an additional \$210,000.00, making the contract total \$840,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked if this is an option to renew. Deputy County Executive Rider answered that there was an RFP which included a three (3)-year term with two (2) additional one (1) year options to renew.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 20: To discuss Resolution No. 345** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 At 7:10 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020 to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:10 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY, and/or via videoconference to the extent allowable pursuant to existing New York State legislation, or order and Rules of the Ulster County Legislature.

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

**Discussion:** Chairwoman Archer explained that County Executive Ryan reached out to her to request a postponement.

**Motion No. 21: To postponed Resolution No. 345** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 At 7:10 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020 to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:10 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY, and/or via videoconference to the extent allowable pursuant to existing New York State legislation, or order and Rules of the Ulster County Legislature.

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 346** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Soldier On, Inc. – Veterans Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Soldier On, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025 for operation of Patriots Project housing in the amount of \$75,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** Deputy County Executive Rider confirmed that this is the Organization that has run the Patriot’s Project since its inception and that services for homeless female veterans are available through other facilities but not at this one.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 347** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$108,900.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Worx, A Division Of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Office For The Aging

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Kingston Worx, a division of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 for NY Connects wellness technician services in the amount of \$108,900.00.

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

**Discussion:** Discussion pursued on contractual language surrounding legal disputes.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 348** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,474.50, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Assetworks LLC – Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Assetworks LLC to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for AVL fleet management software maintenance and support for an additional \$23,474.50, making the contract total \$453,158.94.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels inquired of the software the agreement covers. Deputy County Executive Rider confirmed that the software is still useful and relevant.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, 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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**Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 349** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$68,778.39 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Information Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for MUNIS payroll and human resource software maintenance and support from December 6, 2020 through December 6, 2021 in the amount of \$68,778.39, making the contract total \$559,621.71.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked where the County is at in the process of integrating the payroll system into the financial system. Commissioner of Finance Gulnick answered that he is completing software for the tax system first but that he intends to complete the integration. Further, Commissioner of Finance Gulnick confirmed that this contract amendment is solely for the payroll software system.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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. 350** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,320.00, 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. to extend the term of lease for Corrections Division radio equipment to coincide with a new lease from October 31, 2020 through March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$23,320.00, making the contract total \$433,242.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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. 351** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$363,780.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with New York Communications Company, Inc. from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2027 for a comprehensive radio equipment lease in the amount of \$363,780.00.

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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. 352** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$74,956.00 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 with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 for the delivery and execution of human services programs, to work closely 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 in the amount of \$74,956.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked why the project only focuses on Kingston and who Ulster County’s High-Risk Mitigation Team is. Deputy County Executive Rider explained Ellenville Hospital already performs a High-Risk Mitigation team that serves the rest of the county. Legislator Walter answered that the original project did not leave Kingston out but that it provided funding to Ellenville Hospital and HealthAlliance did not partner with the Hospital and thereby default Kingston needed to be supplemented. Deputy County Executive Rider confirmed that the project is 100% covered by the HEAL grant.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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. 353 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$65,000.00 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, 2020 through August 31, 2021 for Opioid Use Disorder (OD2A) building local health department capacity funding in the amount of \$65,000.00.

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels confirmed that this is the County’s contract with Health Research, Inc. for Federal funding.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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 Block Resolutions No. 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, and 375:**

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked for confirmation on the reasonableness of the not-to-exceed valuation of each of the included contracts. Deputy County Executive Rider agreed to follow up with this information.

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

**Voting Against:** None

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 31: To postpone the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 354 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$350,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Woods Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Woods Services, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$350,000.00.

**Resolution No. 355 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families– Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Astor Services for Children & Families from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 356 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 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 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 357 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Home Of Kingston, New York – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Children's Home of Kingston, New York from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**Resolution No. 358** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$3,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Home Of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$3,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 359** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Albany, Community Maternity Services – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, Community Maternity Services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**Resolution No. 360**- Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Devereux Foundation – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Devereux Foundation from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 361** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 362** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hillside Children's Center – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Hillside Children's Center from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$500,000.00.

**Resolution No. 363** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$400,000.00.

**Resolution No. 364** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Kidspace National Centers Of North America, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Kidspace National Centers of North America, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 365** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – La Salle School – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with La Salle School from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 366** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 367** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Parent And Child Society, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Northeast Parent and Child Society, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$250,000.00.

**Resolution No. 368** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Parsons Child And Family Center – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Parsons Child and Family Center from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 369** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rising Ground, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$400,000.00.

**Resolution No. 370** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Saint Anne Institute from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$250,000.00.

**Resolution No. 371** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Catherine's Center For Children – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with St. Catherine's Center for Children from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 372** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$3,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Christopher's, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with St. Christopher's Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$3,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 373** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint John Bosco Child And Family Services – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Saint John Bosco Child and Family Services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 374** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vanderheyden Hall, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Vanderheyden Hall, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

**Resolution No. 375** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The William George Agency For Children's Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The William George Agency for Children's Services, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for foster care services in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

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

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**Motion No. 32: To block the Resolutions No. 376, 377, and 378:**

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Motion No. 33: To approve the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution No. 376** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Entered Into By The County For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Birnie Bus Service Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Birnie Bus Service Inc. to increase Early Intervention and Preschool transportation rates based on the Consumer Price Index from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 377** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Entered Into By The County For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 – MAT Bus Corp. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with MAT Bus Corp. to increase Early Intervention and Preschool transportation rates based on the Consumer Price Index from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Resolution No. 378** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Entered Into By The County For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Rolling V Bus Corp. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rolling V Bus Corp to increase Early Intervention and Preschool transportation rates based on the Consumer Price Index from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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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**New Business:** Chairwoman Archer asked Committee members if they would like to schedule a Special meeting of the Ways & Means Committee for the purpose of reviewing requests for funding from Legislative Non-County Contract Agencies. Discussion pursued on the impacts of the newly adopted Legislative policy for funding Non-County Contract Agencies. Committee members agreed to schedule a Special meeting.

Legislator Bartels inquired of four (4) new hires in the Highway Department. Deputy County Executive Rider answered that these are in fact new hires which are filling vacancies but that they're not necessarily vacancies from the retirement incentive.

Legislator Bartels further inquired of the monthly report due to the Ways & Means Committee on expenditures at Tech City, asking that this be distributed to the Committee in advance of the meeting so that it can be reviewed and discussed during. Moreover, Legislator Bartels and Chairwoman Archer clarified that the Policy requires the submission of all expenditures related to the cite, not just work that's being completed on it. Deputy County Executive Wright agreed to amend the monthly submissions moving forward to include this information.

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**Old Business:** None

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Gavaris

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

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

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 5:49 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Amber Feaster

**Minutes Approved:** November 10, 2020

**Ways &  
Means Committee  
Regular Meeting Transcript**

**DATE & TIME:** October 13, 2020 – 5:00  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID 913 7856 6343  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lynn Archer, Chairwoman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder, and Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 4:36 PM, out at  
5:18 PM), Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes; Mary  
Beth Maio (left at 4:15 PM; arrived at 4:42 PM), and Eve  
Walter; and Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson  
(arrived at 4:40 PM)  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Brian Cahill, James Delaune, Jonathan Heppner,  
and Laura Petit; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider,  
John Milgrim, and Evelyn Wright; Commissioner of  
Finance, Burt Gulnick; Comptroller, March Gallagher;  
Deputy Comptroller Christopher Quirk; County Clerk, Nina  
Postupack; Chief Deputy County Clerk, Alice Lawlis;  
Director of Personnel, Sheree Cross; Director of  
Purchasing, Edward Jordan; Capitan Vincent Altieri,  
Deputy Sheriff; Tom Kadgen, League of Women Voters;  
Residents Michael Tomlinson, Clark Richters Sr., and  
Patrick Logan; Rebecca Martin, Our Citizens; Ruth Boyer,  
candidate for Public Defender

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM**
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**Chairwoman Archer:** Call roll please.

**Natalie Kelder:** Archer.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Here.

**Natalie Kelder:** Ronk.

**Natalie Kelder:** Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Here.



**Natalie Kelder:** Gavaris.

**Natalie Kelder:** Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes:** Here.

**Natalie Kelder:** Maio.

**Natalie Kelder:** Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Here.

**Natalie Kelder:** And Maio is here.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Right, we're going to start off with our budget discussions with everyone. We appreciate your coming and sharing insights into your 2021 budget. It would be helpful for us to understand what's changed, what structural, what organizational changes you're making. I'm sure planning without having a sense of State cuts has been a challenge so if you can share a little bit of how you approached that, that would be great. We saw a lot of job changes and title changes so we hope you can explain some of that, and this is just general. And also, just kind of want to put on everybody's radar, we're still doing some deep dive into the budget and trying to get our arms around everything so we may be calling you back for more questions but we appreciate you're here today. And Nina, if you would please kick us off.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Okay, great. Well, first of all, I'd like to thank everyone, for taking the time and having us talk to you about our budget. I thought I would start with the total county cost. Now one of the things I'm wanting to clarify there, I saw in the County Exec Budget that the total county costs for the County Clerk's Office was 1.5 million and what is not included in that and I feel should be taken into consideration is 1.1 million dollars of revenue that the County Clerk's Office collects each year, and that 1.1 million is the County, Motor Vehicle County Use Tax. And we collect that on every registration that's processed on here in our office and that money goes directly up to New York State and then, excuse me, the State then transmits it to our Department of Finance. So, the reason that it is not credited to our account is because we're not transmitting it at the end of the month. It's coming directly from the State, but that is revenue that we are collecting and generating through the DMV, so I think it's important to note that, and if you take into consideration that 1.1 million that we are collecting in Use Tax, it reduces our County share to about 484,000 dollars. So, that's just one point I'd like to make.

Also, speaking about revenues, let's talk about COVID for a minute and what happened to the County Clerk's Office during COVID. So, on, the office continued to run during that timeframe, and we ran it with five individuals, those being: our deputies; and our accountant; and one other index clerk, senior principal clerk, that ran the office. And during that timeframe, the County Clerk Recording department, the revenues were, only down 2%, which is tremendous. So, ours and our staff kept that Department running continuously throughout COVID. In addition, our DMV was down 50 percent, which sounds tremendous but to think that we had no public coming into the building and we still were bringing in 50 percent of the revenue that we normally would generate, I think it was a tremendous job also and in regard to our deputies, and the staff that worked each day

to ensure that the County could continue to function, and that we continue to obtain that revenue. So, just to give you a perspective, in September, our Recording Department for the month of September, in comparison to 2019, our revenues were up by 20 percent in the Recording Department. And in DMV, we were up... let's see... for September, we were only down, excuse me, we were only down 7 percent. So, that's amazing taking into consideration that we're doing appointment only, and the DMV bus, because of COVID considerations, has not gone back out on the road yet. Overall, for the year, right now, we're looking at recording up 6 percent and DMV down 24 percent. Again, we have cut those revenues in half from the 50 percent that we lost back during those COVID months. So, our goal is to continue to generate revenue as much as we can. We still want to continue with our social distancing, ensuring that we do appointments only in the DMV, but what we must take into consideration, by the appointments only we are doing transactions that involve quite a bit of money as opposed to a plate surrender, which is a dollar and we use the drop-box, for registration renewal, which we use the drop box. So that's why we're able to retain those revenues as well as we have been. And people are utilizing the Dropbox, the mail, as well as the appointment system. And we're hoping to get the DMV bus up and running.

So, I wanted to just speak one second about the procedures in place that helped us do what we did during COVID, and one of them was the DMV appointment system. We did not have to scramble, which many counties did have to do, to get an appointment system in place for when the Governor decided to reopen the DMVs by appointment only. We had that established for three years and therefore, it was quite seamless for us to go to the appointment system. In addition to the appointment system, we, in 2018, instituted a new software package here in the Recording Department, which was IQS and this allowed us to put our records online, and it enabled the title searchers, also the attorneys, to search during COVID online, as well as, appointments only, in our record room. And what that did was there was many closings that were in the pipeline during that timeframe that would have financially not only harm the county but harm the taxpayers here in Ulster County if they were not able to close, as well as their title companies and attorneys whose livelihood depended on it. So, by virtue of having that those online records, we were able to continue the real estate business here in Ulster County throughout COVID. In addition, we instituted e-filing and e-recording in 2019 so what that allowed was, since you cannot come into the building in person, you could e-record your documents and you could e-file your documents. And please remember when I said that our recording revenues were only down 2% in, during COVID, that also included the courts being closed, closed down completely so, we're not obtaining any court documents or revenues through that timeframe but we were able to take in filings for existing cases because we had e-filing and e-recording and when the Administrative Judge and the Chief Judge of the State directed the County Clerks that we only could do a filing, many County Clerks had not implemented it yet, and again, that was quite a strain on the office and the staff, we had that already implemented since 2019.

So, I think for all those reasons, we were able to continue operating during COVID and I think it is helping us now generate the revenue that the County so desperately needs during these times. So, I was very pleased that our staff was able to put all those procedures in place prior to COVID. That's, that's all I have to say about revenues. The revenues that we have proposed for 2021 are conservative, but I feel, and I've strongly felt this way, and I've worked with Burt in the past on this, and Alice and myself have always felt that we would rather be conservative and be pleasantly surprised, come the middle or end of 2021, then to really put those revenues out there and not see them happen, and have a, you know, a, a decrease for the County. So, we are conservative in our revenues. We're looking at the same revenues next year as we had this year.

The other thing that people don't realize that DMV went from a four-year license to an eight-year license. And what that did was there's four years that we are down in license transactions because of that, and we will hit that four-year period April of 2021. We're hoping that with the real enhanced extension to October 2021, we will still see people coming into the office, and increase in driver's license transactions but we will definitely be down, and we took in consideration to when we proposed our revenues for 2021.

So, Lynn, I don't know if you want to stop there and talk about revenues, or if you want me to go on to expenses, and then we could talk- if anybody has any questions about the budget as a whole.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Well, why don't we see. Does anyone have any questions on revenue before we move on? Okay, I don't see any. Why don't you go ahead, Nina.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Okay, thanks, Lynn. So, our expenses, the total reduction in our budget this year is 520,000 dollars. We cut out of our 400 account 298,000 and out of our personnel account 221,000 dollars. We deleted positions: the Account Clerk, Records Clerk, a Clerk part time, and a Motor Vehicle Cashier part time. Positions that we're filling up, that were retirements, but we feel need to be filled, which is the Security Guard, Bus Driver for the DMV bus, and the Records Clerk, will be entry level position and therefore thus reducing our personnel costs even more. We did fund, for the second half, or the last five months of 2021, our Senior Index Clerk position, and our Administrative Assistant Position. So, let me talk about that for one second. Our thought is, Alice and I, really feel that we may be able to give those positions back to the County but we didn't feel that it would be responsible on our part to make that decision now. Both of those employees are retiring in March. We will evaluate April, May, June, and July- a quarter- and see how we were doing without those positions being filled, possibly looking at part time, or whatever is best for the County and for the office, we will do to ensure that the County Clerk's Office keeps operating responsibly, but we can save money for the County. So, we only funded those positions for five months. Because of that, we were able to save the 221,000 dollars in personnel costs on that were associated with all of these positions. So, that's really...

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** Our budget

**County Clerk Postupack:** Yeah, that's our budget. That's our expenses. That's our revenue. That's what we have implemented in the past few years and that has allowed us to continue through COVID. So, I'll be happy to entertain any questions anyone may have.

**Legislator Archer:** Legislator, Bartels. Tracey, we can't hear you. We can't hear you. Try again.

**Legislator Bartels:** Now?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes, we can. Thank you.

**Legislator Bartels:** Sorry, I had to, I have to wait outside for my daughter's school bus. So, I have a.... Okay, so I noticed on the personnel lines that there's quite a lot of variations of people going down only slightly. Do you know what that's due to?

**County Clerk Postupack:** It's funny you asked that Tracey. Alice and I were looking at that also. I don't know if Burt is still here. But Burt, maybe you... we were thinking it was steps and more days. Burt, go ahead.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** One less day next year.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Yeah, that...

**Legislator Bartels:** One less day next year? Okay.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** One less day next year working wise. We go from 262 to 261. So, throughout the budget, you'll see, if they don't have steps, you'll see salary decreases.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. And then you have two, two, I think I only counted two raises within the department. Is that correct?

**County Clerk Postupack:** That's correct, Tracey. The two deputies: Alice Lawlis and Laurie Hancock. That money was used from money that was in the budget, that's not new money. That was a clerk part time money that we distributed to those two individuals and I feel for numerous reasons that both of them are entitled to those raises. First of all, throughout COVID, they work tirelessly to continue having this office run, and run efficiently, and to generate revenue for the office. In addition, if you even look at the raises that they're receiving, that's, if they work 40 hours a week for the next year, they still wouldn't, they would- it wouldn't even equal what we're giving them. It would be well over that. So, and they definitely give 40 hours, if not 50-60 hours some weeks. And because of them, we're using money within the budget, we're saving 221,000, and I just feel that these raises are something that they're, both of them, are entitled to for all the years of work that they've given to the County and what they've done through COVID.

**Legislator Bartels:** And there's one deputy county clerk that's remaining at their static- at their previous salary.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Yeah. So that's Nancy, that's our Deputy in motor vehicle and that's because we raised her salary last year. I came before the committee and we raised her in 2019 for 2020, and the other two deputies we did not at that point.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any other questions out there? I have a couple of things, if I may.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Sure.

**Chairwoman Archer:** First of all, I personally had some experiences working with you all, and setting up appointments, and during COVID, so, I do appreciate all your hard work and effort. I know it was a trying time, but you all seemed to just adjust quickly. So I, it was much appreciated.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** My personal experience. So, that, that was helpful.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Thanks, Lynn. I appreciate that.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And, and I'm hoping that you'll be able to realize, I mean, are you going to be continuing by appointment? Because that seems to be working out well, or are you going to move... if, if, if things change and shift, are you going to revert back? I mean, did you have lessons to learned with COVID that you feel has a positive impact on efficiency?

**County Clerk Postupack:** Yes, we have. Great point. So, we will definitely stay with appointments. What we are hoping, possibly, is that as things get better and we don't have to do the social, social distancing that we're doing right now, we can do more appointments per hour which will generate more revenue, but we will definitely continue doing by appointment only for in person transactions, and the drop box, and mailings for all those transactions that we can do by on the computer. I think in addition, we have done the record room...

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** Yes, by appointment only scheduling, social distancing, accommodating all the title soldiers so they can get their business done. We don't want to ice them out, they need to be here, they needed to be here doing COVID. It kept the economy running. It kept the real estate business going. So, that's a big issue for us and we work really hard to accommodate everyone. We understand everyone's business and we want everybody to be able to earn a living and we want to do it safely and within the guidelines and restrictions of COVID and I think we've been really successful at that so far, Lynn. I really do.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Well, thank you for your hard work.

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** And when the bus...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Sorry.

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** When the bus goes back out on the road, that bus will be by appointment only too.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Yes.

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** Appointments only to accommodate the COVID guidelines. We're very aware of that and we want to do business, but we want to do it in the right way.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Right. Through-, and through utilization of the IQS system the revenue was like 100,000 dollars.

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** Yea, with the online records.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Right.

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** We made a tremendous amount of income from online records.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So right, but you made all the changes last year, right? You increased your cost in that and so, it, it, it helped through this, this period correct?

**County Clerk Postupack:** Right, and we feel that with online records, we will continue to encourage people to go online because it generates revenue and takes individuals out of the office. So, even once COVID is over, we will continue to stress the importance of using our online system as opposed to in person searching.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Right. One other item that I ha-, that I have, I, under records management, you've had nominal supplies. You had a blip up this year, because of COVID I, I would expect, but now you, you're also projecting 30,000 in supplies going into next year. Can you explain what's-, why that number is still as high? I mean, I, I would assume part of this had to do with your partitions and all the, the installations you had to make to protect the staff from, from customers coming in. So, do you have any sense of why you've got to maintain that level?

**County Clerk Postupack:** Sure, so for 30,000 dollars for supplies for Records Management includes all of our microfilming, all of our on archival, supplies...

**Deputy County Clerk Lawlis:** Supplies, developer, toner. Everything that we use for operations.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yeah, but I saw- but, but in prior years in, in 2019, you spent, you spent barely 6,000. And so, I would see that in 2020

**County Clerk Postupack:** Which? We're looking at different ones. What... I'm looking at 4,000 for supplies for Records Management. We spent 20,578 in 2019. 2020, we asked for 30. Is that? Yeah,

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yeah, we must have different numbers, because that's not what I'm seeing. You know, this could be the way it's categorized. It's categorized in 4,000. Isn't 4,000 COVID, Burt.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Lynn, there's a bunch of supply lines within it. There's program supplies, there's office supplies, there's medical supplies, there's a ton of supplies in there and they have two accounts: one's office supplies and one's program supplies.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Which, I think the program supplies is a lot of their materials for their record storage.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. So, did that increase? Because... and maybe it's just the way my report was put together. It's showing, it's showing in 2019, like, as I said, we barely spent 6,000. Maybe it's the medical supply line?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** They spent, they spent almost 20,000 in 2019 and they budgeted 30 in 2020, as well as 2021, if you combine those accounts.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, so, I may just have a wrong number here. I'll check that. Okay. That's it for me. Anybody else? Heidi.

**Legislator Haynes:** Yeah, I- Thank you. I would just like to commend both Nina and her Clerk. We-, everybody in that office. I've really utilized them quite a bit in the past couple of months and they were always there to assist and to help. And it was a... I could tell that they were going through, definitely a lot, but they were, continued to serve the people and I just want to really express my gratitude for them. Thank you so much.

**County Clerk Postupack:** Thank you, Heidi. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, thank you so much for your time today. Appreciate it.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. Okay, Burt, you're up.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Thanks, Lynn. And I'll kind of combine finance, budget, and real property together because I, I treat all of them, we all work together and we, we are kind of as one and the biggest changes in my budget have to do with personnel.

In 2020, I had roughly 2.4 million dollars in payroll costs, doesn't include benefits- just 2.4 million in payroll. In the 2021 Exec Budget there's 2.1 million dollars, which is down 300,000 dollars or 12 percent. I have had one, actually, two people have taken the retirement incentive. One of those positions, the Fiscal Officer, I am not filling, which probably against some of my deputies' wishes, but you know, they all understand we're trying to work with definitely more, you know, work with less, and we'll get through it, but I have five positions within finance that are being defunded. I did add one position through the Legislature where we transferred that Assigned Counsel Administrator from the Public Defender to my office. So, it's a net loss of four positions throughout the budget: from 36 positions to 32.

I think you didn't hear the Executive say we are moving the Innovation Division just into Budget. It kind of unifies Budget more. They'll be working on a lot of performance management and performance budget issues. And you did see a little bit of the change in our budget document this year. We hope to improve that next year.

There are three positions that I did reclassify- two in Finance to kind of cover that Fiscal Officer being removed. I went from a Junior Accountant to an Accountant, and from a Senior Account Clerk to a Principal Account Clerk. I downgraded one position in Budget. Because of the moves from Innovation to Budget, I don't need another Deputy Budget Director, we've reclassified that to a Financial Analyst, which, you know, allows first of all, a reduction in our payroll costs, but it probably allows me to kind of reach out to more folks coming out of college to help with the budget process and I think that's a good thing when it comes to learning more in the budget process. So, that's kind of the, the payroll side of things. Like I said, I'm down 12 percent overall between the three departments in terms of payroll

**Chairwoman Archer:** Burt, just clarification...

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, go ahead.

**Chairwoman Archer:** I saw that you zeroed out the budget for Innovation. Is that now because you've now included them in the Finance Department, correct?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Well, they went from Finance, a division in Finance, to a division in Budget now. There were there were three positions in Finance, in Innovation, and now there's now two in Budget.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** We're removing the Innovation Director. Completely.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay, great. Thank you.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Sure. On, on the contractual side, my budget is, we're down roughly 125,000 from 1.5 million dollars to about 1.38. I will say most of those contractual expenses, I'm required to pay. Assigned counsel makes up a million dollars of that. They're 18B costs. I have 145,000 dollars in legal costs for bonding and another 141,000 for financial services, which include title searches for properties, cost allocation reports, and workers' comp actuarial services. So, those three things make up 1.3 million of that, you know, 1.4 million dollars.

And just one note on the other expenses that I'm kind of in charge of. On the, in the debt service fund, our debt service is up roughly 620,000 dollars or almost 5 percent and that's due, we're going out in November, this year of roughly 8 and a half million dollars, in terms of bonding. So those estimates are in there.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And Burt, I saw the-, you added an Assigned Counsel part time.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, that was...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Was that was the person you were talking about?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, that was the Assigned Counsel Administrator. We did a resolution in, I have that note, one second here, in August, where we transferred that position from the Public Defender's Office to my office, because New York State said it was a conflict to have it in the Public Defender's Office.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Right, but you have it both in regular pay and part time pay?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** It, it's in part time pay, but I've increased State Aid, because it is 100 percent reimbursed.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, so that, that 107 covers that?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Or a portion of that.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Correct. Yeah, we do receive some State Aid for our Assigned Counsel work when it comes to parole appeals through Assigned Counsel, we get 17,000 dollars in revenue for that.



**Chairwoman Archer:** Right. Any other questions out there? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'm sorry. I'm like, I'm like on the move and I know I'm going to get cut off by a fire alarm but my first, what-, that Assigned Counsel, I want to say that I, I still agree with the point that was made by Legislator Walter when we brought it up, I don't think it should live... I know that doesn't make a difference in the long term but I don't think it should live in Finance, that doesn't make a, a heck of a lot of sense to me.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** No, it was one of those, Tracy, we didn't have a place to put it and I was doing those 18B costs of a million dollars that we're required to pay.

**Legislator Bartels:** Right.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** So, we really had no other place to put.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, so, but it, just the longer term, I hope we're going to find a place for it. Sorry. I have to move here right now. My other question it has to do with going back to Innovation. I'm just I'm a little confused. I mean, and I guess this is a longer-term conversation. But I'm a little confused about the fact that we're getting rid of the director. So, now there's a Deputy Director, so there is no Director, and what exactly are they going to do in budget, I mean, what...

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** A lot of performance measurements with departments. Some goals that the departments need to set. You did see a little bit in their annual report too. In terms of the Departments, they're doing a lot of follow up and measurements on that and we'll be able, be able to provide that information in the budget document. That's what kind of the goal is of this.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I think Pat explained this in some of the caucus meetings going on, onto the budget, that this is combining Innovation and Budget, almost as like office management and budget. So, we're going to be doing some performance management and also performance budgeting like Burt said, leaving, you know, the two individuals that have been working with the Director side by side and doing a lot of the OKRs and other performance management, working with the Departments themselves, the two individuals that are, that are staying on working under Chris Kelly, have been doing a bulk of that work, and will continue that work.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** The other piece is they kind of help manage the Recovery Service Center, which is what allows us to really track and make sure that we really are doing more with less as far as the services, that we're still providing the great level of service that we expect that we will. They're going to be doing that performance management with the Departments through the Recovery Service Center, and this team is going to help lead that.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, and there-, but it makes sense it's moving into Budget, you're saying... ?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, it was in Finance, and now it's just moving into Budget like an OMB.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. I also want to comment, I mean, I think this is a theme, which we saw it in Nina's budget as well. You have two, as, you know, as far as I can tell two significant raises, both to Deputy Commissioners to Finance.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** They're, Tracey, they're, I'm not increasing their hourly rate. With that loss of the fiscal officer both my Deputies are putting more hours in, so, I've increased their hours to 75 hours. I didn't change their rate.

**Legislator Bartels:** That's for the Deputy Commissioner, both Deputy Commissioners of Finance.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yep. Correct.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. All right. Well, that's good to know. Because I noticed that across the budget, there's quite a lot of management increases.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** That's just, that was just an increase of hours because they are working more, they have been working more and they really are kind of replacing that Fiscal Officer by picking up other duties and, you know, I will say, kind of, you know, I know ACE went away, but they're, the one Deputy is focused on continuing that work, which we, we still have to do in terms of monitoring vendors, helping departments train, and things like that. So, we have a lot of work there. And the two Deputies, you know, I wouldn't be here without them, that's for sure.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Are they doing some compliance as well, Burt?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** You know, Lynn, they're trying. It's just a matter of, you know, the corporate compliance side, we moved Tom Gibney to the Health Department. He still kind of works on that, but we're there to assist. And we're there to assist any department, really.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All right. Any other questions?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** And Lynn, I just did want to talk on revenues for just one second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Please. Go right ahead, Burt.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** In terms of within my budget, I did reduce a bit on the Occupancy Tax, roughly eight and a half percent, it's down. Your guess is as good as mine. I know, you know, the third and fourth quarters are our biggest quarters in terms of what we collect. I just didn't have any data when it came to getting the budget done for 2021 on those quarters, so I did reduce it. It may not be enough, but it, it is down eight and a half percent. The State Aid that we get for casino revenue, which is revenue generated, I reduced that quite significantly because they weren't open and I don't know, in terms of the revenues, it was down before that. So, that is down almost 35 percent in terms of that revenue, roughly 325,000 dollars. And....

**Chairwoman Archer:** Do we get that... I'm sorry, Burt. Do we get that quarterly? Do we get a quarterly payout on that?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** It is quarterly payments, and I have yet to receive the prior quarter because I don't think there is anything. They weren't open. And maybe...

**Chairwoman Archer:** But did when did they open? They did open this summer, right?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** They did. Yeah, and I haven't received anything from that either. So, it's one of those the data is not there to kind of project going forward. And sales tax- I did the best I, I could. That is down roughly 8 million dollars from the 2020 adopted budget, roughly six percent. I will add this caveat too: New York State's going to take 745,000 off the top for a distressed hospital fund and that's coming right off the sales tax, we will not see that. So, you know, I reduced sales tax to 120.5 million dollars. That is with that 745 off the top. So, you know, my, my projection was kind of 121 million and I took the 745 off. So, I just wanted to make you aware of that.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator, Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Where are we with the Airbnb contract?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Last I knew it was still in the process, Eve. It, you know, I believe I will be the Department to sign off on it and I, I know it was being finalized last I knew it.

**Legislator Walter:** Because we were told that was true about three months ago.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yep. Yeah, I know, there was communication between the County Attorney's Office and Airbnb. And, you know, I can get a follow up on that and I can update you as soon as I talked with County Attorney's Office.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Marc, do you have an update on that?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I, I think it could be... I mean, normally we send to the vendor first. I think it could be to the vendor for signature at this point, but, and then Burt would see it coming back. So, I, I think they have finalized it and I believe the contract is out, the hard copies to the vendor for signature, so it should be fully executed within the month or so. I would, I would guess.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any other questions? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, I know you said this, but I just want to be clear. So, you're, you got rid of the Senior Account Clerk? Did you swap that one for another one? I'm confused.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Give me one second, Tracey. I have to look at my notes again. I, I got rid of, correct. I, I did defund one Senior Account Clerk.

**Legislator Bartels:** Mm Hmm.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** And I was reclassifying a position that someone was in already, to a Senior Account Clerk. I guess I could have trans-, you know, from a Senior Account Clerk...

**Legislator Bartels:** To that PR...

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** To a Principal. Yeah, sorry about that. And yeah, I defunded an Administrative Assistant/Typist, a Fiscal Officer, a Senior Account Clerk/Typist, a Financial Analyst, and a Direct-, the Director of Innovation.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, the-, and is the financial analysts the one you asked for in the last year's budget cycle, the additional financial analysts? Or is that in long standing?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** They've, they've been in my budget for a few years.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yep.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, anyone else? Okay, thank you so much, Burt. Appreciate your time.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yep, no problem. Yep.

**Chairwoman Archer:** All right, we have, oh, Burt, you're still on. Now you get to talk real property.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** In terms of Real Property's budget, there's no changes on anything really. I, I did try to reduce some of their expenses to, you know, as, as much as possible. But in terms of Real Property, there really isn't any changes on the staffing or anything like that.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All right. Any questions? Anybody on Real Property? Okay, great.

**Legislator Walter:** I had one.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you, Burt. Pardon me?

**Chairwoman Walter:** I had one. Were there changes in revenue for Real Property?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** The only Real Property revenue that we receive is when we, you know, for map certifications, and the other one is kind of a matching revenue with an expense if the towns need any help with kind of a town-wide assessment through our office. We'd apply from the State to receive some revenue for that. That's all. That's the only two revenues they have.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, any other questions? Okay, thanks again, Burt. Appreciate it. Okay, we're, we're a little ahead of schedule, believe it or not, which is always good. As long as we have Sheree Cross with us. Do I see her online?

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Yes, I'm here.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Ah, there you are.

**Director of Personnel Cross:** I do not have a picture. Thanks.

**Chairwoman Archer :** Yes, we don't see you but I, now I see your initials there. Okay.

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Yeah, I guess it...

**Chairwoman Archer:** You have the floor.

**Director of Personnel Cross:** All right. So, for personnel, we have decreased our budget, basically, in professional services and that was really with our outside attorneys for labor relations. And we do not have any disciplinary actions that are in the pipeline, or that is anticipated so we feel that it's safe at this time to decrease the budget for that line, and going forward, we will look at the disciplinary actions if there are any and negotiate as needed. And we think we should be okay with that.

As far as personnel goes, in Personnel itself, we have a retirement, and we are not going to replace the Personnel Assistant, at this time. And due to COVID too, we've had a decrease in schools, libraries, special districts, some of the paperwork that comes along with that. So, again, we feel that that's safe for 2021 to do so. Our revenues are basically realized from the prescription rebates and we also do get rebates from the stop loss, but the stop loss essentially has a corresponding expense for the claims that made the revenue of stop loss. And usually the prescription rebates are around 240,000-270,000 a quarter. So, that's where we got the budget for that. And so, that's essentially Personnel. Again, we tried to decrease as much as we could, and keep all our services up to par.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So how has COVID impacted the Personnel Department?

**Director of Personnel Cross:** The-, again the out-, what we call the outlying. So we so we do Civil Service for the County and for the outlying towns, villages, municipalities, special districts, libraries, and as a lot have been closed, they're starting to open now again, with caution, so, there has been less essential paperwork done. I mean, there's still some hiring, some lists, some... there haven't been any exams. They're starting up on December seventh, and they have a schedule. New York State has just recently put out to have exams for next year. So, we haven't had our part timers, who do the exam monitoring- they haven't been working this whole year, essentially.

Oh, I can't hear you. You're muted.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thanks. Any other questions? Nope. Thank you so much, Sheree. I appreciate your coming and sharing your budget with us.

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Moving right along. Next, we have Ed Jordan, I saw Ed. Oh, there he is. Hello, Ed.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thanks for coming.

**Director of Purchasing Jordan:** Thanks for having me today.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, why don't you kind of share how you put your budget together this year, some of the challenges you've experienced, and changes that are, you're making.

**Director of Purchasing Jordan:** Okay, if I could just start, Lynn, just with a few years to date statistics, statistics for the Department. We've done 2,017 purchase orders this year; 26 bids; five capitals; and 24 RFPs; 241,000 pieces of metered mail; insertion of payroll and vendor checks, 33,522; school taxes and town taxes, inserting of 94,378 pieces. We have our property tax bills coming in December, should be about 80,000 pieces. 616 UPS packages this year. And 107,000 print and copy pieces in our mail room. As far as the budget, we have two primary expense lines, regular pay and miscellaneous contract expense for postage. And I'll just go down the line and start with expenses. Regular pay has gone up by 45 dollars from last year to this year and that's basically due to a CSEA bump. Our part time pay line of 10,000 dollars we eliminated. The longevity pay is the same, 5,000 dollars. Our supplies line, we reduced from 10,000 dollars to 35 hundred dollars. 50 percent for the fuel for the van and almost 70 percent in Office Supplies. Professional Services we reduced from 75 hundred dollars to 3,000 dollars. We cut the, the budget in line for Legal Notices and we eliminated the Dun and Bradstreet Business Research line for now, but we know that if we need them, they have a cost per call service available to us if we need them. The rentals for the equipment in the mailroom have both dropped. The Pitney Bowes postage machine, the cost of that is dropped from 13,380 to 12,242, and the folder inserters dropped from 23,887 down to 21,408. We eliminated our Conference Expense line 3,000 dollars down to zero, and as I mentioned earlier, the Miscellaneous Contract Expense for postage, we cut that by 36,000 dollars, down to 290,940.

So, as far as revenue, we've, we kept the departmental income line at 40,000 dollars, which is 30,000 dollars for chargebacks for the New York State Court System and 10,000 dollars for vending. The intra-fund revenues for the reimbursable departments, which is DSS, to Sheriff, Health Department, OET, OFA, Stop DWI, and Self-Insurance. We kept that at 120,000 dollars for next year. We do anticipate a 50,000 dollar increase in revenue for 2021. We're working with SUNY Ulster. They have asked us to assume many of their procurement responsibilities associated with their solicitation activities. So, bids, quotes and RFPs, as part of the cost cutting measure that the college has done. And we'll work with them- we're currently working with them to incorporate many of their supplies and service requirements into our either existing or upcoming contracts and we'll also work together to develop and issue specifications for goods and services that are exclusive to the to their daily operations.

And just some highlights and some things that we've been heavily focused on since the COVID pandemic began is the purchase of PPE. We purchased large supplies of PPE for distribution to first responders, long term care facilities, local governments, urgent care facilities, and community-based organizations. We assisted DPW on ordering equipment and supplies for a drive-up testing

site, and the purchase of public safety guards for offices that are going to be interfacing with the public, and we obtained PPE supplies and site cleaning services for the Board of Elections for the primary and the general election. Two of our staff members have worked with the COVID response call center team. Our mailroom staff has continued daily delivery of mail throughout the pandemic. They also delivered PPE supplies to all Departments prior to offices reopening in June, and they continue to supply PPE on request. So, so that's about it right now.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Ed, if I may, in the beginning, you gave us a, a lot of data points for the various things your Department does.

**Director of Purchasing Jordan:** Sure

**Chairwoman Archer:** In some of them, based on your numbers, I would expect that you saw reduction, but overall, how did your year compare? It sounded like you were still moving forward with regards to bids, all of that. So, were the numbers close or where they...

**Director of Purchasing Jordan:** So far, Lynn, the, the numbers are definitely down. Right now, maybe down 40 or 50 percent from where they were this time last year, but the volume has gone up significantly over the last few months. So, whereas during the spring and summer time when we would have been doing some of these solicitations, we worked on and concentrate on PPE. Now some of those solicitations are being done but some of them naturally aren't because budgets have been cut by Departments.

**Legislator Archer:** And are you maintaining your same staff. Right?

**Director of Purchasing Jordan:** We are.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any other questions out there? No. Ed, thank you. Thank you for your time and for your work this year. It's been a tough year, and I know everybody's pulled together. So, thank you.

**Director of Purchasing Jordan:** Thanks, everyone.

**Legislative Financial Analyst Kelder:** Lynn.

**Legislator Archer:** Oh, yes, Natalie. Yeah, please go ahead.

**Legislative Financial Analyst Kelder:** I just want to take a minute to identify some of the callers for the record. So, if you are from phone number 845-802-9999, can you please identify your name?

**Deputy Sheriff, Captain Altieri:** Hi, this is Vinny Altieri from the Sheriff's Office. I'm calling in for the Sheriff who had to attend another meeting.

**Legislative Financial Analyst Kelder:** Thank you. If you're caller phone number 1-267-221-8572. Can you please state your name for the record? Caller 1-267-221-8572. Okay. All right. That's all for now, Lynn. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. So, we don't know who that caller is? It's, it's an extended number, right?

**Deputy Sheriff, Captain Altieri:** They may not know they have to hit star six to unmute.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, try star six to unmute, please. There we go.

**Patrick Logan:** Patrick Logan.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. And Vinnie, was that you? Thank you for that.

**Deputy Sheriff, Captain Altieri:** Yeah, that was me.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Right. Do we have Tim with us today?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** No. Burt had gone over the Innovation team, but...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh. Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I mean, happy to talk more about it if...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Are there any other questions? Does anybody have? That's right. I don't know why. Okay. All right. Are you ready to do the Exec Budget, Marc?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Sure.

**Chairwoman Archer:** I saw John was here. I haven't seen Evelyn.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** She's in a housing meeting.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Oh, that's right. That's going until five, right? Do you want to hold off for... I guess we can go forward. She can fill us in if there's anything else, right?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah. If there's any questions that John or I can't answer, we can circle back when she gets on, but I think we'll be okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Great. Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Let me just pull it up. Really, the majority of the County Executive's Budget is personnel. And so, there were a few changes. We only funded the Confidential Secretary position for the second quarter and beyond. We're-, we don't anticipate a lot of the kind of in person meetings and other things that would require that confidential secretary, you know, sitting in the office, at least through, until the second quarter so, we funded it just for the, you know, later, nine months. There was a reclassification. We had a Digital Media Specialist and then we also had the, the Fiscal Analyst, or Financial Analyst, Burt, in the Finance Department, Britany. Britany no longer works for the County. We have combined the duties of the two positions into one and that's where you see the Communications Specialist and that other position is no longer in Burt's budget. And...



**Chairwoman Archer:** So you no longer have a digital media person? They're now a communication person? I'm confused.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, in this budget, we would. We haven't done anything yet, but in this budget, we are proposing to take Jazmin, who was the Digital Media Coordinator, and add duties that were part of Britany's duties. So, basically taking two positions and turning it in, into one, which is the Communication Specialist. There, there's some duties that Britany oversaw, that, that had to do with the general website that will be picked up by IS, but for the most part, you know, many of her duties have been picked up by Jazmin and it's an overall savings of considerable amount from that, you know, even though we're increasing the salary \$20,000, but we're eliminating a position by doing it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And where's the Chief of Staff in the budget? I didn't see that in here.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I mean, so there's never been a, a position in the County Budget titled Chief of Staff. Right now, Kayleen, who's in that position is the Director of Research Ops, which was a position that was funded in, in previous budgets as well. And, you know, Adele, when she was Chief of Staff, she was a Deputy County Executive, her title in the budget was never Chief of Staff.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, so she's sitting under Director of Research Ops? She's doing that job?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes. Correct.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And what does that entail?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** We've shifted the duties to more of a Chief of Staff. She's really facilitating the work of the office. So... It's been, you know, crucial throughout COVID to have someone really coordinating the work of myself, John, Evelyn, and the rest of, you know, the other Assistant Deputy County Execs and, and, you know, those communications digital media people. Just making sure that we're all aligned and that the work is moving forward. Where maybe we're, we're out scattered a little bit, she's really helping to drive the ship.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any other questions?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Very similar to any other kind of Chief of Staff role.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, I don't have the previous budget book in front of me. Was that position title Director of Research Ops last year?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** And going back to... I mean the first person to sit in that position was Rashida Tyler...

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** ...and then Julian Nadiak, and now Kayleen.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** And, and we've just shifted the duties of the position.

**Legislator Bartels:** But the Communication Specialists is a new title that you are proposing in this budget?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes, that reflects additional duties beyond what was the digital media spe-, you know...

**Legislator Bartels:** Have you...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Coordinator

**Legislator Bartels:** This is something I'm confused about. First of all, have you written up what those duties are? Have those been submitted to us at all?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I don't know if they've been submitted to you. I believe they've been written up. I can make sure that they, that they are there. I mean, typically duties, stay in personnel and aren't ever really necessarily submitted to the Legislature in a, a budget.

**Legislator Bartels:** It's since you're...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** But I'm happy to do that.

**Legislator Bartels:** Since you're proposing a new position that you're creating, with additional duties. I mean, that's something I'd like to understand, as well. You're saying that this position is taking over a Financial Analyst's duties? That's the previous position that you're combining it with?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes. So, Brittany was a, a, Burt, you'll have to correct me, either a Fiscal or a Financial analyst.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** It was a Financial Analyst.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Right. So, some of those duties have, have been combined with what was the Digital Media Coordinator's duties and has now become the, the Communications Specialists. So...

**Legislator Bartels:** But... so, what I'm saying is, so the Communications Specialist now is doing financial analyses and is qualified to do financial analyses?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** No, not every duty of what the, the Financial Analyst was doing was strict financial analysts. You know, if many of you worked with Britany, it was a lot of... it was

still... and, and this goes back many, kind of... well, I'll say, multiple administrations. There's only been two.

**Legislator Bartels:** There's only been two, yeah.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** But Britany was hired under the previous administration, as a Financial Analyst. Honestly, we are making it more transparent and tying what that person does to their duties a little bit- it's more reflective of what they're actually doing.

**Legislator Bartels:** But so, I'm sorry to ask so many que-, but was Britany, a Financial Analyst?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** By title, yes. She, she sat in the Executive's Office.

**Legislator Bartels:** When you say "by title" are you saying she didn't...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** She sat in the Executive's Office and did a lot of work with the Departments helping them do some communications. She worked on website material. She helped with different events, etc. Some of the work that she did, I think, around the budget. She helped with the budget and doing various financial analyst duties, which some we'll retain. You know, the Communications Specialist is still going to assist the budget team, just like they do all other, kind of, County Departments in communications.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah, I'll just continue with what Legislator Bartels was saying. This sounds very, very strange and confusing to take a Financial Analyst and somehow give their duties to a communication person, and then that person is now getting \$20,000 more. I think I would really want to understand, see these two job descriptions separately, and see how you're planning on merging those because it just doesn't, it sounds very odd and unusual and I'm concerned about what kinds of, what, what the capacity and what the skill set should be of this merged job and whether the person who you're offering it to has those skills and capacity. But I feel like there should be some clear documentation on that. And I'm just curious about the confidential secretary. Isn't there currently, is there currently someone who's doing that?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** No. It's been vacant.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Okay. So, you, you're... so, but there is a need that you feel you will ultimately have?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes, we haven't needed to fill the position because the building has been closed so, a lot of the duties that that, that person had, frankly, are, are not happening right now. We don't have people coming in and out of this office.

**Legislator Walter:** How long has it been vacant?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Just this year... I mean, not all of this year, but during COVID. I think it's been vacant since...

**Chairwoman Archer:** I'm a little...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** April.

**Chairwoman Archer:** ...confused. Yeah, I'm a little confused, Marc, because when we talked about some of the changes that had been made there, there was the comment that you will not be filling the Confidential Secretary. Now it's back in the budget, and it's being filled. And when we spoke about this, this year, about some of the changes that were going on, the increases and all of that, it was, quote "a savings" because you're not doing to be filling the Confidential Secretary. So, but you're bringing it back into the budget. Correct?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** We are still seeing, although it's not fully reflected in this budget, because it's also part of Burt's budget, we are saving, you know, over \$50,000 on total personnel cost when you take the fact that, for years, this legislative body has requested that we, that positions that sit up in the Executive's Office, be put under the Executive's budget. We are doing that, now everybody...

**Legislator Archer:** That you got me last year on I will remind you.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, and we said we would do it at some point this year. And, and it's happening now. We're, we're putting it through in the 2021 budget. And, and we're losing headcount. So, overall, by one position, saving the County money, restructuring the Executive's Office, in a way that most reflects what's happening and also is within the purview of the Executive to manage the Office of the Executive in a way that he thinks is most effective. Which is what this is doing.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, who, who determines then the salary? Because you're comb-, you're creating a brand new job, and how did you determine what the salary should be based on these combined functions?

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** The Confidential Secretary or the Communications?

**Chairwoman Archer:** No. I'm moving to the other one now.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** You're talking about the Communications Specialist?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yeah, yeah.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yep. So, we're adding duties. And I'm not, I, I... Burt...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Well, maybe it goes back to, let's get a copy of what the job description, which, which I think we have the Digital Communications job description from last year. And the Financial and then what is the merge job description look like today?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Sure, sure. We can send that over.

**Chairwoman Archer:** That would be great.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Okay.

**Legislator Walter:** And so, sorry, just a... so, you're saying that you're asking for less money in payroll?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** When you take into account the change that was made in the Finance Department, yes.

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** In patient team, finance team, and the Executive branch. Yes.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** But, but the, the fact that we had two people sitting up in the Executive's Office, working side by side with each other. We, we've removed one of those positions. The person left County Government and we're not filling it, and we are adding to the duties of the Digital Media Coordinator and just changing the title.

**Legislator Walter:** Maybe I'm reading this wrong. It looks like you're asking for more money.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** So, there was, and again, this is some historical context, Legislator Walter. There was always a few positions that sat in the Executive's Office, going back to the prior administration, that this legislative body has, has felt should be moved to the Executive's Office to better reflect, not only their duties, but where they are working on a day to day basis. We did that in last year's budget to two out of three positions. One was in the County Attorney's Office, and it was the Research Ops, which we've now, which is now where Kayleen sits and is, effectively our Chief of Staff. We also have... we had a Digital Media Specialists that sat in Information Services that physically sits up in the Exec's Office, but up until this last year, 2020, due to an amendment that, that Legislator Archer, Archer made, we moved that individual from IS's budget, to the County Executive's budget. We're just finishing that move. There was a, a person who was titled, a Financial Analyst, who sat up in the Exec's Office. That individual no longer works for the County and we're removing that position, but we're adding some of their duties to the Digital Media Specialist position and, and increasing the salary. But overall, when that person's salary was about 72,000/73,000 we're, we're removing that entire salary, but we're adding 20,000 to the, to the other position. So, it's about a 50,000 net savings.

**Legislator Walter:** How much was the other position being paid?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** 73,000, I think, yeah.

**Legislator Walter:** The Communications person?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** 73,000. The what?

**Legislator Walter:** The Communications person?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** No, the Financial Analyst was being paid 72,000 dollars.

**Legislator Walter:** But you said, you're increasing by 20. From what to what?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** From 51,000 to 72,000.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, any other questions? Legislator Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Thank you. So, first because it's been glossed over now twice, Legislator Archer asked the question, where did you deter-, how did you determine the salary for this position and, and every time that question has been just glossed over, there's been no answer. So, how did you determine that the corporate salary for position of that nature.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Working with the Personnel Department. I, I didn't make the decision; I don't know. John's on... But it was Personnel working with the budget team after the, the, the duty and position description was created. The, the salary was reflective of that. So, it wasn't...

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** Based on the original salary that Jazmin was making with the additional duties that Britany was taking over. That was a number that was considered appropriate.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** It backflipped on that.

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** Yeah

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** The duties that that Britany was doing, added to Jazmin's duties. The salary reflects that, but who determined that? It was a determination of Personnel Department/Budget Department working with our office.

**Legislator Gavaris:** So, Britany's salary was 70-some odd thousand you said?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes, 73,000, I think.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Okay, so you're saying Personnel also set that salary as well?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Financial Analysts, there's several throughout the County, and they're pretty similar. I think you have two in your Department. They all make about the same salary.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Okay. Do we- and this is, I guess, maybe a question for the Chairwoman, or somebody else who can answer it. But how do-, is there any part of the County government that checks... I'm assuming maybe it's Personnel, job description versus actual duties? Is there anybody who does that?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Sheree, you may be able to respond to that question.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** I'm sorry what was the question?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Go ahead.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Is there anybody in the County that looks at job descriptions and then looks at the actual functions that a person is realistically doing, and says, yes, they match up, or no, they don't match up and that we really need to reclassify that person?

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Yes, we do do that. Throughout our work there's desk audits and those kinds of things. The discussion, I think, here within the County Execs is that the duties of Britany in the Financial Analyst, which has a media portion in the job description, is that that 73,000 dollar range, and Jazmin has been given those duties and has moved into that position. So that, that's where that rate of pay is coming from. And then with the budget and the Communications position, if it passes Budget, then it is authorized by the Legislature.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And just for a point of clarification, Sheree, desk audits are not done on these types of positions. This is management position. Correct?

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Correct. But the generally speaking, we will go review all the job descriptions and make sure they kind of line up. So, it's, yes, it's not a desk audit, per se, as in Civil Service, but we are all Civil Service jobs. So, it's similar.

**Legislator Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I mean, just to clarify, it's Legislative duty to set salaries for those employees that are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the Legislature sets the salary ranges. So, this is a totally new title. I mean, I would imagine we'd want the input from Personnel, but this is entirely in Legislature's purview

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Correct.

**Legislator Bartels:** In terms as setting salary.

**Director of Personnel Cross:** That's what I was saying. Yes. That's why the Communications title is in the budget, as is. For you to set the salary.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Range. Right?

**Director of Personnel Cross:** Range, yes. Well, although we don't have ranges, but.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Do we have any other questions? Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Now that that's, and maybe I'm just ignorant and you can explain this to me. So, there is no range for this position, so where does the power come to just decide to add 20,000 dollars to a 50,000 dollar position?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Nobody's added it up until this point where we're putting it forward in our recommended budget. And if passed by the Legislature, you would be essentially setting the salary range for the position, although there's never been ranges.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, the person isn't currently...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** It is the duty of the Legislature to set the salary range.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, there isn't currently...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** In the budget. You know.

**Chairwoman Archer:** They're currently not receiving this money.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** No.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Legislator Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris:** That was my question that you just asked him. That was what I was going to ask. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. So, if you could Marc, the, the old job description for each of the jobs, and then the newly combined would be helpful. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** It's just a follow on that last question. So, that means that until this budget is adopted, the person's currently sitting in the previous position at the previous salary?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I have to-, I'll have to check on that but I believe that was the case. But I'll check.

**Legislator Walter:** And doing no added work?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I can't speak to whether they're doing added work. I need to check to make sure that...

**Chairwoman Archer:** I believe she's already received the increases, is that correct? Financ-, thank you. She's already had the increase. So, that is not new to the budget. You've already given it to her.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Okay. I was not aware of that. But that's why I said I needed to check.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. So, can we get a confirmation in terms of... the question that I'd like to know then is if she's already received the increase, has she received it in this position that's been created, without the approval of the Legislature, without the Legislature's salary approval? I'm just trying to understand. Which I know, I'm hearing, Marc, that he doesn't know the answer. But I would like the answer and officially, of what exactly has happened.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Sure, I can...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Burt, can you confirm? Was she moved into the Financial Analyst in your Department where she was given the increase?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** She is in that Financial Analyst position.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Okay.



**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** And that is what that salary is in the Communications Specialist position.

**Legislator Archer:** And now she's in this budget, she's now being moved.... I'm sorry.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yes, correct, Lynn.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Go ahead.

**Chairwoman Walter:** I'm sorry. You just said she is moved to the Financial Analyst position and she is in the...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** So, this is where I was mistaken. She isn't the Communications Specialist at this point. That is being created through this budget. She was hired as the Finance, Financial Analyst when that position became vacant, and that salary had already been set by the Legislature last year. So, there was nothing that was done outside of Legislative approval, because the Legislature doesn't approve when we necessarily hire on one position to another, or do a, you know, an interdepartmental transfer.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** That is true. Is she qualified to be a Financial Analyst?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes. Meet the qualification? Oh, Sheree...

**Sheree Cross:** Yes. Yes, she does.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, so I'd like to see those qualifications, as well, in addition to the qualifications that you've written up for the new description.

**Chairwoman Archer:** It would be helpful to get the resume as well. Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah. I mean, if she's qualified to be the Financial Analyst, then why would you be switching her to the Communications person?

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** We had this discussion last year.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Right.

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** And I think Lynn brought this up. This is a matter of transparency. I think the Chair is well aware of these positions and trying to bring them in house here, and I think that's what we're trying to do. Creating a budget line, and a title that I think is transparent and honest, and putting a person, who's highly qualified, and more than qualified, into that role.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** I have a question with the pronouns of that role, because is she highly qualified to be a Financial Analyst?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Yes.

**Legislator Walter:** Or is she highly qualified to be a Communications Specialist?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** Both.

**Legislator Walter:** Does she have degree in both Communications and Finance?

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** She's highly qualified for both positions.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And the onl-, and just for point of clarity, John. I, I agree the whole point here was to move people into the jobs and create clarity. That's why, as a Digital Media, and her role was basically positioning the County, the County Exec, in the media and leveraging all social media to do so. It made sense for her not to sit IS but to be moved into his budget. This change to the Financial Analyst, and the transfer there, to get the increase and then now move that, to me, that's the part that I think we're all struggling with. Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** And it's also wonky, because you're, basically, sort of subversively creating... making the Communications Position, a 70,000 dollar position, when it wasn't, by taking that same person and just changing their title. If that position is not, if that positions a 50,000 dollar position, I would want to understand why it should be raised other than the fact that you're taking somebody and moving them.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** We're adding duties to the original.

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah, but you said that she's already been doing those duties as a Financial Analyst. She's already in that position.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Sure. Some of the... yes. Some of the duties.

**Legislator Archer:** Legislator Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris:** So, Marc, you said before that this is the same type of position like we have with Amber and Natalie, correct?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** The Financial Analyst position is similar to that. Yeah.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Correct. So, this person has, is also a CPA, as well?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Are both of your financial analysts CPAs?

**Legislator Gavaris:** I'm not sure.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** No, they're not but,

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** She meets, she meets...

**Chairwoman Archer:** but they have had years of experience as, in a financial management role in previous jobs before they came here. And one is a CPA. So, it was not just... if I may, they do have financial background.

**Legislator Gavaris:** But also, doesn't Natalie have her MBA in finance? In accounting. I believe, which is equivalent, essentially, to a CPA.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Correct.

**Legislator Gavaris:** It's not much difference between the two.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I'm not sure CPAs would agree, but at the same time, she meets the qualifications of the position.

**Legislator Gavaris:** I agree with Legislator Bartels, that I would love to see the job description. I think that's what would be helpful here. So...

**Legislator Walter:** And the resume.

**Legislator Gavaris:** And, and yeah.

**Legislator Walter:** Your mute, Lynn. Your mute.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. Thank you. Appreciate the exchange here. I know, it's just, it's adding clarity and that's helpful, so thank you for that. Anybody have anything else they-, any other questions? As we said earlier, for those that are still on that were part of our call, and the Deputies could convey this, as we get deeper into the budget and start to look at more the detail, I'm sure we're going to have follow ups and we'll be asking people back to get clarification on things. So, but thank you so much for your time today. I do appreciate that.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Thanks, Lynn.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thanks. Okay, I, we're going to be moving into resolutions at this juncture. We're a little ahead of schedule, but that's a good thing. We have a laundry list here today. Anybody have anything before we start?

**Deputy Executive County Milgrim:** Can I, if I may, Chair.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Sure.

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** The resolution regarding the Public Defender.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh, correct. Yes. Thank you, John.

**Deputy Executive Milgrim:** The request for her to come on was for five o'clock. I asked her to be on at 4:45. She's not on yet. So, if that can be adjusted?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes. So, when she comes on, we will stop with the, with the resolutions and move on to the next. How's that? Thank you for the reminder. Okay, why don't we get into resolutions, then? Resolution 299 - Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses. May I have a motion?

**Legislator Haynes:** I'll make the motion.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second. Discussion? Yes, Burt.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Lynn, I just, I know on this agenda there is the use of the Contingency Fund. This committee asked to have as part of the agenda this month. I would suggest you delay this resolution until that's taken care of.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh, right, Resolution No. 334.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** And, and depending on that resolution, this may need to be amended, which I could provide the amendments for next week. So, that's just my recommendation to the committee.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Why don't we go ahead and just postpone 299 until next week?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'd actually like to ask a question about it first...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Sure.

**Legislator Bartels:** ... before we postpone. So, and I, I really... I guess it's a question for the Commissioner, but also a question, and it relates to the other resolution, which I'm trying, I'm still trying to come to terms with the, you know, the discussion that I brought up before regarding the formula and going through each line, I know, we have a difference of opinion on that, Burt. But more than that, even as I look... and when we talk about all available funds, and I know that this resolution is in response to, mine, among others', concerns about drawing down all available funds, as it says in, in the general municipal laws that relates to these type types of tax stabilization funds. But for example, in this month, you know, you in our, in our report from you, we see in the 1620 line, you are moving funds to cover shortages, unrelated this right now. And if I look at the year-to-date, just within the Emergency budget, there are lines that... lines for Professional Services lines, for Supplies, where the year-to-date transactions are significantly under spending. Like there are lines where we're way above spending and there are lines where we're overspending. So, my question is, why haven't you moved monies within that budget to the extent that you could up until this point?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** I've basically exhausted most of the spending in Emergency Management, where I've had to tap actually into their benefits to pay for these expenses in terms of the PPE equipment. I haven't touched their payroll, because I know there's no vacancies there.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** And, and Tracey, with that thought, though, I understand what you're saying. You know, in terms of this fund, and when it says to use, you know, every account or such, if that was the case, and I don't know the intent of this, this was the kind of Comptroller's, this is the Comptroller's legal fund. We basically have to use every dollar in the budget, before we use this kind of fund. If that was the case, if every dollar we used as an expense, this County would be in really bad shape, if that truly was the case. So, I don't think that's the intent of the... and again, I can't speak for in terms of the intent, but you know, with me asking the County Attorney about this endlessly, I'm comfortable saying what we're presenting here is, is accurate, and, you know, legal to use.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Legislator Archer:** So, Burt, last you and I spoke about it, one of the things that I, we had talked about was for you to lay out an example for us, that would help us to understand your point. Which if we, you know, the, the, the requirements of this tax stabilization as it relates to a, you know, using it for the, for taxes, is a much greater hurdle, than to be able to use it in emergency capacity for this. And you were going to lay out an example to help. And I still haven't seen it.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** And I was going to go down that road. But Lynn, the biggest thing with that, too, is it brings up the word "unknown." Because it wouldn't just be you increasing taxes. You'd have to increase taxes, if there was an unknown event, or an expense. Going forward, let's say in 2021, we know COVID now. So, any expenses going forward, you know, we should budget for in terms of 2021. We know there could be State Aid reductions coming. So, that unknown factor is the biggest use of this, of this fund. I mean, I can definitely calculate kind of something. But it wouldn't be based on like next year's budget, it would just be a lot of assumptions of something happening during the year where we have to increase taxes.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Well, and perhaps, and this goes to the Deputies, perhaps. One of the questions we still haven't answered was, do we need to approve this tax stabilization today? Or can it be approved in January as you're looking at what overall expenses you have and as you're getting ready to close the books and realize you need to draw this money down. Because we're... we're, you know, this is what we're struggling with. To draw this money down in this situation when we know that there's still money that the departments have put aside and not spent. We don't know what's committed. We see what's encumbered, but we don't know the exact, you know, financial condition to feel confident that this is our only resource... or our only recourse.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** But I, I think, Lynn, in terms of the use of this, there's not going to be many times where we have, let's hope so, that there would be the need to use this fund. And I think I mentioned this, this is that we have 2.6 million dollars, basically, of taxpayer money in this fund, which, unless an emergency or some event that nobody forecasts, we won't be able to use it. So, that's why I think this is the, the one time, that I know of, let's put it this way, hopefully, in our lifetime, that we are able to use it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** But the question then remains, and I, and I hear you. The question remains, do we do we need to do this now? Or can we get a better... our arms around what our exact position is.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** I mean, you definitely can wait till, you know, there's that 45-day window, where this has to kind of sit for public comment and such. If you do it in January, I do close the books the end of February. So, it's kind of pushing that 45-day period, to the max. I will say, you know, my estimate for fund balance, we're dangerously close to that 5% without using this fund. It's...it's, that's where we would be. Again, I don't know of any other time we would be able to use this. Let's hope we don't have another time where we'd have to use it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Can ask a question, Burt? Is there any impact to us if by using this fund, such as our bond rating?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** There isn't, I will say they're always monitoring fund balance as a whole. So, you know, we do project a deficit this year, we had one last year. The bond rating agencies look at that. They kind of look at the total fund balance as a whole. You know, I hate to speak for kind of the rating agencies. They'd rather see you increase taxes, instead of using your fund balance. That's just the rating agencies and how they work. But, you know, they are happy that we've reduced our budget and went to the Departments to reduce. We were kind of proactive with that. But in terms of the rating agencies, they'll look at the total fund balance, and this tax stabilization reserve is part of that fund balance.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, we also, we also... I'm sorry, John

**Legislator Gavaris:** I just want to follow up on that.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes. Pease. Go ahead. Go ahead.

**Legislator Gavaris:** So, is there a way to get a determination from them, if we use this fund, and it dips it to whatever the new level will be, what that will do to our borrowing capacity and rates?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** I mean, I, I will say we just had a rating done in for our refunding bond in end of August. They held us stable. And a lot of it is economic factors. It's not just one thing. So, you know, they are mindful of the situation with all counties. I will say the bond market, the rates, even if you have a poor rating, I think ours is very good. If you had a poor rate, you're still, your interest rates are pretty reasonable right now. It's the future that I'm kind of worried about. If we don't use this, our fund balance may be depleted. I've, I've mentioned this before, we only can cut as much as we can cut. Additional revenues would definitely help too and I know there's some discussion on those too. That's just my thoughts.

**Chairwoman Archer:** One of the adv..., one of the points of interest... or, one of a point of advice from our budget consultants was the concern, which the rating agencies will have as well, and that is drawing down our reserves, our cash funds, and all of that. So, you know, their recommendation is that may not be ready...

**Legislator Bartels:** Hi Judy, I'm in my meeting.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** But that's the fund...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Tracey, you're not on mute.

**Legislator Bartels:** Sorry.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** I'm sorry. That's our fund balance as a whole, which encompasses all our reserves. So, like I said, we had a deficit last year. I'm projecting a deficit this year primarily due to, to sales tax. You know, thankfully, we've built it up so much where we still will be left.... you know, we're dangerously close to that 5% minimum, but we still have, you know, we're still above it, which is a good thing.

**Legislator Archer:** Well.... Legislator Cahill.

**Chairman Cahill:** Thank you. I appreciate letting me ask a question during your committee meeting. I just have a real quick question. I see that the County Comptroller is on board here in the meeting, and I'm wondering, what does the County Comptroller and the State Comptroller think about this action, as it pertains to not spending down, you know, the, the money that we do have available, prior to exercising, which I consider a last ditch effort, right, to keep the budget whole.

**Comptroller Gallagher:** So, we did ask for an opinion from the State Comptroller's Office about spending all other available funds, and when they saw that the County Attorney had issued an opinion, they just declined issuing a further opinion. But I have to say, just logically speaking, what the Finance Commissioner is saying, which is that, if that was held true to kind of the letter of the law, you would have to spend every single reserve fund, including all of your fund balance, and that is not logical. There is no way that is the goal of the tax Stabilization Fund. I would say the one thing that would satisfy my team here, which is not in the current resolution, is that there was state law changes allowing access to these funds that require a five-year repayment plan. It could have a simple sentence added that said, that says is our goal to repay this phone within five years? I think, and my team here after having written on the Tax Stabilization Fund, you know, last year, feel that that would be a way to go that would protect our bond rating. But we agree, having to spend all of your unassigned fund balance, in order to access this fund, doesn't go to the Legislative purpose of allowing Counties to use these funds and we are encountering unexpected expenditures right now, and a loss of revenues. Of course, this is predicated on the expenditure side, right, not the revenue side. So, that's what I would say. I mean, from where I sit, I would like to see a goal to repay this fund within five years, I think we're going to have the revenues to do it. I think we're going to bounce back from COVID and be able to do it and I think we just don't know what the future would be. So, I hope that answers your question. But the state comptroller's office was asked. I looked for other places where tax stabilization funds have been tapped. There are very few instances in New York where that has been done and we agree that having to exhaust everything just does not make logical sense. I hope that's helpful.

**Legislator Cahill:** Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah. I mean, I struggle with it. I mean, I hear, I hear you both, the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Finance, in terms of logical sense. But I but I'm not so sure. Because the reality is, you know, these were created as a Tax Stabilization Fund, its prime intent was to offset an increase to taxes, which would happen only after expanding all those kinds of funds you're talking about. It would happen at the point that you were in dire straits in terms of basically busting the, the tax cap. So, and I'm concerned, because we do not do multi-year budgeting, and because I'm not so optimistic that we're going to bounce back in the next couple of years, and we're going to be in great shape, and there's going to be revenues to offset this and pay it back. I'm worried that next year is going to be worse than this year, and I'm worried about spending this fund now if we don't absolutely have to. And right now, we're looking at a proposed budget that does not raise the taxes at all, which is great. I'm not yet convinced that there aren't places to further cut in that budget. We ha-, we the Legislature have not gone through that process yet. We haven't put in our budgetary amendments we haven't... we are just going through listening to departments. So, for me, it's premature to say we're at the very, very bottom of this barrel and we have to start spending this down, or, or else. I mean, I want to see where we end up through this budget cycle because as I said, again, I tend to be a Pollyanna-type person, but I am not so optimistic about the coming years, and if we were doing multi-year budgeting, we might have a projection on it. But we don't so I'm, I'm not feeling confident yet in spending this money.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Sorry. March, I don't know if I heard you wrong, but you said that when you were looking at other counties, you hadn't seen that they weren't doing this yet.

**Comptroller Gallagher:** Correct.

**Legislator Walter:** So, I guess that's kind of interesting to me because we're all in New York and we're all in the same boat. And so, why would these other counties not be doing it yet? What are, what do they know that we don't know? So, I had, that that sentence alone kind of leaves me kind of wondering.

**Comptroller Gallagher:** I, I can't speak to every other counties 2021 budget, okay, they haven't been adopted yet. I was able to find that the city of White Plains has accessed their Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of offsetting, you know, a potential bust through the tax cap, like we were just identifying. But I can't speak to every other county. I'm saying I haven't seen widespread use in the past, of these types of funds in New York State. New York State was a late adopter of this kind of fund nationally. So, I think that's why you have... and we've been, you know, in a relatively healthy economy. I just want to go back and say, Legislature, Legislator Bartels, when I say I think we will bounce back, I am talking about within five years to be able to repay the fund. I agree with you, I think the 22 budget is going to be much harder than the 21 budget.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Burt. Burt, did you...?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** No, I, I want to just to add to the Controller, I don't think many counties have such a fund. We have to remember we, we created this for a whole other reason, and I'm not going to go into kind of that. But this was established for additional monies we received that were unexpected. So, not many counties have created this fund. So, I just want to make that point.



**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All right. Do we want to... does someone want to make a motion to postpone?

**Legislator Gavaris:** I'll make the motion.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second the motion, Bartels.

**Chairwoman Archer** 1:36:44

Okay. All in favor of postponement? All in favor of the motion to postpone? All in favor of postponement. Aye. Legislator Ronk, I see that you're there and driving. Please be careful. I didn't catch where you stood on this. We can't hear you. I'm sorry. You're breaking up. We can't hear you. For postponement?

**Legislator Ronk:** I'm opposed to postponing.

**Chairwoman Archer:** You're opposed to postponement. Okay. Postpone passed though I think.

**Legislator Ronk:** How about now?

**Legislator Archer:** Oh, much better. Thank you.

**Legislator Ronk:** Yeah.

**Legislator Bartels:** Do you want to clarify for Legislator Ronk that the postponement was requested by the Commissioner of Finance to amend for the other Resolution?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes. Sorry.

**Legislator Bartels:** But he's frozen again. I don't know if he heard that.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All right. But I think we've, we've got the votes to postpone. So, all right, let's move on to the next resolution to 325: Establishing And Reporting The Standard Workday For Elected And Appointed Officials. Someone want to make a motion?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll move.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** All in favor.

**Deputy Sheriff, Capitan Vincent Altieri:** Yeah, that's fine.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, opposed? So moved. Resolution 327 Confirming the Appointment is, is, John?, Is...

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** She's not on quite yet.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, so, why...

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** I'm sorry she is on.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, there you are. Welcome.

**Ruth Boyer:** Thank you. Good afternoon.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Good afternoon. We wanted the opportunity to meet you. We, some of us, were not able to go to the Law Enforcement meeting, so, if you'd like to take a couple of minutes to introduce yourself and your background, we'd love to get to know you.

**Ruth Boyer:** I just have a short-prepared statement. Thank you very much, Chairwoman Archer and the committee members. I appreciate the time that you have set aside to discuss my nomination for the Ulster County Public Defender. I know you have very busy agenda today. I'm excited to have been nominated by Executive Ryan and honored to be considered for confirmation by the Legislature. I'm excited because I'm confident that my extensive experience as a trial attorney, primarily in the areas of criminal law and family law, as well as my experience managing a staff, make me uniquely qualified to successfully lead the Ulster County Public Defender's Office at this time. We are in unchartered and challenging times which have fostered overdue public discourse about criminal justice reform in the important areas of law governing bail and the discovery process. I am confident that my experience and skills, along with those of the entire dedicated Public Defender staff, will provide the highest level of legal representation to our clients, resulting in an atmosphere of increased community confi-, confidence, and trust in the Ulster County Public Defender's Office. Thank you very much.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. Anybody have any questions for Ms. Boyer? No. Okay. Then let's move on to Confirming The Appointment of Ruth Boyer as Director of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office. I'll take a motion.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Chairman Donaldson:** Second it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, all in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Confirmed unanimously. Thank you. Resolution passes. Resolution 328, approving the DBH....

**Chairman Donaldson:** Not confirmed. She's not confirmed. It's just moving it to the Legislature.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Moving into the body for a full vote of the Legislature. Thank you for the clarification Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Boyer. Okay, Resolution 328: Approving the Deviation by the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Relating to the Terms and Conditions of a Pilot to be Entered into with the IDA and Kingstonian Development LLC.

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

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, move by Chairman Donaldson, second by Legislator Ronk. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** It's my understanding that an independent financial analysis of the assumptions contained in a proposal is currently underway. I don't know the status of how far along it is right now but I'd like to make a motion that we postpone this for the week in the hopes of getting that analysis prior to the next vote.

**Legislator Archer:** Chairman Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson:** The problem with the postponement is that we could have the analysis by the IDA and this other outside analysis should be done, you know, by the end of the week. The problem with the postponement is that... Let me turn my phone on. I'm sorry, I just got back from the meeting. Forgive me for that. Anyway, the problem with postponing it is that we have a, you know, our rules for our remote meeting is that those people that wish to speak can only speak on the agenda items, and it's going to be kind of confusing, when in fact, we know what the numbers are and once the independent analysis comes in, I mean, if we don't like that, we can certainly vote no, you know, by the body

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** First of all, I'd ask for a second on my motion to postpone just so we...

**Legislator Archer:** Second.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, thank you. I'm, I'm sor-, with all due respect, I don't, I don't understand the Chair's comments. I, I do not feel prepared to vote on something without that independent analysis. And we're talking about postponing it one week to our next Ways and Means meeting. So, which I listened to the Economic Development meeting, which they talked about moving it to Ways and Means, because there was going to be an analysis that Ways and Means will be able to look at. Now we're being told, well just vote without the analysis and then you could vote no. I'm, I would, respectfully, like us to wait to see that analysis.

**Chairwoman Archer:** My understanding is that the analysis should be coming by the end of this week, which would give us sufficient time to review everything for a vote next Tuesday. And so, until we have the analysis, I would confir-, I would reinforce that we should be looking at all the numbers and we should ensure that we are comfortable, and we've had a disinterested third-party doing the evaluation, because at the end of the day, it's what's in the best interest of not just the City of Kingston, Ulster County, but in the best interest of our taxpayers. And I think we owe it to them

to be cautious and to review what is being done by an independent third-party before we move forward. Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** I just, I, I agree with all of that, and I have a feeling that, you know, people who want to comment will want to look at that analysis as well.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Ronk

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks, I tend to agree with Legislator, Donaldson. You know, I, I don't, I don't agree to the post-, I don't agree with the postponement. I think that, you know, we should move this to the floor. And then if the, you know, if the analysis comes back, and folks are not satisfied with it, then they can vote no on the floor, or they can postpone, or refer back to committee on the floor. I just, you know, we, we tend to, we tend to take our first meeting of Ways and Means and postpone a bunch of stuff until next week, I feel like every month. I just, I actually, you know, while, while respecting the fact that the developer's doing the independent analysis, I was ready to vote, you know, positively on the project prior to the independent analysis in the first place. So, I'll be a no on the postponement and then if the postponement fails, I'll be voting yes this evening.

**Legislator Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I just want to clarify. I think Legislator Ronk just said that the developers are doing the independent analysis, which it wouldn't be independent if the developer were doing it, we've seen the developer's numbers.

**Legislator Ronk:** Is the developer paying for it, Legislator Bartels. I think you know what I meant.

**Legislator Bartels:** I don't believe that a developer's paying for it.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Right.

**Legislator Ronk:** Who is paying for it?

**Chairman Donaldson:** The developer is not paying for it.

**Legislator Ronk:** Is the IDA paying for it?

**Legislator Bartels:** I don't believe that IDA is paying for it either.

**Chairman Donaldson:** No, at this point the County is doing, is paying for it and they're going to try to recoup the money either from the developer or the IDA.

**Legislator Ronk:** So the developer's paying for it then.

**Legislator Haynes:** Is this with money...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay that's not being, what...

**Chairman Donaldson:** They might pay for it financially, but they're not paying for it directly.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, excuse me one, one person, please. Legislator Haynes, did you have a comment?

**Legislator Haynes:** No, I would like somebody to please clarify where the monies for the independent study are coming from. Is this money that's been held in escrow from the developer, and then it's going to be recouped through that money? Or where, where's the money for the study coming from?

**Chairwoman Archer:** My understanding is... oh, John, would you like to respond? Thank you.

**Deputy County Executive Milgrim:** Just to clarify. The money, it came from Professional Services in Economic Development. It's paid for by the County, in part to be an independent study and obviously, once it's done, it's between 10 and 15, I forget the actual figure, once it's done. And as this moves forward, ideally, the County would be able to recoup some of it. But right now, it is County project is County contract. We're in charge of the process. The County.

**Legislator Archer:** Legislator Cahill.

**Legislator Cahill:** Thank you, Legislator Archer. I just want to clarify that when we voted on this in our committee, it was our intention to make sure that this information was before this committee prior to a vote being taken on this Resolution. So, I, I just want to reiterate that, you know, I believe postponing this is the right decision. We will have this prior to the legislative session, each Legislator will have an opportunity to weigh in on it at least one more time in caucus, and then again in session. And this committee will have three opportunities, or they'll have the next committee meeting, caucus, and session. And hopefully, we'll have that information before us at that time. And that is the reason why I postponed it, or I voted it forward. I requested that we vote it forward, out of our committee, because I knew that there would be opportunities ahead for this committee to do exactly what you're doing today. If you don't have it in front of you, then request a postponement until you do. And thank you for letting me speak for a minute.

**Legislator Archer:** On the postop-, Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I just, I just want to thank Legislator Cahill for that clarification, because that was my understanding. Attending that meeting, that was my understanding of why it was being moved to Ways and Means. So, thank you for clarifying.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, on the postponement. All in favor? So, we have Donaldson, Walter, Bartels, Gavaris, Archer. Opposed? Maio, Haynes, and Ronk. Motion to postpone is approved.

**Legislator Gavaris:** Can I ask a question?

**Chairman Donaldson:** Make it clear that I voted for the postponement because Legislator Cahill requested it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Who had a question? I'm sorry.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Because he is the Chairman of Economic Development and I felt that is where it should be coming from.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Resolution 329 Establishing...

**Legislator Gavaris:** Chairwoman Archer. I have a question. I was trying to get in there to ask a question.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh, I'm sorry.

**Legislator Gavaris:** I know we have our meeting on Tuesday. Is there a way to set a special meeting for this on Monday just for this whole topic?

**Chairwoman Archer:** I guess we're going to have to find out when we can expect the report and a... how about if... I don't know, if I don't think it gives us enough time to set a special meeting. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I think you also have the conflict of Laws and Rules, which has the agenda and then Democratic Caucus, both are scheduled on Monday already, to my knowledge.

**Chairwoman Archer:** But we may, Jo-,... we'll see if we can give ourselves more time. I'm not sure what the calendar looks like that day, but we'll, we'll see what we can do. Okay, Resolution 329: Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2021 Levy.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second it, Bartels.

**Legislator Archer:** Bartels. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Resolution moves. Resolution 330: Amending the 2020 Ulster County Budget to Reflect a Public Health Preparedness Funding for COVID. This is COVID-19 enhanced detection grant and creating positions for the Health Department. These are the two nurses along with a supervisor nurse...

**Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** ...annualized, 289,447. Move?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second, Bartels. Moved by Donaldson.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All in favor?

**Legislator Walter:** I have a question.

**Legislator Archer:** Yes, please. Legislator Walters.

**Legislator Walter:** Thanks. So Marc, just a confirmation, because originally the idea was as soon as this went through, we would reduce on our contract nurses. Is that still true and what kind of reduction are we doing with that?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, I mean, as soon as, as soon as we hire these staff members, which we are, we're going to advertise the positions prior to next Tuesday, because if this doesn't pass, we just won't hire. But we're going to start gathering resumes and applications prior to that. So, this week, that'll go out and I would guess, by the end of this month, to middle of November, we get these folks hired. Once they're fully trained, we'll, we'll back off of the contract nurses. And unless there is an increase in, in COVID positive cases, which would mean, you know, more case investigations, etc., then we would, you know, either fully reduce the contract nurses that we're using, or at least probably only use, you know, one or two.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Do you know, how much you're going to, you're planning right now, given our current position, of reducing the contract nurses.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I think we... most days are down to three a day, and two on the weekends. So, we would definitely reduce, you know, it would be a one for one, as far as the three during the week. These are three additional staff. So, at most, we would use the two on the weekend, but I think we would just offset those with regular public health nurses. So, I mean, I don't think we would cancel the contract, but we would probably, you know, reduce those contract nurses down to either zero or, or at the most two individuals for two shifts a week. So, it'd be four shifts, as opposed to right now, it, it's about 34 shifts.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Okay, all in favor of the resolution? Opposed? So moved. Resolution 331. Amending the 2020 Ulster County Budget to Accept Supplemental Immunization Action Plan Funding from New York State Department of Health for flu activities. It's about 39,000 in funding.

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

**Chairman Donaldson:** Second it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? So, moved.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Resolution 332, Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute a Contract With New York State Department of Health to Continue the Child, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program. It's about \$144,500. To us from the State Department of Health.

**Legislator Gavaris:** I'll make the motion.

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

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Gavaris, second. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? So moved. Resolution 333: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Education Department's Adult Career And Continuing Ed Services-Vocational Rehab And Employment And Training For Reimbursement Through The Work-Try-Out Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2020 And Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget for about 81 hundred dollars. Moved?

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Someone... someone put on mute, please. Thank you. Resolution 334: Amending the 2020 Budget for COVID-19-Related Expenses, Emergency Management. This is the Resolution where we're using the contingency fund to move into the..., to cover some of the loss in the Emergency Management.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Gavaris:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any questions? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, as I stated earlier, you know, I, I'm struggling with the Tax Stabilization Fund, but my question for the Commissioner of Finances is, and I mean, I don't know where the body would come out on the Tax Stabilization Fund, but if, if we did not utilize the Tax Stabilization Fund at this time, would you still make this move just as you've done here?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, I, I, I do think Emergency Management does need money to replenish in his budget. So, I think this Resolution is needed. And I understand why you had requested it, Tracey. So, you know, Emergency Management's been tapped for the PPE equipment as well as the contract nursing, none of which was budgeted for, and having this Resolution at least helps when it comes to the budget for 9-1-1.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, I just wanted to make sure that one wasn't contingent on the other.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Nope. No, I hear you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Walter. Did you have a question?

**Legislator Walter:** No, just to state that in Law Enforcement/Public Safety, we felt comfortable with the explanation about this change.



**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Resolution 331....

**Legislator Bartels:** You have one opposed though. You saw that you have one opposed?

**Chairwoman Archer:** No, I did not.

**Legislator Bartels:** I believe Legislator Ronk raised his hand.

**Legislator Ronk:** Ronk is opposed.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. I'm sorry. I didn't see your hand.

**Legislator Ronk:** It's all for the same reason as I was against the postponement of the Tax Stabilization resolution. I'm opposed to this. I think that we should have just used the Tax Stabilization last month.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Resolution 335, 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 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program for about 72,000 funding.

**Chairman Donaldson:** I'll Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Okay. Resolution 337, Approving Ulster County's 2021 Stop DWI Program, Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to...

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** All in favor?

**Legislator Bartels:** May I please speak to this for a second?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Please.

**Legislator Bartels:** Every time this comes up, I raise this issue and there's never any change. I just, I want to be on the record again, as raising a concern that there's no funding for rehabilitation in our plan, and always leave rehabilitation out. And that's one of the, you know, it's one of the stated directives in the, in the State. Now obviously, this gets approved every year without rehabilitation, but I just think it's an oversight on our part.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. All in favor. Opposed? So moved. Resolution 337, or 388: Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Child Passenger Safety Program.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** All in favor? Okay, Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** I just, on, on this one, I want to say, and I don't know, I will reach out, I think it comes through the Sheriff's Office maybe? Or I think we need to do better outreach about this service. I mean, it really is a critical service. I remember when I had a newborn, and I felt very confused about how to, when I had to change seats, I felt very confused about how to put seats, a seat in and overwhelmed. And because I knew a local law enforcement officer, I just called him, and he helped me. And once you figure it out, you figure it out, but I feel like in those early days and stages, I didn't know that this existed. So, I'm hoping that we'll find a way to reach out more broadly on this.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk:** Thanks. I just want to make... Yep. I just want to make folks aware, and including Legislator Bartels, that two of our deputies who take part in this program, predominantly our Deputy Tom Briggs, who is the gentleman who when we're meeting in person is protecting us up on the sixth floor during our meetings, and Deputy Deb Cusack, who retired several years ago and came back part time. And one of the things that they do is they go to the People's Place one or two days a week, when of course it's safe to do so, you know, when there's not a pandemic going on, and offer the service there. There's a, there's a lot of places where this happens, and we might not necessarily trickle down to us, but they are out in the community. You know, especially certain portions of the community that would need this service, doing it. So, I just I didn't know if folks knew that was going on. So, I want to bring that up.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. All in favor of the resolution?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? So moved. Resolution 348: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For 23,474.50, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00. This is for Assetworks LLC for Information Services. This is funding for the AVL fleet management software.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer :** Second? Any questions? Legislator Walter seconded. Any questions? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Isn't this accepting a grant for traffic safety related to seatbelts?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I think you jumped to 348, Legislator Archer.

**Chairwoman Archer:** I did.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** You were on 338, so I think, 340...

**Legislator Bartels:** 339.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Or 339?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh, 338. I'm sorry, my pages got missed. Thank you. 339. We'll try it again. Resolution 339: Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to Accept A Governor's Transit Safety Committee Grant.

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

**Legislator Walter:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any questions? Comments? Okay, all in favor? Opposed? So moved. Thank you. Resolution 340: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature Execute An Intermunicipal Shared Services Agreement With Town Of Gardiner For Maintenance Of County Roads.

**Chairman Donaldson:** I Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any questions? All in favor? So moved. Any opposed? Okay, so moved. Okay, Resolution 341: Establishing Capital Project No. 575 – Purchase Of Seraphin Volumetric Calibration Trailer, Department Of Public Works.

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

**Chairman Donaldson:** Second it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any questions? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, this is a totally naive question, but I couldn't find it. What is a Seraphin Volumetric Calibration Trailer? And in the in the backup for the replacement plan, there's there wasn't Seraphin Volumetric Calibration Trailer listed on the capital plan or anything 40,000 dollars there, so, I'm just confused what this is.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Burt.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** This was part of the Capital Program under kind of highway equipment. And it really not even highway. For the sealer of weights and measures. It's a trailer and kind of calibration trailer they use and I believe the one that the Director of Weights and Measures use now is dated 1953 and I believe it's leaking, and it needs desperate replacements so that's why this is a capital project that we couldn't wait until next year.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, Legislator, Bartels

**Legislator Bartels:** Burt, did you see the backup? Is it listed on one of those? I mean, I'm going to support it either way, but is it listed on that? There was backup provided with a capital replacement plan, but nothing said Seraphin Volumetric Calibrator.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Give me one second, Tracey. I'm looking at it now.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. What is it? What exactly does it do? Do you know?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** It's for the gas that they have to measure and test each time. You've probably seen it down the road when they when they take you to the gas stations and such.

**Legislator Bartels:** Oh, okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I think it was in the 20-25 plan. Not that..., I mean, I'm sure it was in the 21-26 plan too, but I think it was in the last year's capital program.

**Legislator Bartels:** But that's what I'm saying. That was what was in the backup, but I didn't see it, like that-, what was provided as backup, I didn't see it in there. But that's fine.

**Chairwoman Archer:** It was a piece of equipment, right?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Tracey? Tracey, I can send you a picture of what the trailer looks like I have that in...

**Legislator Bartels:** That's there. The picture is there.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah. I can send it right after this meeting so you can get an idea of what it looks like.

**Legislator Bartels:** No, the pic, the pictures in there. Just there's no corresponding... what's provided as backup in the Capital doesn't correspond to this by name or number.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yeah, the list did not include this piece of equipment.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, this was going, right, this was kind of added mid-year as part of Highway Equipment capital project, and we just never did it for this year.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Resolution 344: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For 210,000.00 Entered Into By The County, Robert Relph Agency, Inc., doing business as Relph Benefit Advisors. Move?

**Legislator Bartels:** Move it.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? Chairman Donaldson. Someone's..., I don't, I don't know where that extra noise is coming from. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Are we going to go out-, are we going to go out to bid on this? I didn't see an option to extend in the contract. So, I don't know if that was something that was just internally negotiated. I was just curious if this is something we're going plan to... I'm going to have this question for a bunch of them... but if we're going to plan to go out to bid or are we just...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** It was in the original RFP that there would be an original three-year term with, I think, two one-year options. Sheree's not on here anymore, right?

**Chairwoman Archer:** I don't see her.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I believe in the RFP, because I was still down in Purchasing at that time that it was a originally a three-year term with additional options.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Any other questions? Okay, all in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Okay. So moved.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Oh, sorry. Can I...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes.

**Deputy County Executive:** One quick thing.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Please, Marc.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Because I want to, I want to... so, Article 2, in the original contract, it, it states under the term, that in accordance with the RFP, the County in its sole discretion, may with written notice extend the term of this agreement for two additional one year period. So, it was in the original contract as well as in the RFP.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, are we in the first of the one-year extensions, or the second?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** We're..., this is the first extension. There would be one more after this and then we would have to RFP.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. This has moved unanimously. Right. Resolution 345: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 At 7:10. Chairman Donaldson, did you get my note on this?

**Legislator Bartels:** Move it for discussion.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Excuse me?

**Legislator Bartels:** You want me to move it for discussion?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Move it for discussion, please.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? Yes. County Executive Ryan had reached out just minutes before we started our meeting today, and he apologized for not getting to us sooner, but he'd like to have a conversation about this at the, our next Legislative meeting before we move forward. So, I told him that I would speak you know, to the body, of with regard to postponing this till next week, until we've had a chance to speak to him.

**Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move to postpone it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay.

**Legislator Ronk:** Second.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay. All in favor for postponement? Okay, great. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Resolution 346: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For 75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Soldier On, Inc. – Veterans Services

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

**Chairman Donaldson:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, is this something new? Were we contracting out this service before? Have we always been contracting it out?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes. This is the organization that's run the Patriot's Project since its inception.

**Legislator Bartels:** Inception. Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** There was a question by Legislator Criswell, and he's not on this call, but he had asked why somewhere in the contract is specifically states that it's male veterans. And so, these services are offered to female veterans, just not at this facility. If, if there's a homeless female veteran, we will provide housing and, and these transitional services elsewhere. The Veteran Services Agency and Soldier On just feel that it's not a conducive environment for services to all in this in this, in this house.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Right. Okay. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? So moved. Resolution 347: Approving The Execution Of A Contracts For 108,900.00 Entered Into By The County for Kingston Worx, A Division Of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Office For The Aging. Move?

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? Second?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, there's a highlighted language in there that, that points out that in dispute, whichever party prevails, the other party would be liable for attorney's fees, and all that. Is it highlighted because that's something that's not standard in our contracts, and if so, why is that in this contract?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Which section are you in?

**Legislator Bartels:** I don't have it in front of me. I just made a note of it. It's highlighted bright yellow. And it basically says that

**Legislator Walter:** Article 31.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, it says that they'll be responsible for attorney's fees and all costs associated. I just have not seen that in our contracts before. And it was, I was also helped by the fact that was highlighted because it just brought my attention to quickly.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Do you have the page. Legislator Walter

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, sorry. I'm actually just looking in the, the previous contract under Article 31.

**Legislator Bartels:** It's page 11.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** ...as well.

**Legislator Bartels:** In disputes.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** So in, in Article 31, in the previous contract for disputes, it says in the event of a dispute arising from this agreement, the firm shall be liable to the County for reasonable attorney's fees. And you're saying the language in this contract says what?

**Legislator Bartels:** It says that the party that is unsuccessful after a trial has been concluded shall be liable to the successful party for the reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expenses, and disbursements incurred by the successful party in enforcing its legal and or equitable rights.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, so I think it's highlighted because it's different than our template language and was negotiated by contract management. You know, we have standard template language that we try to use in most contracts, but depending upon the party, you know, not all parties will agree with identical language. So, this was negotiated with the County Attorney's office. So, instead of them just automatically paying us attorney fees, if we're not successful, we would pay their attorney's fees, as well.

**Legislator Bartels:** And I'm assuming obviously County Attorney's Office is comfortable with this because it's gone through county Contract Management.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yes.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, all in favor of the Resolution. Opposed? So moved. Resolution 348: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For 23,474 dollars and 50 cents, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into The County – Assetworks LLC – Information Services. Move?

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? Chairman Donaldson. Legislator Bartels,

**Legislator Bartels:** So, this is another one where I'm, I'm just wondering if this is something that we're planning to go back out to bid for? Are we comfortable? Is this service still state of the art? You know, we first signed with them more than 10 years ago, I think. Again, I don't have the contract right in front of me.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah. So, this is the maintenance of that software system. We're probably getting at a point where we want to consider going back out to RFP. I know, IS and



Public Works have discussed this software. It still, it, it still meets our demands. You know, this is the software that we use for every basically spare part that goes into any of our fleet vehicles, it tracks how much we're spending on, on each vehicle. It allows the fleet manager to make the determination of value for, for, you know, whether we need to be replacing these cars or not, and the technology is up to date still at this point. This is just, frankly, maintenance of that software. So, when we do go out to RFP, if we chose a new system, we would be purchasing, you know, an entire new system and the cost would be quite a bit more, but it's something that we kind of look at each time we do one of these amendments, and at this point, we've determined that we should just extend it this year.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, any other questions? On the resolution? All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Resolution 349: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For 68,778 and 39 cents Entered Into By The County. This is Tyler Technologies, Inc.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? Second? Legislator Bartels. Any questions? Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Sorry. I'm just wondering, are we, are we any closer to getting this integrated into the rest of our financial system? Like, where are we at with that? Burt has his hand up, Lynn.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Sorry.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, Tracey, I'm trying to... I'm going to tackle the tax system first, which is in our program for 2021 and then I, I-, this is a priority, but I got to do one at a time in my office. It, it's something we're trying to get some quotes on from, from New World in terms of the payroll and personnel side of things and they did have bugs at first and I think those have been worked out so it's definitely something I'm going to pursue. Just a matter of, I got to get through the tax system first.

**Legislator Bartels:** Can I just ask a follow-on question here?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes, please.

**Legislator Bartels:** Have you been able, since this has been going for so long, and I assume they've worked out about a bunch of kinks. Have you been able to speak to other counties that have utilized to the integrated system?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah. I mean, Personnel, like I said, I think I mentioned before, the civil service side of this had a lot of work-arounds. Which they've, they've kind of fixed and it sounds like, you know, things are, what we'll be able to use and enhance kind of the positions and such, will be a lot better and beneficial. That's for sure. It would be nice to have it all in one system, and, and I, you know, I'm definitely in agreement. It's just a matter of, I'm trying to do the tax system first.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay, thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** I'm sorry. Can you just help understand, explain why, what the additional 68? Is it just an extension of it, because I have a feeling that we approved this a while ago. So, this is not an add-on to something we've already agreed on. It is its own extension of the whole full contract?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** This is this is for the payroll system. I think you had prior, you know, we have it for our financial system. Public Safety has it for their system.

**Legislator Walter:** Oh, so it must have been for another one. Okay.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Yeah, this is just for our payroll system.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And then at some point, they'll all be talking to each other, right?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** In terms of payroll and our finance system, yes, absolutely. Which would be beneficial for everybody.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And, and that, the features that it's offering on for the tax system and why you're pro-, focused on that one first?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Well, the tax system, the issue I have with that is right now it's homegrown. And in terms of taking it off of that mainframe which it's on, we'll save money, and, you know, providing the ability for folks to pay their taxes online will be beneficial and like, I said, getting us off of that homegrown system will be another benefit to the County, that's for sure.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Great, thank you. Okay. All in favor of this resolution, please? Okay. Opposed? So moved. Resolution 350: Approving the Execution of a Contract Amendment for 23,320 Causing the Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment to be in Excess of 50 Entered into by the County, New York Communications Company, Ulster County Sheriff.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second? Second? Legislator Walter. Any questions? All in favor? Opposed? Okay, motion carries. Resolution 351 Approving the Execution of Contract for 363,780 Entered into the County with New York Communications Company, Ulster County Sheriff.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Comprehensive Radio Equipment Lease. The chairman moved it. Second? Legislator Walter. Any questions? All in favor? Opposed? So moved. Resolution 352: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For 74,956 Entered Into By The County, PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc., Department of Health. Move?

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Walter, second. Question, Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, I just, and I don't need a ton of detail right now, but I'm just wondering how this came about. And how many people-, I see that it's an RFP. So, I'm wondering how many replied to the RFP and why the project just focuses on Kingston. Was that something that happened internally, or... I, I just don't know.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** So, I, I think that... was it August's or September's meeting? Ellenville Hospital came and spoke about their High-Risk Mitigation Team that basically focuses on all of Ulster County, minus Kingston and so, working kind of jointly with them, we put together this High-Risk, High-Risk Mitigation Program just for Kingston. I believe one of the members on the hospital was on, on the RFP committee, and we chose People Inc, to, to focus on Kingston, solely, and then Ellenville, off of a grant, is focusing on the rest of the county.

**Legislator Bartels:** And if I may ask that-, it references Ulster County's High-Risk Mitigation Team like, who? Who is our High-Risk Mitigation Team?

**Legislator Walter:** I could tell you.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Sure.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Walter.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I think that was part of the HEALing grant. So, I'll let you...

**Legislator Walter:** No, the High-Risk Mitigation Team was also... Ellenville Hospital got, got quite a bit of funding for several projects and this is one of them, is their High-Risk Mitigation Team. And so, there's, there's two elements. I'm not sure which one this falls in. One is keeping people within the system if they are identified, either in a hospital or law enforcement. There's a second element, which I'm not sure, is to investigate when there's a death. But Ellenville got extensive funding for both of those elements, and it's, it's not so much that Kingston wasn't a part of it, it was that HealthAlliance was not a part of it, and so, that by default kind of left Kingston out of it because HealthAlliance wasn't you know, partnering with the hospital when they originally put this in.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, is this currently Ellenville Hospital or is this something totally different with People Inc.?

**Legislator Walter:** It's expanding what Ellenville is doing. Sorry, Marc.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** There you go. Yup. It's just bringing what Ellenville is doing to the Kingston area, but, with County fund and we're working in partnership with Ellenville Hospital. But this is, you know, working with the, with Health and Mental Health Department, our team, and People Inc. and it's more the, the identifying people within the system. This piece is not investigating...

**Legislator Walter:** The deaths.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** The deaths.

**Legislator Bartels:** And People, Inc. responded, was one of the respondents to the RFP? Did we have multiple respondents?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, I think we had three respondents...

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I wasn't on the committee so I don't know who the other two were. But we had three responses.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Legislator Walter.

**Chairwoman Walter:** Oh, sorry. To relate that to what you said. So, is the Kingston part of it covered by the HEAL grant?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I believe that this...

**Legislator Bartels:** Says it's Federal.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** ...will be covered by the HEAL grant. Sorry, it says it's what?

**Legislator Bartels:** I thought it said Federal revenue 65 thousand.

**Chairwoman Archer:** 74,956. is the, is the...

**Legislator Walter:** ...Is appropriation dollars. Oh, 100% Federal.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Oh, it's 100% Federal.

**Legislator Walter:** So that money...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** But I, I still think that it's going through HEAL, so I'm not...

**Legislator Walter:** HEAL is Federal money.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Right. Sure.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, all in favor of Resolution 352? Opposed? So, moved. Resolution 353: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For 65,000 Entered Into By The County, Health Research, Inc., Department Of Health

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** I'll second it then.

**Legislator Archer:** Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, this one... this doesn't say how this was arrived at. Was this in RF..., I'm just a little confused because it looks different. Was this an RFP and that's how we got to Health Research, Inc. or...?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** No. Health Research, Inc. is funding us. This is the Federal...

**Legislator Bartels:** And that's our contracts with them?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** This is the Federal. This is where we get a lot of our Federal money is through Health Research, Inc.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, all in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? So moved.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, I'd like to take motion to a, a block Resolutions 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 59, 60, 61 through 375.

**Legislator Gavaris:** I'll...

**Chairman Donaldson:** I'll move that.

**Legislator Archer:** Okay, second? Okay. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** So, I, I feel like this is a little bit of deja vu all over again, but I mean, maybe it's not. And this is several years ago, now, when we started to see these resolutions creep up into the multi-million dollars and when I asked, you know, for backup on how much we actually spent on each contract, it became apparent that we didn't spend anywhere near what we were authorizing, and I had then extended conversation with then Deputy Executive Crannell, who, he finally conceded, somewhat of the fact, and amended the number, so, that we weren't authorizing many, many, many millions of dollars. Now, I don't know.... because I have yet to see, you know, if we're... if these are reasonable estimates of what we're really going to spend or if these are, we're back to just like giving giant numbers as a, a blanket authorization, which I do understand if we, if we go beyond it, you'd have to come back to us. But I just, I don't personally feel really comfortable authorizing radically more than we need. So, maybe Burt can answer whether or not and he... I just saw Burt's reaction... in each individual line, and I'm not asking you to go line by line, but this is over 27, 26-27 million of authorization. Is that... is that a reasonable number for what's being spent?

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** I mean, Tracey, one of the problems, and I understand what you're asking. The problem I have, these payments aren't done through our financial system.

**Legislator Bartels:** Right.

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** They're done through the State system, so I don't see this information when it comes to these vendors to provide it to you.

**Legislator Bartels:** But you must get it at some point. We must ultimately...

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** I don't see, I don't see the vendors. I just see the expenses come over as kind of a whole when we import the information from the State system.

**Legislator Bartels:** Then how do we..., how do we how do we create these numbers? We just...

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** This is all, all through DSS. So, I mean, I can definitely, you know, get some...

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, DSS may have the numbers, they know what actually has been spent, so...

**Commissioner of Finance Gulnick:** Correct.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** And these, these are the tranches that were discussed back in, in the past. So, you'll see that some of them are 250,000. Some are 400,000.

**Legislator Bartels:** Some of them are 3 million.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, some of them are 3 million, but those are our estimate. You know, some of the services are, are, a, you know, the facilities are bigger and have more vacancies and the services cost more, but I do think that these are estimates on what they're going to spend and not just numbers thrown against the wall.

**Legislator Bartels:** Can I, can I ask for the committee's... I, I mean, I'd like us to postpone at this one week, so that we could just confirm both with DSS that these numbers are real estimates, based on previous spending, and I'm totally open to, to some latitude there. I'm not asking that we keep it within a really crazy tight number. But, and also, if they maybe... we could have our own budget analysts look and see if these numbers coincide with the budget requests for these individual vendors over the previous years, as well. Because again, just right now, it feels to me like we're creeping back up, but maybe that's just sticker shock. Maybe this is, maybe to your point, Marc, these are the exact kind of tranches that they were in last time, and that's fine. And I'm certainly not looking to hold this up beyond next week. These are really important services, and I know that they're costly services. I don't... my intent is not for us not to provide funding for these services. I just would like to confirm that these numbers somehow work out with both our previous estimates and previous years on, on these vendors.

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, Marc, will you, can you have DSS provide us the actual for these various programs last year? And then we'll just do a quick see from prior resolutions. But it would be helpful, what was actually spent in each of these programs. Is that doable for next week?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, that should be fine.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. I'll make a motion to...

**Chairwoman Archer:** So, Legislator Bartels, are you postponing this block of resolutions until you get those numbers?

**Legislator Bartels:** Well I'd like to make a motion postpone it for one week, but again...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Second?

**Legislator Bartels:** ...I have no intention of holding it.

**Legislator Walter:** Do we have to vote on the block. Or did we do that?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yeah.

**Legislator Bartels:** We did that. I think. We didn't?

**Chairwoman Archer:** No. Okay. Thank you for that. Let's vote on the block. All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Okay. Now on the postponement of the block.

**Legislator Bartels:** I'd like to make a motion to postpone for one week.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And second?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** All in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Okay. So moved.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you. And thank you, Marc and Burt.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Thank you. Okay. I'd like to accept a motion to block resolutions 376, 377, and 378 for early intervention and preschool transportation.

**Chairman Donaldson:** Move for the block.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Second?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** On the block, all in favor?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Opposed? Okay. On the blocked resolutions, may I have a...

**Chairman Donaldson:** Move it.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Motion?

**Legislator Walter:** I'll second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Any questions? All in favor? Opposed? So, moved. Okay. We're now to new business and/or old business. The request to fund... Oh! We have that new process, the new policy for legislative appropriations for Non-County Organizations, and I was trying to determine, do you want to try and do a special meeting to review the agencies that have applied for consideration, or do we want to have it become integrated into our amendment process? I'm looking to the Committee to determine what's the next course of action. Do you want to have a special meeting to review? How many, how many companies have applied? Do you have that number?

**Legislative Financial Analyst Kelder:** I think it's about a dozen. I don't have the exact number.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. So, we could either.... Legislator Walter.

**Chairwoman Walter:** So, I'm sorry. So, these are... these would first be.... So, they, have they been seen by the other... have they been reviewed by the other committee?

**Chairwoman Archer:** No. The new, the new resolution means they come before us.

**Legislator Walter:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** They can, the other committees may have talked to them or encouraged them to apply, but...

**Legislator Walter:** But we're the only pathway.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yeah.

**Legislator Walter:** So, I guess, I mean, I know, I'm not exactly answering your question. But I, I, and I could volunteer to do this, or I don't know if Laura wants to. It'd be helpful if the new kind of guidelines we created, we convert into some kind of like check sheet so that we, you know, can



review them considering each of the elements that have that were asked to, you know, consider. That would just make it more efficient, perhaps.

**Legislator Archer:** Chairman Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson:** So, basically, this process now usurps the power of all the other committees, and they have no say anymore. Is that what it is?

**Chairwoman Archer:** Well, they, they can recommend to anyone. I mean, they can recommend anyone, but that's the resolution that was passed two months ago, I think. In August.

**Legislator Haynes:** I have a question Chairwoman.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes, Legislator Haynes.

**Legislator Haynes:** So does this, through the Chairwoman to Legislator Donaldson. Does this mean that this they no longer go from the Legislative Programs, like they normally used to, at all?

**Chairman Donaldson:** Apparently.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And it was voted on. It was taken to the floor and everyone voted on it. So...

**Legislator Haynes:** So, in between...

**Chairwoman Archer:** This was this was Legislator Ronk and Petit's resolution.

**Legislator Haynes:** In seeing how it used to play out through Legislative Programs, and I think Chairman Donaldson could speak to this, as well, I really think it's deserving of its own special meeting because it's going to be a lengthy undertaking. It's not, it's, it's quite a feat. That would be my...

**Chairwoman Archer:** And we have, we have 12, 12 separate organizations, 11 separate organizations that have come forward. And, you know, and anyone would be invited if they wanted to participate, any Legislator who is vested interest in an organization. Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter:** Yeah, so, I'll agree that a special meeting... I have to say, I somehow missed that that was in this resolution. I have no idea how, but I did not see that language and we never even talked about that, that it would never go in front of that committee. I'm just sort of just putting that out there.

**Chairman Donaldson:** I apparently missed that also, so don't feel bad.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And we did talk about it a couple of weeks ago.

**Chairman Donaldson:** I wouldn't have supported it. I don't I don't think it's healthy. I think the other Committees are the ones that should be dealing with this. They're the ones that specialize in that. This Committee should be about "do we have the money".

**Legislator Walter** 2:38:23

But I'll go back to my request. I don't know if Laura's on, but it would be helpful to have some kind of like checklist or some kind of thing that we can use to make sure that each of the elements that we voted on, that we're addressing, I don't know who.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Well, most of them ...

**Deputy Clerk of the Legislature – Finance Feaster:** We can put something together.

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

**Chairwoman Archer:** All right. So, we'll, we'll... Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, I was just going agree, after listening to the back forth that we should do this as a special separate meeting and it should be, be before the budget amendments so that both, so, that we have the opportunity to take it in, and then, if any of the programs, I don't know which ones have put in, if any of the programs are appropriate in terms of talking with individual County Departments, or, because I know that was some of the aim of this was eventually to get these things into, essentially, into the Executive's budget. So, we'd have the opportunity to bring in that conversation through the budget amendments, if we had the... if we had the special hearing, special meeting first, because we would be better informed.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And, and of course, we'll extend invitations to the other Committees if they would like to, you know, be a part and hear the proposals, so not meant to be exclusionary at all. Okay, so we'll go ahead and set something up and try to prepare a checklist for conversation to ensure that we've got, you know, we're following the procedures that were set up when that resolution passed. Anybody have anything else? Yes. Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, I know that the agenda didn't. I'm assuming it's next week with the approval of minutes. And then, you know, we had the various reports, but I have, I just have a question, a couple questions there. In the Legislature Report with the new hires, we have four new, full-time hires: two temporary, two permanent- in Highways, and I'm curious, are they filling positions that left as a result of the early retirement or these totally new hires?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** They're, well, so, they're not added positions. They're not necessarily replacing retirees from the retirement incentive. We've really have not filled many positions in that Department throughout the year. We had one individual pass away in a fire. We had another pass away at home of natural causes. We have a couple who have gone out, due to pretty bad car accidents. One was a fatality of another person. So, these are filling vacancies, but they're not necessarily filling vacancies from the retirement incentive.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay. All right. Thank you. And then my other question, I saw in the, in the other report I saw that there was 25,000 to Ashley Mechanical for Tech City. And I was wondering, this is the meeting where we're supposed to get, per Resolution and Policy, we're supposed to get the monthly update on the expenditures of Tech City. And I haven't seen it. I haven't seen a report, so...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** So, I sent it really late. Like probably during the budget discussions, during this meeting. So, I think Natalie and Amber got it, probably.

**Chairwoman Archer:** They were just..., it was forwarded around 3:30.

**Legislator Bartels:** I didn't look at my emails. I mean, I'd like it if moving forward, we could get it in advance of this meeting. That's the intention, so that it can be discussed at this meeting. And there's a reason, you know, whatever kind of presentation, whatever discussion has to happen with the running number. The Ashley Mechanical number, the 25,000. What exactly is that for? Because it's the only number that I know, that I see directed to it, prior to looking at whatever you sent.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I'd have to off to take a look, I don't want to speak to it. I don't know off the top of my head. So, I'll reach out to the DPW and let you know at the next Ways and Means.

**Legislator Bartels:** Okay.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And can I, can I request something specific, Marc? Right now it's just a running tab of expenses-to-date, and clearly, we heard that there's going to be additional expenses this year. Plus, what's being, what's in the Capital Plan for next year, but I think there was a discussion saying we're going to hit; we're going to get an additional 300,000 or something this year. Can this...

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah. So, that will all...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Could this, could this be more of a kind of a build out of a plan of expectations of what you're, you're anticipating and what kinds of work is going to need to be done for whatever. And, and we'll probably have more detailed conversation at our joint meeting next week between Public Works and Ways and Means. But right now, all this tends to be is a running tab and we thought we were going to be spending under 300. And now that it keeps changing and the number keeps creeping up and again, we've got project creep on this and you know, some of us felt the building should have probably stayed mothballed until we could sell it. But I really think we need to get a better handle on what is anticipated work here.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, and this is the kind of end of operating costs that just get it, that un-mothballed, as you say. What was presented at the Economic Development Committee, which was the additional capital expenditures, some of that is being put out there that if it's, you know, if we choose to keep the building over the next few years, those are costs that will have to be spent. So, you know that that full, I think 2.5 million, or whatever was, was presented there, won't necessarily be spent by the County. It was just a kind of a full accounting of, of what will need to be spent by somebody over the next little bit. We will establish a capital project, which you know, at some point this year, I think, in November, for the funds that you were talking about being expended in 2020, and that will have more details than of course this spreadsheet is.

**Chairwoman Archer:** And, and that, and that additional 300 is additional work that is required, or...?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** To get it to a different level of occupancy, I believe, than what we had initially planned when we told you it was about 300,000. That was to basically just ensure that it wasn't deteriorating worse but remaining fully unoccupied. And, and so, I think, you know, there's a plan that, that will be presented at that Capital Projects meeting that would come with the additional price tag.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay. Okay, Legislator Bartels.

**Legislator Bartels:** Yeah, I just also wanted to clarify, you know, that the, the Policy requires that the report by the Commissioner of Finance, or his designee, on a monthly basis, include all expenditures. And I just, I just quick looked at the email sent. And the email is just it's an infrastructure work summary. I'm sure there are other expenditures such as electricity, or oil, or... I mean...

**Chairwoman Archer:** Ongoing expenses. Operating expenses.

**Legislator Bartels:** Ongoing expenses, labor, including County labor, which is associated with the costs. So, all of those things I would want to see captured, as well, not just outside contracts.

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** Yeah, I, I don't believe there's anything outside of what we sent you, but I'll, I'll follow-up.

**Legislator Bartels:** Are you saying we don't have the electric turned on? We don't pay any electric over there?

**Deputy County Executive Rider:** I mean, it's not an occupied building at this point. So... I see Dr. Wright just got off mute.

**Deputy County Executive Wright:** You know, we've been paying for the electric in that building the entire time we've owned it and there's been no, no change in that. I mean, we can get that for you, but there's not, you know, that's just a cost of owning the building, not work that we're doing on it right now.

**Legislator Bartels:** Exactly. We're not..., The policy doesn't speak to work that we're doing on it right now. This, the policy speaks to all expenditures related to Tech City, which includes just the cost of owning it.

**Deputy Executive Wright:** We can certainly get that and add it. I, I think we didn't understand that's what you're looking for.

**Legislator Bartels:** Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Yes, March.

**Comptroller Gallagher:** Yeah, I would like to be included in the monthly report, whether it is from the Executive's Office, or when it is forwarded around to the Legislature, that would be very helpful. For example, I'm sitting here with open invoices to Ashley Mechanical, but I don't know exactly what you guys are questioning. So, I would like to be included in that. Thank you.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Okay, any other questions? Issues? Business? Okay. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

**Chairwoman Archer:** John.

**Legislator Bartels:** Second.

**Chairwoman Archer:** Tracey is second. Thank you so much, everyone. Thanks for your patience today. And for getting your Department Heads here. I appreciate it. Thank you.