

**Ways & Means Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** November 30, 2022 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair John Gavaris  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster & Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Dean Fabiano, Ken Ronk, Eve Walter (arrived 7:54), and Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Brian Cahill  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Phil Erner, Chris Hewitt, Aaron Levine, Joe Maloney, Kathy Nolan, Laura Petit, Abe Uchitelle; Acting County Executive Johanna Contreras, Deputy Executive Chris Kelly; Comptroller Gallagher & Deputy Comptroller DeMarco – UC Comptroller’s Office; DA David Clegg and Elizabeth Culmone-Mills, District Attorney’s Office; Commissioner Gulnick, Deputy Budget Director Quesnell and Accountant Sweeney - Department of Finance; Director Juras- Budget and Innovation; Director Nate Litwin, Recovery & Resilience; Director Alan Macaluso, Information Services; Director Everett Erichsen, Emergency Management; Tina M Buono, CSEA; Tanya Garment; Stephanie Kresser, Peter Burnett, Cheryl Snyder

Chair Gavaris called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM

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Chair Gavaris opened the floor to discuss proposed budget amendments to the 2023 Executive Budget and introduced Proposed Amendment No. 54 out of order

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 54 - District Attorney – Personnel Adjustment** - This amendment creates a new Legal Aide position within the District Attorney office and upgrades a part-time, non-benefited position to a full-time benefited position. These positions are necessary due to the Office's relocation.

**Motion No 1.:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment NO. 54**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislators had a lengthy discussion about moving the District Attorney’s office, providing security, and the need for a long-term solution to this office’s space needs.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Fabiano  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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*Proposed Technical Amendments –*

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 7 - CIP Open Space & Affordable Housing** - There are no financial changes for these amendments. Both the projects listed above will have the term “Fund” removed from their name and replaced with “Program”. All descriptions of the project will reflect a similar change if applicable.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 8 - CIP Community Dev. Program Language** -There are no financial changes for this amendment. The project description will be amended to strike the sentence: ~~“This Program is designed to assist communities that wish to invest in initiatives that benefit their community and advance County goals as provided for in the County’s adopted plans and policies and/or as directed by policy initiatives of the Legislature in cooperation with the Executive Branch.”~~ And to add the sentence “This Program is designed to assist communities/ municipalities that wish to invest in initiatives that benefit their community/municipality and advance County goals as provided for in the County’s adopted plans and policies and/or as directed by policy initiatives of the Legislature in cooperation with the Executive Branch.”

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 9 - CIP Storage & Warehouse Facility** - This amendment is to move construction cost for the above project into 2024. Construction was originally listed as 2023.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 10 - CIP Gov't Operations Center** - This amendment is to move construction cost for the above project into 2024 and 2025. Construction was originally listed as 2025 and 2026.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 11 - CIP Roof Replacement Program** - There are no financial changes for this amendment. In the project description the following needs to be stricken as shown, “To date expenses are 1 million dollars in design and ~~900 thousand dollars in construction~~”

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 12 - CIP Trudy Resnick Farber Building Repairs** - There are no financial changes for this amendment. In the project description the following needs to be added as shown, “In house labor is to be used for a portion of the work.”

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 13 - CIP UCAT Facility Modernization** - There are no financial changes for this amendment. In the project description the word ~~“overtime”~~ needs to be stricken and replaced with “Over time”

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 19 - Technical – Eviction Services** - This services as a technical amendment in response to the adoption of Resolution No. 498 of 2022 - Approving the Execution of a Contract for \$221,430.60 Entered Into By The County - Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley - Department of Social Services.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 26 - Technical – DSS** - Part time non benefited was included in Regular Pay

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 27 - Technical – Mental Health** - Clerical error in GL entry.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 28 - Technical – Personnel Listing** - Clerical Error. No GL change needed

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 29 - Technical – Purchasing Personnel Listing - Clerical Error.** No GL change needed

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 52 – Technical – Finance ARP Revenue - Additional ARPA** Revenue from benefit allocation.

**Motion No. 2                    MOTION TO BLOCK Proposed Technical Amendments 7-13, 19, 26-29, and 52 for CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            4

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**                **APPROVED Voting on Proposed Technical Amendments as a BLOCK**

**Motion No. 3                    MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Technical Amendments as a BLOCK**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Fabiano

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            4

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**                **Proposed Technical Amendments APPROVED**

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*Additional Proposed Amendments -*

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 1 - Periodic Compensation Review Board Recommendation -** The Periodic Compensation Review Committee was appointed to conduct a biannual "review [of] the salaries of all elected officials of the County of Ulster for whom the Ulster County Legislature has the power to fix compensation, as required by Article XXIV of the Ulster County Charter". The Committee was constituted, as the charter required, by multiple appointing authorities. At the close of the Committee's review process, the Committee issued a Recommendation Report on March 24, 2022. This amendment articulates the recommendations therein.

**Motion No 4.:**                **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 1**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:**                    Members discussed Periodic Compensation Review Committee report. Some felt there was a dire need to address the salaries of the Comptroller, the County

Clerk and the Sheriff's lines and if the legislature should adopt all of the recommendations in the report or do it "piecemeal".

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Bartels  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 2 - Landlord Ambassador Program** - This amendment would allow the Planning Department to contract for the facilitation of the Landlord Ambassador Program. The Landlord Ambassador Program will assist landlords and struggling tenants within our geographical region by striving to improve the quality of rental housing while keeping rents affordable. The Program will be conducted under the following terms: The Agency will be required to offer per unit support of up to \$15,000; 7 years of affordability will be required for the range of \$10,000-\$15,000 of support per unit; 5 years of affordability will be required for the range of \$5,000-\$10,000 of support per unit, 3 years of affordability will be required for per-unit levels of support of \$5,000 and below. A matching length property maintenance declaration must be executed, and a matching lien must be recorded. Assistance funds may only be used for the following categories: repairs to rental units, accessibility upgrades, energy efficiency upgrades, fiscal distress, and reimbursement for back rent. Only landlords with 9 or fewer rental units will be eligible. Assisted landlords will sign affordable rental agreements stipulating rents will remain affordable to households at or below 80% of AMI and will not evict tenants unless for cause and will maintain each rental unit in good repair and habitability or be at risk for recapture of assistance.

**Motion No 5.:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 2**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 3 - Human Rights** - This budget amendment will increase the travel line for the Commissioner of Human Rights. The 2023 Executive Recommended budget proposes the addition of 2 new full-time positions within the Department. This additional travel funding will provide for these individuals to conduct Human Rights training and conferences throughout the County

**Motion No 6:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 3**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None

**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** **Amendment DEFEATED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 4 - Stipend Pay** - To provide \$2,400.00 to each Legislator to strengthen the abilities of the Legislative leaders to serve and inform their constituents by providing for the following allowable expenditures: Costs related to organizing community town halls; Subcontracting services such as assistants and catering; Value-aligned purchases such as recycled paper; Emergency needs fulfillment such as taxi rides for constituents and short-term document storage; And other connected and necessary expenditures incurred in the performance of Legislative duties.

**Motion No 7:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 4**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** **Amendment DEFEATED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 5 - Hudson River Watershed Alliance** - This amendment assigns funding to the Hudson River Watershed Alliance (HRWA) which is a 501(c)3 nonprofit Organization who works with 32 local watershed groups region-wide and whose mission is to unite and empower communities to protect their local water resources by supporting local watershed groups, helping communities work together on water issues, and communicating through a collective voice. This funding would cover a contractual agreement with HRWA to: 1) develop an Action Plan for the Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance, with short-term next steps to move toward identified goals; 2) Organize a Rondout Creek Summit to share updates and information with watershed stakeholders; 3) Update communications materials to improve outreach, including building a web presence through the Organization's website and social media; and 4) facilitate the finalization and formalization of an Organizational structure for the Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance to best achieve its mission.

**Motion No 8:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 5**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** **Amendment DEFEATED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 6 - Historical Society Mentorship Program** - This amendment assigns funding to the Ulster County Historical Society for their mentorship program for students and volunteers looking to gain curatorial / administrative experience at the Bevier House Museum in Kingston (Town of Marbletown). The purpose of the program is to provide an introduction to and entry-level skills in development and communications, public programming and exhibitions, fiscal management, member services and volunteer programs in a non-profit cultural organization. The Historical Society sees this Training and Mentorship Program as another means to serve our community and as an opportunity to see our mission from a mentee's perspective as we work to share the history of Ulster County's many communities.

**Motion No 9:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 6

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None

**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk

**Votes in Favor:** 0

**Votes Against:** 4

**Disposition:** Amendment DEFEATED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 14 - Comptroller Personnel** - Adjusting salary of DIAC, which supervises Auditors and Sr. Auditors to equivalent of 2 grades higher than CSEA emp Sr. Auditors at 7.5hrs per day for a starting rate of \$46.59/hr Adjusting salary of the Deputy Comptroller to compare with other Deputies in Finance Office.

**Motion No 10:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 14

**Motion By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Amendment APPROVED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 15 - Centralized Arraignment** - Identified as a priority by the Legislative Criminal Justice Task Force, the Ulster County Magistrate's Association and the New York Offices of Court Administration and Indigent Legal Services, Ulster County will be transitioning to join dozens of other Counties in New York to offer centralized arraignment during off-court hours. The funding for this was primarily included in the 2023 Executive Recommended Budget. However, this amendment adds: 1) Stipend payments for court Clerks to support the off-hour arraignments which includes two part time positions at 28 hours a week for a base stipend of \$20,000 / year / clerk; 2) A contractual agreement for Taxi / Transportation services for individuals who need transportation to

prevent municipal law enforcement from having to remain in the centralized court to provide such services; and 3) Other additional administrative costs. Some costs may be reimbursable by OILS in the future.

**Motion No 11:**                    **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 15**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Fabiano  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:**                    Deputy Executive Kelly explained the efficiencies of this OCA sanctioned program. The members discussed several aspects of the program including centralized vs regional services, manpower issues for DA, Public Defenders, and potential negative impacts for smaller police departments further away from Kingston who would have to leave their municipality to transport offenders. Some discussed the potential public benefits for individuals being arraigned who could receive prompter service.

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, and Gavaris  
**Voting Against:**                Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:**                3  
**Votes Against:**                1  
**Disposition:**                    **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 16 - Centralized Grants Unit** - This funding is for a grants unit and includes two new positions. The Grant Coordinator will identify funding opportunities for the Executive's Office and County Departments and lead or assist in the grant development and submission. The Grant Administrator will administer or assist Department Heads in the administration of grants received to assure deliverables to the funder during the grant timeline. It is expected that all grants will include a 20% indirect to cover these positions and that there is a minimum of ten submissions per year, five accepted submissions per year, at a minimum of \$200,000 per grant resulting in an indirect revenue of \$200,000.

**Motion No. 12:**                    **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 16**  
  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                4  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                    **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 17 - New Hire Raises** - This amendment removes the Executive Recommended Non-Union increase of 2.5% for non-union positions which are vacant or are filled with individuals hired on or after August 1, 2022.

**Motion No 13:**                    **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 17**

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

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed the need to attach salaries to the positions and not the individuals in the position to avoid compression and the need for a comprehensive salary study.

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** **Amendment DEFEATED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 18 - Office for the Aging** - The Office for the Aging has long spoke of the extensive waitlist of seniors needing care management and home health aides. Further, there is an effort to move more positions such as these in-house to assure reasonable pay and benefits as these individuals serve among our most vulnerable. This amendment will add one more full time Case Manger to the one they are currently budgeted for and will add three more full time Home Health Aides to meet the current waiting list needs.

**Motion No. 14:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 18**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 20 - Emergency Management** - This amendment creates a full time Deputy Director of Emergency Management, creates a part-time pay line within the Department, and establishes a new division within the Department. Additionally, this amendment adds necessary vehicle expenditures.

**Motion No. 15:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 20**

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

**Discussion:** Members discussed the need to monitor this program as it rolls out, and evaluate it's effectiveness. Legislator recognized that this alone will not solve the current crisis in emergency services.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk



**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 21 - Quality Analyst** - This Amendment creates a Quality Analysts position within the Clerk of the Legislative Board's office. This position would measure, evaluate, and report the effectiveness and efficiency of various County funded initiatives. This insight will assistance the Legislature in determining if desired outcomes are being achieved and will help to direct future funding.

**Motion No. 16:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 21**

**Motion By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Motion No. 17:** **MOTION TO AMMEND to move this position into the Comptroller's Office**

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

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels reminded the members that this type of analysts falls under the Comptrollers preview and Comptroller Gallagher had agreed to work with the legislature to develop the job description and outline deliverables.

Legislator Ronk said he would only support the position if it remained in the Legislative Office.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Proposed Budget Amendment No. 21 AMMENDED**

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED AS AMMENDED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 22 - Legislative Tech Support** - This amendment creates a Legislative Technical Support position within the Clerk of the Legislative Board's office. This position will be responsible for, but not limited to, managing office software and hardware needs, liaising with the county's IS department, providing support to Legislators on county issued hardware, software and during legislative meetings.

**Motion No. 18:                    MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 22**

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

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris  
**Voting Against:**            Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:**             3  
**Votes Against:**             1  
**Disposition:**                **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 23 - Board of Elections – Personnel Adjustments -** This amendment moves the Commissioners of the Board of Elections and the Deputy Commissioners of the Board of Elections from a 75-hour standard work week to an 80-hour standard work week.

**Motion No 19:                    MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 23**

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

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris  
**Voting Against:**            Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:**             3  
**Votes Against:**             1  
**Disposition:**                **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 24 – WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 25 - Legislative Office Personnel -** This amendment adjusts regular pay within the Clerk of the Legislature.

**Motion No. 20:                    MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 25**

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

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:**            None  
**Votes in Favor:**             4  
**Votes Against:**             0  
**Disposition:**                **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 30 - Agricultural Crisis Relief** - To create a position to administer the ARPA - Agricultural Crisis Relief Program proposed by Resolution No. 400 of 2022. This individual will work in coordination with the Ulster County Planning Department, the Ulster County Economic Development Department, the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District, and others in establishing and implementing this program. The position is 100% Federal Aid funded through American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARPA).

**Motion No. 21:**                    **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 30**

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

**Discussion:**                    None

**Voting In Favor:**              Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                4  
**Votes Against:**                 0  
**Disposition:**                 **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 31 - WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No 32 - UCAT Grade Change** - This amendment reclassifies the following positions from a grade 8 to a grade 10: Bus Driver, Bus Dispatcher, and Bus Driver / Bus Dispatcher.

**Motion No. 22:**                    **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 32**  
**Motion By:**                      Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:**                    Legislator Ronk will not support UCAT increases until the county develops a better solutions for outlying areas noting that residents in the southern part of the county need transportation to Orange and Dutchess County

Deputy Executive Kelly discussed transportation is available to other counties. Legislator Ronk noted I is only to other FTA approves modes of transportation.

Members again raise the need for a comprehensive salary study.

**Voting In Favor:**              Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris  
**Voting Against:**                Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:**                3  
**Votes Against:**                 1  
**Disposition:**                 **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 33 – WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 34 - EV Charging** - his amendment adjusts the EV Charging Station Revenue to include charging for the first two hours of use.

**Motion No. 23:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 34

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Amendment APPROVED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 35 - Elimination of Constituent Service Navigator Division** -To eliminate the Constituent Services Navigator Division.

**Motion No. 24:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 35

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

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed disappointment with the way these services have evolved, the lack of feedback on how constituents are being served.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Amendment APPROVED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 36 - WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 37 - CIP - Bus Shelters** - This amendment addresses equitable public transportation, taking a comprehensive approach to implement future policies and programs at the County level by providing the resources required to establish a uniform bus shelter program. A minimum of two (2) bus shelters shall be provided to each of the County's interested municipalities with uniform signage containing bus routes, access to up-to-date bus information, and other pertinent phone numbers and websites for a continuum of transit access both public and private. Additionally, one climate-

controlled shelter at a major transit hub shall be provided to create a comfortable waiting area against extreme heat and cold.

**Motion No 25:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 37  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Ronk repeated that he will not support UCAT until there is a more holistic solution to transportation in the County.

Legislators discussed reducing the design study from \$250,000 to \$100,000 because that seemed like a more reasonable number and multiple reasons the shelters are needed,.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Amendment APPROVED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 38 - Elimination of ARP Administration Division -** This amendment eliminates the ARP Administration Division. Appropriated Fund Balance was used to offset the fact that ARPA Revenues were not recommended to fully cover the ARPA Administration's expenses.

**Motion No 26:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 38  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Members could not support eliminating the division while projects are actively in progress but would revisit this when the programs wrap up.

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Amendment DEFEATED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 39 - ARP Administration Nonunion 2.5% Adjustment -** To remove 2023 Executive Recommended increases to regular pay for 100% Federal Aid - ARPA funded positions.

**Motion No. 27:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 39  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk

**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Amendment DEFEATED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 40 - WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 41 – WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 43 - WITHDRAWN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 44 - Municipal Executive Staff – Defund 2 Positions -** To defund the two Assistant Deputy County Executive positions within the County Executive Office which have been vacant since September 2022.

**Motion No 28:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 44  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney saw this as a compromise. He file the Executive branch tended to be very political, shared examples, and comparisons of Executive staffing in other counties in the region.

Legislator Ronk agreed this was a problem in past administrations but had “faith” that the incoming Executive would use staff appropriately.

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Amendment DEFEATED

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 45 – Municipal Executive Staff – Salary Adjustment -** This amendment adjusts the salary of the Assistant Deputy County Executive positions to the 2014 adopted salary for position no. 12301032 with all management, non-union COLA adjustments to year 2023.

**Motion No. 29:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 45

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4

**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 46 - Tourism Advertising** - This amendment reduces the professional services budget within the Tourism Department.

**Motion No 30:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 46**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney questioned the role of tourism in creating the current housing crisis, how their promotions favor some businesses over their competitors, and other aspects of the county's tourism efforts.

The committee discussed the breakdown of sales tax revenue and other benefits that results from tourism.

**Voting In Favor:** None  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk and Walter  
**Votes in Favor:** 0  
**Votes Against:** 5  
**Disposition:** **Amendment DEFEATED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 47 - Board of Elections – Administrative Titles** - This amendment adjusts the titles of two Administrative Assistants for the Board of Elections to Administrative Technicians for the Board of Elections. The salaries are proposed to be increased for the knowledge and skills required to complete advanced technical management and cyber security safeguarding on behalf of the department.

**Motion No. 31:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 47**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 48 - Affordable Housing Fund** - This amendment removes the Affordable Housing Fund Project from the Capital Improvement Program. This proposal is to act as an assignment of fund balance for various types of housing projects and initiatives. It has not yet been determined whether all proposed initiatives are in fact capital projects or bondable. The Capital Improvement Program discloses that each individual project within each at annual assignments will be

assigned its own Capital Project number and title and be accounted for and reported individually. As currently contemplated, it is not a fund.

**Motion No. 32: MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 48**

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** Legislative Chair Bartels explained that this was one of a series of amendments she was proposing to remove funding projects and programs in the Capital Budget unless and until they move from aspirational ideals to actionable projects even when she fundamentally supports the project conceptually.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 49 - Community Development Program** - This amendment removes the Community Development Program from the Capital Improvement Program. This proposed project is described to act as an assignment to fund balance for various types of matching fund programs such as water and sewer, housing projects, and community service facility maintenance. A program such as the one proposed should be contemplated and added to the Capital Improvement Program only after determining the policy associated with it.

**Motion No. 33: MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 49**

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** This is similar to the previous proposed amendment.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 50 - Transportation Studies** - This amendment removes the proposed Transportation Studies capital project.

**Motion No. 34: MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 50**

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** Legislative Chair Bartels clarified that she was asked to just pull this funding out of Capital Projects rather than transferring it to the Planning Department Budget.



**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 53 - UC SPCA** - This amendment increases the funding for a contractual agreement with the Ulster County SPCA for spay and neuter services in the amount of \$10,000 and moves it to the correct budget line.

**Motion No. 35:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 53**

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk and Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Amendment APPROVED**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 42 - Overall Expenditure Reduction** - This amendment results in a 0.97% total budgetary reduction to reduce the risk of reserves being drawn down. The 0.97% reduction shall apply within a program or purpose of any department, agency, office or unit as the Department Head feels fit.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 51 - Historically Overbudgeted Accounts** - To reduce the 2023 Executive Recommended Budget for accounts historically over-budgeted for by the average variance from 2018 to 2021.

**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 56 – County-wide Budget Line** - Item Cuts These lines have historically come in well below the budgeted amount. This will reduce the amount of inflated expenses that continue to be listed.

**Motion No. 36:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 42, 51 and 56**

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

**Discussion:** Legislators noted that Proposed Amendments 42, 51 and 56 cover a related topic and each takes a different approaches to address the same issue and wanted to discuss them together to select the best course of action.

Legislator Petit noted that the proposed County Budget creates about 55 jobs and she would be more comfortable if we could do this without taking money from contingency.

Legislator Maloney reminded members that the budget analyst recommends looking back to see what departments were over budgeted in the past.

Legislator Walter clarified that they still have a lot of budget work to do and analyze the impacts of all the proposed amendments approved at this meeting.

The committee discussed setting another special meeting on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

**Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 55 – County Attorney – Salary Adjustments** - The County Attorneys' salaries are well below the market rate for comparable positions. This will help to retain staff in the County Attorney's office.

**Motion No. 37: MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 55**

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Disposition: NO ACTION TAKEN**

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**Proposed Budget Amendment No. 57 – Chief Diversity Officer** - This amendment moves the Chief Diversity Officer from the Personnel Department to the County Executive Department.

**Motion No. 38: MOTION TO DISCUSS Proposed Amendment 57**

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels apologized for the lateness of this amendment and explained that she was proposing this at the request of County Executive Elect Metzger and included a salary increase.

Legislator Ronk felt strongly that the Personnel Office was the appropriate department for this position.

Legislator Walter justified moving the position to the County Executive staff could help provide diversity for more than personnel issues and could provide insights to diversifying programming and other areas.

A discussion ensued.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, and Walter  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Fabiano and Ronk  
**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 2  
**Disposition: Amendment APPROVED**

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## Resolutions for December 5, 2022 Special Legislative Session:

### Resolution No. 605 - Ratification Of Tax Rolls

**Resolution Summary:** Ratifies and confirms the tax rolls of several Towns of Ulster County and directs the Collectors of those Towns to enforce the collection of taxes as required by law.

**Motion No. 39:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 605

**Motion By:** Legislator Walter

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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### Resolution No. 606 - Levy For Unpaid Sewer Rents

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the collection of unpaid sewer assessments in several sewer districts throughout the county.

**Motion No. 40:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 606

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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### Resolution No. 607 - Levy For Unpaid Water Rents

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the collection of unpaid water assessments in several water districts throughout the county.

**Motion No. 41:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 607

**Motion By:** Legislator Ronk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Fabiano

**Discussion:** None  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 608 - Approving Completed Tax Rolls And Directing The Execution Of Delivery Of Warrants**

**Resolution Summary:** Approves the tax rolls and authorizes the levy of taxes and sets a deadline of December 31, 2022 to deliver the tax bill to various districts.

**Motion No. 42:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 608**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 609 - Authorizing Commissioner Of Finance To Make Transfers Of Funds And Budgetary Amendments**

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make transfers of funds and budgetary amendments as are required, with the exception of any funds designated in contingency and any funds designated or correlated to American Rescue Plan Act funding, to properly close out the 2022 financial records of the County, and to file a list of said transfers and budgetary amendments with the Ways and Means Committee of the Ulster County Legislature as soon as possible thereafter.

**Motion No. 43:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 609**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 610** – Adopting The Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2023 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government

**Resolution Summary:** Approves the 2023 Ulster County Budget

**Motion No. 44:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 610  
**Motion By:** Legislator Walter  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed how and when the amendments discussed tonight will implemented.

**Disposition:** NO ACTION

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**Resolution No. 611** – Adopting Ulster County Capital Program For 2023 – 2028

**Resolution Summary:** Approves the Capital Program for 2023-2028

**Motion No. 45:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 611  
**Motion By:** Legislator  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator

**Discussion:** None

**Disposition:** NO ACTION

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**Resolution No. 612** – Approving The Advancement Of Capital Projects For The Ulster County Community College – Ulster County Community College

**Resolution Summary:** Approves the County share of several Capital Projects on the SUNY Ulster Campus.

**Motion No. 46:** MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 612  
**Motion By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 613** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2022, A Local Law Adopting Recommendations Of The Periodic Compensation Review Committee And Applying Salary

**Resolution Summary:** Schedules a Public Hearing to discuss Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2022.

**Motion No. 47:** **MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 613**

**Motion By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Walter

**Discussion:** Legislators discussed procedure for approving this on the floor based on other actions of the Legislative body at the Session.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Bartels, Fabiano, Gavaris, Ronk & Walter

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 5

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

Chairman Gavaris asked if there was any old or new business. Hearing none:

**Adjournment**

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder

Minutes Prepared by: Fawn Tantillo

Minutes Approved: December 13, 2022