

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: December 7, 2021 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing: 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID: 837 3710 7425
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Gavaris, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Lynn Archer, Tracey
Bartels, Heidi Haynes, John Parete, and Eve Walter; and
Legislative Chairman Donaldson
ABSENT: Legislator Mary Beth Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Peter Criswell, and Jonathan Heppner;
Legislative Counsel Christopher Ragucci; Minority Counsel
Nicholas Pascale; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella,
Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, John Milgrim, and
Johanna Contreras; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy
Comptroller Alicia DeMarco; Director of Economic
Development Tim Weidemann; Commissioner of Finance
Burt Gulnick; Sheriff Juan Figueroa; Executive Director
Adam Doan, Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation
District; Legislator-Elect Joseph Maloney; Executive
Director Jared Buono, Cornell Cooperative Extension of
Ulster County; Mid-Hudson Library Association Stuart
Auchincloss, and Margie Menard

- **Chairman Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM**

Motion No. 1: To approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 and November 16, 2021 Regular Meetings and the November 16, 2021 Special Meeting

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

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 649 – Approve The Advancement Of Capital Projects For The Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the advancement of anticipated projects as included therein for the Ulster County Community College, in the amount of \$9,042,638, Ulster County Share of \$4,521,319.

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

Discussion: Legislator Ronk confirmed with Jamie Capuano of Ulster County Community College as to why the Resolution was submitted late.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 550 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: Legislator Walter expressed discontent in the current state of the Proposed Local Law. Legislator Bartels vocalized interest in engaging the schools to further develop the Proposed Local Law. Legislator Criswell informed Committee members that the Public Health Committee had concerns on the proposal. Legislator Parete encouraged Committee members to view the proposal as a human capital project, where people, through communication with the schools, can work together to be more useful and more productive. Legislator Parete continued in stating that the intent is to progress forward and take actions to invest in our people with the goal of properly assisting our youth. Legislator Gavaris suggested postponing the Resolution. Discussion pursued on how open-

ended the Proposed Local Law is, the circulation of previously expressed concerns, the involvement of the Mental Health Department, the length of time the proposal has been public, and any changes made in response to concerns. Legislator Criswell stated that he is committed to mental health for youth, explaining that his opposition to the proposed law is not an opposition to mental health services, but rather to the way the proposal is approaching them. Legislator Haynes pointed out that Rondout Central School District submitted a letter of support. Legislator Walter asked that the Resolution be postponed. Legislator Ronk stated that he does not feel postponement is proper procedure because the sponsor will no longer be a legislator when the proposal is discussed and voted on. Legislators Bartels, Walter, and Archer agreed that their votes against the Resolution are not against programs for mental health for students but are in opposition to the proposed plan.

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

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 553 - Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to pay the Comptroller of the City of Kingston, the Treasurer of the three villages, and to the respective Supervisors of the twenty towns of the County of Ulster, the amount designated as therein.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To block Resolutions No. 554, 555, and 556

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 554 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The Ulster County Soil And Water Conservation District For The 2022 Appropriation – Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$91,500.00 to be expended towards the costs associated with operations of the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Resolution No. 555 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2022 Appropriations- Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign a memorandum of agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County for an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 in accordance with the terms specified in an agreement to be completed no later than December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 556 - 2022 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to pay to the Mid-Hudson Library System the sum of \$88,100.00 for the Ulster County Libraries Program.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 565 - Confirming The Appointment Of Brendan Masterson As Commissioner Of The Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Brendan Masterson as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

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

Discussion: Legislator Ronk expressed support for Mr. Masterson.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 568 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With NYS DEC For Completion Of An Ulster County Natural Resources Inventory And Cloud-Based Mapping Portal Grant Project - Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with NYS DEC for the purpose of accepting a grant in the amount of \$46,554.00 from the Hudson River Estuary Program for the completion of the Ulster County Natural Resources Inventory and Cloud-based Mapping Portal.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 569 - Approving An Increase In Funding For Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster – Facilities Equipment - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves an increase in funding for Capital Project No. 541 SUNY Ulster – Facilities Equipment in the amount of \$100,000.00 to replace facilities equipment for campus facilities in 2021 (\$50,000.00 State; \$50,000.00 Ulster County).

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 571 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute the application with required assurances, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office for the Aging for the MIPPA program, for the term beginning September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 572 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Resource Allocation Plan And Inter-Municipal Agreements With The Various Municipalities To Be Funded Under The Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the Ulster County Youth Bureau’s 2021 Resource Allocation Plan in the amount of \$260,324.00, authorizes the Chair to sign the resource allocation plan and any other contracts or agreements required as a result of this funding, and authorizes the Chair to execute inter-municipal agreements with the various municipalities which will be funded under the approved allocation plan.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To block Resolutions No. 575, 576, 577, 578

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 13: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 575 - Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation For Public Transportation Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding - Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution supports a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and authorizes the County Executive to execute any required applications or agreements, and any amendments to any documents, to accept the funding agreement with NYSDOT.

Resolution No. 576 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Extend An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz To Provide Public Transit Service To The New Paltz Area (New Paltz LOOP) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any related amendments with the Town of New Paltz for the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022 to continue the New Paltz LOOP public transit service.

Resolution No. 577 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation To Accept New York State Funds For Ulster And Dutchess County Public Transit Service (LINK) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Transportation to accept reimbursement for the operation of the LINK service (Project ID Number 8824.16) including Saturday Service in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00.

Resolution No. 578 - Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation For Public Transportation Accelerated Transit Capital Grant Funding - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding – Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute any required applications or agreements, and any amendments to any documents, to accept the funding agreement with New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) upon the receipt of an award letter dated October 25, 2021 notifying UCAT of available funding in the amount of \$218,261.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 580 - Amending Capital Project No. 550 Fairground Improvements – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 550 Fairground Improvements to increase the funding available for construction of the sanitary sewer and campground area improvement in the amount of \$637,300.00, for a total project cost of \$770,200.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 582 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$587,300.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Equipment Rental, Inc. D/B/A Baker Brothers Excavating – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Kingston Equipment Rental, Inc. D/B/A Baker Brothers Excavating from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the fairgrounds improvement project – construction and completion of sanitary sewer and campground area improvements in the amount of \$587,300.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 583 - Amending Capital Project No. 580 - Broad Street Hollow Bridge, Town Of Shandaken – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget –Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 580 - Broad Street Hollow Bridge, Town Of Shandaken to increase the funding available for design services in the amount of \$10,000.00 due to the inflation cost of materials, for a total project cost of \$192,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 585 - Amending The 2021 - 2026 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project Nos. 612 Through 615 – 2021 DPW Bridge Program – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project Nos. 616 Lyonsville Bridge in the Town of Marbletown for \$175,000.00, 613 Crystal Spring Bridget in the Town of Shandaken for \$140,000.00, 614 Myer Bridge in the Town of Saugerties for \$202,000.00, and 615 Glen Brooks Bridge in the Town of Shandaken for \$298,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 18: To approve Resolution No. 587 - Amending Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System to expend \$2,850,000, the remaining balance of the \$6,000,000 on components of the radio system buildout including: Project Management, Construction of Radio Communications Towers and Microwave Links.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 589 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Wallkill Fire District To Be Used As A Sheriff Substation – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute a lease agreement and any amendments thereto with Wallkill Fire District for 314 sq/ft of substation space located at 112 Bona Venture Avenue, Wallkill, NY, to be used to house the Ulster County Sheriff's Department.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 590 - Amending Capital Project No. 594 - Black Creek Upgrade - Amending The 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program - Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the Capital Project No. 594 – Black Creek Upgrade to increase the project in the amount of \$573,100.00 for J&J Sass Electric to perform all electrical work not covered by Black Creek.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 592 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Raise The Age Program – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement and any amendments thereto pertaining to the contract with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Raise the Age Program for the period April 1, 20189 through March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,531,027.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 593 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Staff Association, For The Period Of Mach 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make any and all budget amendments necessary to transfer and appropriate the necessary funds for a memorandum of agreement between the County and the Ulster County Staff Association for the period of March 15, 2020 through June 6, 2020 for COVID pay.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 594 - Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

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

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 595 - Amending The 2022 Budget For ARPA Related Expenses – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2022-2027 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program to remove Capital Project No. 599 – ARP Non-Profit, Youth and Community Programs, Capital Project No. 600 – ARP Food Security and Access, and Capital Project No. 601 – ARP Small Business and Economic Recovery, and amends the 2022 Operating Budget to account for these non-capital expenditures.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: Chairman Gavaris notified Committee members that Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick requested the Resolution be withdrawn. Legislator Ronk vocalized concern that the Legislature has been convinced on multiple occasions that an agreement has been reached but, in each incidence, various people in the County Executive’s office will disagree on what that agreement is. Legislator Ronk continued in expressing discontent in how ARPA funds are being treated and reported as the plans for such continue to change.

Disposition: Withdrawn

Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 596 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$55,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the domestic violence program in the amount of \$55,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 26: To approve Resolution No. 597 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$27,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding in the amount of \$27,000.00 for electronic monitoring and adding GPS beacons from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, for an amended contract total of \$156,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 27: To approve Resolution No. 598 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County – The B + C, Inc. D/B/A Belo + Company – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The B + C, Inc. d/b/a Belo + Company from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for tourism advertising and marketing services in the amount of \$382,750.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 28: To approve Resolution No. 599 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$8,380.80, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Accumedic Computer Systems, Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for Accumedic software support and maintenance for an additional \$8,380.80, for a total contract value of \$58,665.60.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 29: To approve Resolution No. 600 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$61,746.00 Entered Into By The County – Naviant, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Naviant, Inc. from February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023 for OnBase software support and maintenance in the amount of \$61,746.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 30: To approve Resolution No. 601 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,349.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gateway Communities, Inc. D/B/A/ Gateway Hudson Valley to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for case management services for the home delivered meals program from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$60,349.00, making the contract total \$119,534.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 602 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$54,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Halwick Law, LLC – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Halwick Law, LLC to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for legal consultations and outreach services from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$54,000.00, making the contract total \$110,250.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 603 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$130,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Connect America.com, LLC – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Connect America, LLC for rental, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of personal emergency response system units from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$130,000.00.

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

Discussion: Legislator Archer asked if this is a new program. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider explained that this is a long-time program but a new vendor, providing further information regarding the bid process and the contract costs. Legislator Bartels confirmed that there is a wait list for services.

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

Motion No. 33: To approve Resolution No. 604 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget – Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association, For The Period Of March 15, 2020 Through June 6, 2020

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2021 Operating Budget and authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make any and all budget amendments necessary to transfer and appropriate the necessary funds into the appropriate budget lines for a memorandum of agreement between Ulster County and the Ulster County Sheriff's Employees Association (UCSEA) for the period March 15, 2020 through June 6, 2020 to provide one-time payments for all eligible UCSEA members who meet certain criteria for work performed during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 34: To approve Resolution No. 605 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$135,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Dutchess Tekcon Industries, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Dutchess Tekcon Industries, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 for HVAC repairs at various buildings in the amount of \$135,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 35: To approve Resolution No. 606 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$103,328.00 Entered Into By The County – Encon Services & Supply, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Encon Services & Supply, Inc. from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2023 to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for HVAC controller maintenance and emergency repairs for an additional \$103,328.00, making the contract total \$252,456.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 36: To approve Resolution No. 607 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,845.96, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gotham Refining Chemical Corp. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gotham Refining Chemical Corp. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for hydronic & glycol system testing, treatment and maintenance from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$22,845.96, making the contract total \$102,008.12.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 37: To approve Resolution No. 608 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,864.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Postler & Jaeckle Corp. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Postler & Jaeckle Corp. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for HVAC maintenance at Golden Hill Office Building from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$32,864.00, making the contract total \$118,592.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 38: To approve Resolution No. 609 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. – Department Of Public Works, as amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 for revenue to permit operation of a tourist railroad on the eastern segment of the U&D corridor in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislator Bartels confirmed that this contract was amended in committee from a 1-year agreement to a 2-year agreement, asking if the 2nd year was approved with Counsel. Deputy County Executive Rider explained that the extension was because of COVID, that the RFP was for a three (3) year term with two (2) additional one (1) year options to renew, and that this contract was initially for the first extended year. Further, Deputy County Executive Rider informed Committee Members that the Organization was given some relief last year due to COVID which allowed them to pay an amount later than it was due and stating desire to amend the contract back to the initially proposed one (1) year period. Legislator Criswell noted that TRAC Committee approved the two (2) year proposal. Legislator Archer said she cannot support a two (2) year contract. Discussion pursued on the history of services and changes to the rail routes.

Motion No. 39: To amend Resolution No. 609 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. – Department Of Public Works, as amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, ~~2023~~2022 for revenue to permit operation of a tourist railroad on the eastern segment of the U&D corridor in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislator Archer motioned to amend the contract to one (1) year, down from two (2) years. Legislator Bartels stated she doesn't feel fully informed yet. Discussion pursued on the details of the grant agreement, including track repairs and future service commitments.

Disposition: Withdrawn

Motion No. 40: To postpone Resolution No. 609 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. – Department Of Public Works, as amended

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Catskill Mountain Railroad Company, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 for revenue to permit operation of a tourist railroad on the eastern segment of the U&D corridor in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Archer, Bartels, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: Legislators Ronk, and Haynes

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 2

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 41: To approve Resolution No. 611 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$320,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 for comprehensive legal services related to labor matters in the amount of \$320,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 42: To approve Resolution No. 612 - 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 – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc D/B/A Relph Benefit Advisors from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for health insurance benefits and administration in the amount of \$210,000.00, for a contract total of \$1,050,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 43: To approve Resolution No. 613 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$72,943.32 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions Inc. – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for maintenance for the 911 telephone system in the amount of \$72,943.32.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 44: To approve Resolution No. 614 - Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Reopen Section 552 Of The Retirement And Social Security Law

Resolution Summary: This Resolution elects to reopen Section 552 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, pursuant to Chapter 531 of the Laws of 2021 for three employees to join the optional twenty-year retirement plan.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 45: To approve Resolution No. 615 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$52,730.00, Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for maintenance and support for the computerized locking system in the jail from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$52,730.00, for an amended total contract value of \$200,875.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 46: To approve Resolution No. 616 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$29,904.76, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice, P.C., Professional Care Dental Services, P.C., Personal Care Registered Professional Nursing, P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with PrimeCare Medical of New York, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022 to add certified substance and alcohol abuse counseling services and increase funding for an additional \$29,904.76, making the contract total \$2,863,705.44.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 47: To approve Resolution No. 617 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$18,200.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Public Safety Psychology, PLLC – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Public Safety Psychology, PLLC to increase funding for pre-employment psych evaluations from October 21, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$18,200.00, making the contract total \$98,350.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 48: To approve Resolution No. 618 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$2,640.00, 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 add one radio and related equipment to the URGENT Radio lease and to increase funding in the amount of \$2,640.00 from November 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026, making the contract total \$88,080.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 49: To approve Resolution No. 619 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,448.00, 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, Inc. to amend the date for commencement of lease based on delivery of equipment, and to add 15 radios and increase funding for the Correction Radio lease in the amount of \$11,448.00 from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2027, making the contract total \$375,228.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 50: To approve Resolution No. 620 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trinity Services Group, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Trinity Services Group, Inc. to exercise the first of two (2) one-year options to extend the term of the agreement for jail food services from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for rates anticipated to exceed \$50,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 51: To approve Resolution No. 621 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$532,913.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Health Research, Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase revenue for Health Research for ELC COVID-19 from August 25, 2021 through March 31, 2023, for an additional \$532,913.00, making the total contract revenue \$2,009,961.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 52: To block Resolutions No. 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 53: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 622 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Bonadio & Co. LLP from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for public assistance case review in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Resolution No. 623 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the Independent Living Program in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Resolution No. 624 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,665,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the Darmstadt and Family Inn Homeless Shelters in the amount of \$1,665,000.00.

Resolution No. 625 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$73,511.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for Title XX Domestic Violence Assistance in the amount of \$73,511.00.

Resolution No. 626 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$120,328.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the Emergency Services Hotline and Walk-In Aid in the amount of \$120,328.00.

Resolution No. 627 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$139,787.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for Day Care Registration and Inspection in the amount of \$139,787.00.

Resolution No. 628 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$162,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for Day Care Registration and Inspection in the amount of \$139,787.00.

Resolution No. 629 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$333,448.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the Family House Shelter for Youth in the amount of \$162,600.00.

Resolution No. 630 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$544,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for Family Education Services in the amount of \$544,000.00.

Resolution No. 631 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Industrial Medicine Associates, P.C. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for client substance abuse screening from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$100,000.00, making the contract total \$200,000.00.

Resolution No. 632 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Nicholas Kamen – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Nicholas Kamen from January 16, 2022 through January 15, 2023 for Child Protective Services Clinical Mental Health Collaboration in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Resolution No. 633 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,480.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with United Way of Ulster County Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for the life skills case aide from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$70,480.00, making the contract total \$120,000.00.

Resolution No. 634 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$171,391.92 Entered Into By The County – The VMC Group, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with The VMC Group, Inc. to extend the term of agreement and increase funding for preschool transportation management services from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022 for an additional \$171,391.92, making the contract total \$342,783.84.

Resolution No. 635 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$450,839.00 Entered Into By The County – The Young Woman's Christian Association Of Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Young Woman's Christian Association of Ulster County, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the Families Now Program in the amount of \$450,839.00.

Resolution No. 636 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$525,780.00 Entered Into By The County – Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for Youth Advocacy Services in the amount of \$525,780.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 54: To block Resolutions No. 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 644, 645, and 646

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 55: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 637 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$728,879.00 Entered Into By The County – Access: Supports For Living Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Access: Supports for Living, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH State Aid in the amount of \$728,879.00.

Resolution No. 638 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$386,026.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Astor Services for Children & Families from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH State Aid in the amount of \$386,026.00.

Resolution No. 639 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,118,290.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH and OASAS State Aid in the amount of \$1,118,290.00.

Resolution No. 640 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$346,581.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Services, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Family Services, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OASAS State Aid in the amount of \$346,581.00.

Resolution No. 641 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,973,388.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Gateway Community Industries, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH and OASAS State Aid in the amount of \$1,973,388.00.

Resolution No. 642 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$175,428.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$175,428.00.

Resolution No. 644 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,089,646.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH State Aid in the amount of \$2,089,646.00.

Resolution No. 645 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$324,161.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH State Aid in the amount of \$324,161.00.

Resolution No. 646 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$709,337.00 Entered Into By The County – Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc.– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc. from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for NYS OMH and OASAS State Aid in the amount of \$709,337.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator

Motion Seconded By: Legislator

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, and Walter

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 56: To approve Resolution No. 643 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$100,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the methadone maintenance treatment program in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislator Walter vocalized discontent about giving money to Health Alliance when there are outstanding concerns with the Organization, asking if there are other organizations that could deliver the services and if a Request For Proposal (RFP) was completed. Legislator Walter continued in stating this is one method to express frustration on how Health Alliance is handling substance abuse response at the hospital. Deputy County Executive Rider responded that this would require more time than the County has to resolve the issue for 2022 but that he’s happy to review this beyond 2022. Legislator Walter requested the County Executive Office take a long-hard look at all of these contracts. Legislator Bartels inquired if there is a waiting list. Deputy County Executive Rider agreed to follow up with this information. Legislator Criswell informed Committee members that Deputy Commissioner Tara McDonald said there are current clients that would be really hurt by not funding this program and he is in support of looking at this in the upcoming year to queue up a better response.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 57: To discuss Resolution No. 647 – Establishing A Policy To Provide Budget Transparency

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a Policy requiring that any proposed operating budget for any ensuing fiscal year preceding the date of adoption of this legislation to contain a personnel listing, which shall include, but not be limited to: position number, position title, name of employee, employee’s standard work hours, previous year’s adopted compensation, and the proposed recommended compensation for the ensuing fiscal year.

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

Discussion: Legislator Ronk requested the Resolution be postponed so he can speak with his caucus about it and expressed concerns about employee privacy.

Motion No. 58: To postpone Resolution No. 647 – Establishing A Policy To Provide Budget Transparency

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a Policy requiring that any proposed operating budget for any ensuing fiscal year preceding the date of adoption of this legislation to contain a personnel listing, which shall include, but not be limited to: position number, position title, name of employee, employee's standard work hours, previous year's adopted compensation, and the proposed recommended compensation for the ensuing fiscal year.

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

Discussion: Legislator Archer said she doesn't have a problem waiting until next week to discuss the Resolution and responded that employee salaries are not private information and the data requested will be helpful in understanding the County's organizational structure and will enhance transparency. Commissioner of Finance Gulnick noted that names were included in previous budgets and that accuracy was an issue due to timing discrepancies but agreed to put the standard work hours into the upcoming budget's Personnel Listing. Legislator Bartels said it's a bridge too far to say that the Listing's names were "mostly wrong", accepting that the names are a picture in time. Legislator Archer noted the importance of working together to create transparency.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Ronk, Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Parete, and Walter
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed

New Business: Comptroller Gallagher informed committee members that the Office of the Comptroller is beginning their annual risk assessment process for 2022 and is currently finishing up their third quarter report. Comptroller Gallagher further updated Committee members on recent sales tax receipts. Legislator Bartels requested an analysis on Occupancy Tax pre- and post- the execution of the Airbnb contract.

Old Business: None

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:13 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: February 8, 2022

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Transcript

DATE & TIME: December 7, 2021 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 837 3710 7425
PRESIDING OFFICER: John Gavaris, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Heidi Haynes, John Parete, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
ABSENT: Legislator Mary Beth Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Peter Criswell, and Jonathan Heppner; Legislative Counsel Christopher Ragucci; Minority Counsel Nicholas Pascale; Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella, Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, John Milgrim, and Johanna Contreras; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller Alicia DeMarco; Director of Economic Development Tim Weidemann; Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick; Sheriff Juan Figueroa; Executive Director Adam Doan, Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Legislator-Elect Joseph Maloney; Executive Director Jared Buono, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Mid-Hudson Library Association Stuart Auchincloss, and Margie Menard

Chairman Gavaris: Meeting to order. Can I have approval of the November 9th, 16th and 16th Special Meeting?

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

I'd like to take Resolution 649 out of order if we can, improving the advancement of Capital Projects for the Ulster County Community College. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I was just curious as to why this was late.

Chairman Gavaris: Amber would you like to?

Legislator Ronk: Is there anybody here from the Executives Office?

Deputy Executive Rider: We're here, this was submitted on behalf of the college, I see Jamie.

UCCC VP, Jamie Capuano: Yeah, I'm here as well. Do you want me to jump in to explain?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes. Please.

UCCC VP, Jamie Capuano: Yep. Thanks, Ken. So this resolution has to be approved after the adoption of the Capital Program. SUNY requires this resolution in order to advance our Capital Projects for inclusion in the State Executive Budget. Typically, we'd like to have this resolution done at the same time that the budget is being approved. However, this year, through a misunderstanding on our side, it did not get included in the tip, in the budget package. In the future, we'll make sure that we get it into be included in the budget package. So it's adopted in sequence with the Capital Project.

Legislator Ronk: Thank you.

UCCC VP Jamie Capuano: Absolutely. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried, thank you.

UCCC VP Jamie Capuano: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Resolution 550: Adopting Proposed Local Law Number 6 of 2021 and repealing Local Law Number 2 of 2013, Establish School Based Mental Health. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk. Second, Walter second? Walter second, sorry Legislator. Discussion?
Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Um, you know, I've said this before, while I appreciate the overall intent of this, I think that this law is a long way away from being in a place that it needs to be and I would prefer to have a public hearing when it's a bit more well-formed. I have many issues with elements of it. But I just, I feel like, you know, I get the concept of using public hearing, in order to have an opportunity to sorry, to, to hear what people have to say, but I just think this is, it's too far away from being close to where I'd want it to be that I would rather have input when it's at a place that that, you know, more of us feel comfortable with.

Legislator Ronk: Point of information, Mr. Chairman. This is adopting the law not setting a public hearing, just for Legislator Walter's behalf.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. So okay, so for those reasons, plus 100 more then, I'm absolutely not supportive of this, I, there's many changes that I think need to be made to this. Thank you for pointing that out. I had a distracting puppy.

Legislator Ronk: All good, I understand.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. Yeah, you know, I, I too, appreciate the sentiment. But I, I think that we, I think there's much more work that needs to be done, you know, I would look to a much more robust process, engaging the schools in the discussion, and also engaging our own department. My understanding is that our Department of Mental Health didn't weigh in, because we, you know, it was waiting for the public hearing. And so moving forward, I hope that we're going to continue to discuss it, I'm, I'm not ready to move on this and pass it in its current form, because I too, have some specific concerns. But I'm also very interested in, in a more robust, inclusive process of stakeholders.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell: Yeah, if I might weigh in, we had a robust discussion about this in Public Health as well, and there were some concerns over specific language. There was one section, that we weren't clear whether schools would be required to hire a School Resource Officer or not the way that the language is written, it's not clear whether it was a list of possibilities to be funded or whether those positions actually had to be funded. And so I was asking for clarification on that. So I just wanted this committee to know that that discussion happened in Public Health.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you, also I did talk briefly with Chuck at BOCES about this. Some other kinds of concerns, which I think will definitely would be smart to involve BOCES because even with this money, how that got distributed, how to make, you know how to truly cover the costs of some of these things, really requires a sort of centralized conversation. And I know Chuck is interested in having that conversation, but it really would be to have much more, you know, much more work with BOCES and the schools, but you know, BOCES, that sort of that central unit, but he had expressed concerns as well.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody else? Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: Yeah. I mean, BOCES, in particular, they do a great job. But of course, if they didn't think this kind of stuff up or haven't implemented something already. Then, in my mind, my feeble mind, something's wrong. With this whole project is, this whole concept. It's a human capital project. We pass legislation all the time for capital projects. Well, this is a human capital project. This is a project and, and legislation where people can hopefully, through aid and communication with the schools and, and the county and funding, be more productive, flexible, and innovative. It's not difficult to understand a capital investment of building, a bridge, communications. It, what does that capital investment do? It makes them more useful and more productive. Ditto, with kids, young people in school. And so this is a capital investment. It's a capital project. That's the way I see it. The answer is don't have to be here today. You're not going to get anywhere just like it didn't in 2013 because some folks had maybe a better idea. It never gets anywhere. And look what has happened in the last 10 years with depression, anxieties, addictions. I know, I'm not even interested in asking all the questions. If it passes, it goes to the Executive, if the Executive vetoes it, fine. If the Executive doesn't veto it, you'll be dealing with the Legislature he'll be bringing schools in to say how can we work together from kindergarten on up to try to make our, invest in our capital. The day I came to this legislature, I've always said that people, people are infrastructure, the young people in particular are infrastructure, and they are not being properly assisted, when it comes to these particular problems and consequently, they're making their way back either through health problems, mental health problems, the criminal justice system. So we can talk it to death, but if you look at this as a capital project, it makes all the sense in the world.

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion?

Legislator Parete: And if I might, Mr. Chairman, I do believe it should go to the legislature, we can have another robust discussion and win, lose or draw, it's over.

Chairman Gavaris: Well, I'll just speak for myself, at least for right now, if we if you're asking for us to vote now, I will be a 'no' myself as well. And it sounds like several others will as well. I would recommend potentially somebody making a motion to postpone it to the next meeting.

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: To the next committee meeting, right?

Chairman Gavaris: Correct.

Legislator Ronk: Understood, thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels then Walter?

Legislator Bartels: So I mean, I, I appreciate the sentiment in terms of to the next committee meeting, but knowing that that next committee meeting is a week away, I don't think we're going to answer

Chairman Gavaris: I think we're required to, Legislator Bartels, my understanding is that it has to be postponed till the next

Legislator Bartels: No, that, that changed in the, in the rules so now it could be to the next, it could be to the, to the next meeting, the next meeting of Ways and Means which wouldn't be until, till January. Or we can, I mean we can take no action. I mean, I, I appreciate the spon, Legislator Parete as a sponsor his, his want to take it to the floor. But, but I would echo the sentiments of, that you just stated Legislator Gavaris. If, if we, if we were forced to vote on it right now, I, I would have to be a no and it's, you know, part of the problem is I don't, I don't read this legislation as so open ended as Legislator Parete presents. I mean, I read this Legislation as having a lot of specifics in it, some of which I have concerns about and, and many, all of which we have yet to hear from the School Districts or our own Mental Health Department on. So this Legislation would commit us to a certain amount of, as Legislator Parete says capital investment, and yes, it's capital investment in people, but I think it even came up through conversation in caucus, you stated Legislator Gavaris, it doesn't preclude us giving the schools money for what they're already doing to, to offset personnel expenses that are already in place. You know, I, I am open to expending capital on a, on a human capital project, as it relates to mental health in, in school aged children, but I think that there's a lot more work to be done in terms of defining the parameters of, of what that exactly is going to mean and look like. And certainly, we have to, we have to get the stakeholders to a table to have a conversation. And, and by, by all accounts, that hasn't happened yet. So if I, if I have to vote today, I would be a no, but I don't want the conversation to, to stop here and now.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter then Ronk.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. Um, yeah, I would say I'm too committed to this conversation about improving mental health for youth, I'd have to say with all due respect, I know for myself and other

Legislators, we expressed many concerns we had with this months and months ago, and I don't, it's not like we, were just trying to push it down. I don't see any of that addressed, the concerns that we've expressed a long time ago. And so the work has to be done behind it. It's not general, it doesn't feel like it's just a broad reaching capital plan that's yet to be defined, it's pretty well defined. And those are the concerns. And I think to do due diligence would mean to actually go through it, identify those areas that are concerning, reach out to others. I will say I also, besides talking to BOCES, Chuck at BOCES, I've talked to Tara at Mental Health, there are ways we could explore this and improve this law, that work just has not been done yet. And I have no desire to let the need go and to not find a solution for our youth and their mental health services but this, as written this absolutely, as far as I'm concerned, not the solution.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. You know, I understand a lot of what's been said by several Legislators. Um, the one thing that I, I don't think holds a lot of water is that the Mental Health Department hasn't had a chance to weigh in on it yet, because we hadn't had our public hearing until now. I personally believe that that is a, I mean, a very typical stall tactic by the Executives Office, when they don't want something to move forward. They wait for us to have a public hearing and to have all of our discussions to make all and make all of our changes. And then they say, Oh, well, now that the, now that the Department of Mental Health has weighed in on it, you know, we can, you know, have all these changes, and there's five changes. And then after that, you know, we make, we make three of those changes, and then four more changes come forward. Well, this, this has these four problems and these five problems. So, you know, maybe now that we're gonna have, you know, \$400,000 more in administration, or whatever it is in the Mental Health Department, you know, they'll have the staff and opportunity to weigh on these things as they move forward rather than at the end of the process to stall.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. I, just for clarification sake, I'm not, I'm not saying I agree with the fact that the Mental Health Department hasn't weighed in yet. I was simply stating that it's my understanding that the Mental Health Department hadn't weighed in yet. And I, I would like the feedback of our Mental Health Department. So moving forward, I hope that happens sooner rather than later.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: And I'll say from my part, I don't know for others, I have not heard any stalling from the Executive's Office on this. My concerns I know for myself are my concerns. But I have not sensed any kind of pushback for I don't know if I've heard anything from the Executives Office, specifically. Not say others haven't, but I will just say that for me, I, I gave very clear sense of the issues I had many, many months ago. None of them were either addressed in the revision or just had a conversation about

and so I just want to be clear that my pushback is coming from me, only me, and not from any Executive, or someone from Executive's Office.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Parete, then Ronk, then Donaldson.

Legislator Parete: Yeah, I mean, this legislation's been kicking around for a while. The schools know about it, Mental Health Department knew about it, BOCES knew about it. Anybody that wanted to come in and say, we have a better idea was welcome to come in, it was suggested many times over. I've heard these type of arguments over the years. The what ifs? What if this happens? What if that happens? I've got a better idea.

Number one, you have to understand, is there a problem with mental health anxieties and addictions? Or is there not? Not to move forward, because there's going to be no checks written out by the honorable Commissioner of Finance, if this passes muster, and passes through to leg- through the Executive Office, for maybe a year, there's a lot to be hammered out. There's only two reasons, in my mind, after all, the years that I've spent looking at the catastrophe that's going on, is that one, folks that don't really want this, at this point, or next point, don't really think there's a problem with mental health, addictions and anxieties, or two, they just don't care about it. Like to talk about it, but don't want to do anything about it and I would appreciate somebody saying, I really don't give a rat's butt about that. It doesn't put money in my pocket. Most of my constituents don't have a problem with this. So let's move it on, voted it down, whatever you have to do. I mean, I'll just let everybody know that there's been nothing done to address this problem, to go forward.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk then Donaldson.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. Just briefly, I just want to respond to Legislator Walter, at, at no point did I think or, or pretend to think that, you know, your comments were because of a stalling tactic from the Executives Office. I, I do believe that silence from the Executives, on the, Office on on this and many other local laws that they don't necessarily want to move forward. You know, that is a stalling tactic. So again, when I said that, you know, I, I understood and appreciated a lot of what have been said that included your comments, and I know that your comments were from you, I just want to make that clear.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I keep hearing, you know, people bringing up specific concerns that they've had, they've had them for months, but have, have they been put in writing so they could have been addressed?

Chairman Gavaris: Looks like Legislator Walter is shaking her head yes. Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I mean, I've brought it up, and several of us have brought up with meetings, and there's minutes. So yes, they've absolutely been put in writing.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Minutes are not the same, you know the minutes aren't the same thing. [Inaudible] when you do something in writing, you put something in writing, and you say, look these are my clear concerns and then you address them.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Criswell then Walter.

Legislator Criswell: I just want to say for the record, I am 100% committed to mental health programs for youth. Period. So I just want that for the record. I am clearly going to work on this in my next two years as a legislator, and I also had concerns about this legislation. I've been talking about them for months, and like Legislator Walter, I have not had specific questions answered. And so that's all I'm asking for. This is not a philosophical conversation about whether we agree with this or not clearly, many of us, and most of us agree with the mental health needs of youth and putting money into that, it's how we are going to do it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah, I'll just clarify, it's not the responsibility to, to suggest that because I didn't, or those of us didn't formally write it, when we stat, stated it in a public meeting that had minutes, the responsibility was on the person who was drafting this local law, to then respond to all those comments, which never happened in months. And I've had, you know, and many of us have had very specific, not just barriers, not just I don't know's, or not of what ifs actually very specific things that we have concerns with, that were never addressed by the sponsor of this, ever. So and that's the responsibility of the sponsor when hearing concerns from their fellow legislators to address them, one way or another, or, and if you don't, don't expect us to be okay with it.

Legislator Walter: Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: I will check my files in the next day or so. I don't believe I ever got any writ, written critiques asking specific questions on anything.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Parete, nobody's saying that, I think that's what, that's what they're saying is, it was done during meetings, you were present at those meetings, that was, to answer I think, and I don't want to speak anybody but I'm just gonna summarize it, because I think we're spending a lot of time on this. Chair Donaldson was saying that, did anybody put it in actual writing the way you're suggesting? And the answer, I think, is No, I don't think anybody put in formal comments in writing directly to you. What I think is being said is, and it's true, we've had discussions at this meeting over the last few months about concerns that each of us have had, yet nothing has been done to either discuss

those, those concerns, or to actually change them and, and to Legislator Bartels, brought up before the concerns that I had, none of those have been addressed yet. I even brought up about the fact that we're doing it on a percentage basis of, to how much money to me, I don't see how a school district could operate, not knowing year to year, how much they're actually truly going to get, I would be more supportive of a fixed dollar amount, that would be adjusted, rather than a percentage, because a percentage is too, it, it's too much up in the air for year to year, and it'd be hard to pay, and especially our years don't run the same as the school district year. So there's a lot of things that have been brought up and have been discussed, and, and I will agree with Legislator Criswell. I don't, I haven't heard anybody who says they're not in favor of, of the concept of this, the idea behind it. I think we all agree that there is an issue with mental health, and we need to address it. But just like you're saying this is a capital project, we would never go out and build a new highway garage without having the blueprints done, having easements set up, sending out notices to the neighbors that we're going to do this thing. There's a whole bunch of things that need to happen, but they just haven't and we haven't gotten the feedback from the other partners in this, which is the school districts, so.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: Yeah, okay, two things. Number one, there are capital projects that are out two, or, three, or four years from now that don't have the blueprints and the estimates and everything done yet. Now, they will start to do that. Now to answer your other question, somewhere along the way, I said that we did it with sales tax, because that's sort of indicates the strength or weaknesses of the county, rather than a fixed amount which be raised, which would be raised by land taxes. So again, I know Mr. Criswell, Legislator Criswell was well was concerned about the, the, Resource Officers, the SROs. I understand they were going to ask the County Attorney, or the Legislative Attorney about that. I only heard about it because somebody told me that they are either at or heard comments from Health Department meeting. So all I'm going to say in the end is actions speak louder than words. And I've been looking at this for 10-15 years and we're going to go a little bit 10 or 15 years if we don't do something.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: I did receive a letter of support from Dr. Morgan, Superintendent at Rondout, just to clarify that.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Donaldson then Criswell.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: When we talked about, you know, not knowing exactly how much money the school district is going to get, they work on guesstimates all the time. So do we, so do every municipality, you're not sure if you're going to get the state, how much state money you're going to get. We're not sure how much sales tax we're going to actually get each year. We guess that all the time. I

mean, we make educated guesses, and hopefully, we're good. But we have had times where we weren't so good. But it's the point of information when it comes to the way the money is being handed out.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell: Yeah, I just want to mention that if you look in the chat, I do believe that we have gotten some weigh in from Legislative Council.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: So um, because I do actually feel like the conversation to refine this law is worthy, and, you know, I am concerned that if it completely fails, that conversation may not happen that I'm going to make a motion that we do postpone it till January. It may not be, we may not have the information we need by then, but we could postpone it again. But that way we can be committed to doing the work, to refining the language of this until we are ready to vote on it because I think that again, it seems very clear, unlike what was suggested, we all support, we're all concerned about the mental health of our youth, and we all support finding some innovative ways to improve it. I just, since this is not it yet, I'm committed to continuing to do work on it. So I have, I'm making a motion that we postpone it till January at this point.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Ronk is a second?

Legislator Ronk: No, sorry.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, will anybody else second it? Legislator Bartels, all right, discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I, I really believe that's an improper motion. Um, you know, I respect where Legislator Walter's coming from, but there, there's several things that, that, you know, make me feel uneasy about postponing something from one legislature to the next. You know, when we're, when the same body you know, is going year to year, let's say it was 2020 to 2021, I would say that you could postpone something to the next year. That having been said, Legislator Parete is the sponsor of this resolution and, and sponsor the law, and he will not be a Legislator next year. So postponing a resolution that sponsored by him to a term when he's no longer going to be a legislator, I just don't find to be a proper motion. So maybe we can ask Legislative Council, what, what his thoughts are on that. I think the proper thing to do would be to reintroduce it in the new year.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislative Counsel do you want to weight in?

Legislator Walter: Can I ask a question to Legislative Counsel related?

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: If, if the, the sponsor was willing, and it was allowed for me to co-sponsor it, would that be appropriate?

Counsel Ragucci: So the question is, if you co-sponsor would the motion by the co-sponsor to postpone be an appropriate motion?

Legislator Ronk: I, I think that the question, you know

Legislator Walter: I just don't want it to die.

Counsel Ragucci: Right.

Legislator Ronk: I think the question is, can you, is it, is it proper to postpone a resolution to a new legislative term?

Counsel Ragucci: So my, I mean, in the past, I know we have postponed things until the new year.

Legislator Ronk: But not until the next term. We've done it in inside the same legislative term, I believe, Counsel.

Counsel Ragucci: And I'm not disputing your historical remembrance of that. I just don't know of any rule that specifically prohibits it, in our rules. So I'm not sure that there's a prohibition in our rules.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, I mean, it's on some level, it's an academic argument, because I really think that the onus in terms of not letting it die is on those of us that will be here next year, you know, we'll continue to have the conversation, it could be reintroduced, could be reintroduced in a different format. I think, I believe in my colleagues' commitment to and by that a plural colleagues commitment to tackling the issue of mental health challenges in our, in our youth. I am, I, I'm not prepared to support this as it's written. But I am prepared to have that conversation moving forward. So however, the committee wants, wants to handle it. I will, I'm not going to support sending this to the floor to have the debate on floor. I don't think it's there yet.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete: I really don't want to hang in limbo now or after I'm gone, one place or the other. So I move to send it to the full Legislature vote. Yes, it's an important piece of legislation, or no, we don't want it.

Chairman Gavaris: For right now we're in the middle of

Legislator Parete: I don't care how the vote is.

Legislator Ronk: So Legislator Parete votes no on, on the postponement.

Chairman Gavaris: I got it.

Legislator Parete: I vote no.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Donaldson.

Legislator Parete: I didn't hear a second to it anyway.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Well I'll be voting no on the postponement. But I also did, what was the vote on the Health Committee on this?

Legislator Parete: Four to one.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: It was four to one. It passed, and then again, so then it comes to Finance, Ways and Means and then they basically throw out what the Health Committee did. Okay. Just curious.

Legislator Ronk: I mean, Mr. Chairman, in, in fairness and fairness to the legislators have been raising concerns and so as to hopefully shorten this debate a little bit, you know, many of the questions being raised are financial questions, which is what Ways and Means is charged with.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, and, and to that point, I'm, you know, that the financial impact that's listed is \$600. But I think we all know that the financial impact, if this were to pass today, is substantially more than \$600. You know, and so yeah, there's a tremendous amount of, of both financial and, and programmatic questions, which have yet to be answered.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter then Ronk.

Legislator Walter: So, you know, I made my motion to show my good faith, but if the sponsor does not want that, and would rather it not pass, then that's fine. I will still be committed to this in the future, next term. I, I, you know, again, want to express that a vote against this is not a vote against the mental health wellbeing of our youth. It's about the plan that's proposed in front of us. And so I'll withdraw it, and I will make it clear that I will not vote in favor of this at this time.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I'll withdraw my second and I'll echo those sentiments. My, my vote against the legislation is not a, is, is not a vote against the mental health wellbeing of our youth, and I, I too, am committed to, to addressing this issue as we move forward in the next term.

Chairman Gavaris: Great. So the motion has been withdrawn to postpone. So now we're still in the motion to approve.

Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, I will just be clear as well, that I support programs for the mental health of students and our, and our youth. But again, this legislation, it is not a capital plan, where you're building the components of it in a multiyear process. This is a local law, and this is nowhere near ready for a vote. But if we're forced to vote, I will be a no.

Legislator Ronk: I move we call the question.

Chairman Gavaris: All right,

Legislator Parete: I second it.

Chairman Gavaris: All those in favor. 1,2,3,4. All those opposed? 2,3,4,4. 4-4. Motion is defeated.

Legislator Parete:

Chairman Gavaris: All right. Thank you.

553: Authorization the distribution of mortgage tax receipts. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

554: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ulster County Soil & Water.

Legislator Ronk: I move we block 554, 555, and 556.

Chairman Gavaris: Motion. Second? Legislator Archer. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. On the block?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right, so carried, thank you.

550, 565: Confirming the appointment of Brendan Masterton as Commissioner of Public Works. Motion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second?

Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Legislator Ronk: I, I, I just have one. I just want to say one quick thing. I just want to commend the Executive on, on this choice. I think it's a really fantastic choice. Brendan's a great guy and he's gonna do a great job in this position.

Chairman Gavaris: Chair Donaldson, you have your hand up? No. Okay. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. Thank you.

568: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to enter into and intermunicipal agreement with New York State DEC. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: Moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

569: Approving an increase

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Could I have a second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

571: Authorize the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

571: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

572: Authorize the Chair of the Legislature to enter, execute an agreement, resource allocation

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

All right, I thought I heard somebody.

Legislator Ronk: I move that we block 575, 76, and 77, and 78.

Chairman Gavaris: And 78. Second? Walter. Discussion? All right. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? Okay. All right. On the block. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

580: Amending Capital Project 550, fairgrounds improvement. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

580...

Legislator Ronk: 582.

Chairman Gavaris: 582, here we go, Approving the execution of a contract amendment, contract for \$587,300. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

583: Amending Capital Project 580, Broad Street.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

585: Amending 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program. Can I

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

587: Amending Capital Project 482, Countywide Radio System. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Bartels. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

Did I skip, no I didn't skip one.

589: Authorize the Chair of the Legislature to execute a lease agreement with Wallkill Fire Company.

Legislator Ronk: I'll, I'll, I'll move it and I'd like to be added as a sponsor.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

590: Amending Capital Project 594. Black Creek.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

592: Authorizing the Chair of the Legislature to execute a contract with New York State Division

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

593: Amending the 2021

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter? Discussion. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

594: Authorizing the conveyance of county owned property to original owners.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

595: Amending the 2020, 2022 budget for ARPA related expenses. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? I'll second for discussion. Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks, Chairman, I know that you and I spoke earlier. You know, I, I plan on withdrawing this after saying a couple of words. If you're, if you're willing to withdraw it. I

Chairman Gavaris: Just, Legislator Ronk, just so you're aware, before you joined. Burt had also conveyed from the Exec's Office, the would also like it withdrawn as well.

Legislator Ronk: Yeah, I, I'm, I aware of that. And part of my concern here is that, you know, I, I feel like, you know, as, as we've tried to work through this ARPA project, you know, process, we keep being sold a bill of goods. And then you know, we, we come to what we think is an agreement, and then all of a sudden, oh, well, that's not what we agreed to. And then, you know, three different people from the same office have three different stories on exactly what we agreed to, you know, as of right now, I I'm, I have a little bit of a lack of faith in how we're moving forward on these ARPA funds. You know, we were going to move the non-capital, you know, expenses into the budget, then we were told that we didn't want to move them into the budget, because it was going to increase the budget by millions of dollars, and it wouldn't look good to the public. And then we were told that we were going to put it in contingency. So small amounts of money couldn't be spent over and over and over again without legislative approval. And now here we are, now we want it withdrawn. So, um, you know, I've, I've got pretty deep concerns about this. You know, if I had to do over again, I'd probably go back and, and support what Legislator Bartels was putting forward, honestly. You know, I think that as a legislature, we really do, you know, get a handle on what's going on, um, you know, and and sort of take back the reins on some of this stuff. So, I would that having been said I'll, I'll withdraw the resolution.

Chairman Gavaris: I'll withdraw as well. All right. Resolution has been withdrawn.

596: Approving the execution of contract for 5, \$55,000 for Family of Woodstock. Can I have a motion? Bartels. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: So carried.

597: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$27,000 for

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

598: Approving the execution of a contract for \$382,750 for Belo and Company. Can I have motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

599: Approving the execution of contract amendment for \$8,380 for Accumedic Computer Systems. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion. All those in favor? Opposed? so carried.

600: Approving the execution of a contract for \$61,746. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? All those in favor? Opposed? So carried.

601: Execution of a contract for \$60,349. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

602: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$54,000 for Halwick Law, LLC.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

603: It, it's approving the execution of a contract for \$130,000 to Connect America.com. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Archer. Discussion? Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Thank you. Is this, is this a new program? I don't recall seeing this before. And I just wanted to just get a little background on this. I didn't, didn't have a chance to give a call and find out.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: It's a new vendor. It's a long, it, it's a long-time program. These are the personal emergency response. So think of the commercials, help me I've fallen, I can't get up. Our previous vendor didn't submit a bid. And actually, it was time for a change. It just wasn't working as well. So we went out to bid, got the responses. And we're just awarding to a new vendor who we know a lot of other county OFA's use and are happy with. So we're looking forward to the new relationship with the new vendor.

Legislator Archer: And how many people does this service? And, and is it similar to what we paid in the past? Or is it increased significant significantly?

Deputy Executive Rider: It's not a significant increase. It's, it may have increased slightly. I, I think they provided the number to the committee on how many this serves, but I, I, don't have it off the top of my head.

Legislator Archer: It was kind of hard to break down because depending on the service, there were different price points. So I wasn't sure how many people were supported by this effort.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I mean, some folks actually just want this as an app on their phone. Because people have phones with them at all times. So that's going to be a cheaper service than if you actually have the PR, the Personal Emergency Response device on like a chain around your neck.

Legislator Archer: Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. It's a, it's a question for Marc through, through the Chair. Do, do, do we have a waiting list for people who want, who want this? Or does everyone who wants it, is everyone able to, to get it?

Deputy Executive Rider: I think this is one of the services that, that we have a waiting list for I can follow up with Sue and find out what, what that is, if that is the case.

Legislator Bartels: That would be great. Thank you.

Legislator Archer: So, so I as a follow up question, is there a specific criteria or financial indicator that they use to determine whether someone can afford to get it on their own or so if there's that criteria if you could share that as well? That would be helpful.

Deputy Executive Rider: Will do.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, so all those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

604: Amending the 2021 Ulster County Budget to

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

605: Approving the execution of contract \$135,000 For Dutchess Tekon. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

606: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$103,328 for Encon Services. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk. Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

607: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$22,845.96.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

608: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$32,864 for Postler & Jaeckle Corp. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

609: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$50,000 for Catskill Mountain Railroad.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter, Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So my understanding is that this was put in for, as a one year contract and then was amended in committee to be made a two year contract. Can, can I, can I ask whoever can answer that question what the implication, why it was put in as a one year and what the implication of moving it to a two year would be and whether or not the two year was approved by, went through council.

Chairman Gavaris: Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: So, we did this extension because of COVID. The, the RFP that went out, I believe was three plus two years, and this is an extended year, we had already given them some relief from COVID in last year's permit, allowing them to pay the, the first \$25,000 at a later date because of the, the effects of COVID on Polar Express.

We did it as a one year and, and it aligned it with Rail Explorers, and the idea was the Purchasing Department was going to go back out to RFP for both throughout this year, and then we would have another five year or so contract for whoever what the, the awarded proposers were, I guess in Public Works, I happen to miss that night, it got amended for two years. I'm, I'm unclear why the two years was chosen. But from a procurement perspective, putting on my department, Director of purchasing hat, it's time for this to go back out to RFP. And it's important to you know, abide by, you know, regular procurement laws that that happens. So I, I hope that this ends up being able to be amended back to a one year.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer then Criswell.

Legislator Archer: I, I'd like to hear from Peter if he was part of the meeting where this occurred.

Legislator Criswell: Yeah, I just wanted to mention that the TRAC Committee did in fact, approve it as a two year.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: So just for the record, I, I, I support, putting it back to the one year, particularly if it's aligning up with our procurement process. At this juncture, I can't support a two year.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk then Bartels. Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I, just two things. First off, you know, the, the TRAC Committee, and I think people often, you know, mistake this as an advisory committee, not a, not, not a committee that moves things forward. But while I respect that they wanted it to be two years, Public Works did approve it to be two years. Now from, on the procurement standpoint, I don't think that Marc is saying it has to go back out to RFP from a procurement standpoint, I think he said it should. And that's, you know, I, I'm very, you know, shall and should are very different things. You know, I, I don't think that there's anything legally insufficient with us making this a two-year extension rather than a one year extension.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. Um, so, you mentioned, Marc, you mentioned Rail Explorers? Where, is their contracts up at this, is it, is it a concomitant contract parallel or is it, is it running at a different time frame?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, so it is also, it was extended as well, for a year, although that contract was extended at the very beginning of the process, because the amount of the, the track that was supposed to be available to them was not available to them. Remember, it was like part of that spaghetti track. And, and there was an issue with, they were supposed to, the way they proposed it was going to be one way, and then they're going to get driven back and the way the track ended up, it ended up happened to be a two year, or a two way trip, round trip, trip. And they had to buy basically, electrical assist rail bikes. So they will end you know, in '22, and the idea was to align the entire corridor to go out for proposal.

Legislator Ronk is correct, legally. It's a professional service and, and likely doesn't have to go out but our procurement manual does state that these things require an RFP, and the RFP was for a set term, allowing for kind of exigent, exedent circumstances, which I just don't think you can say, Okay, two years, we still know that we're going to be in the same situation that we're in. I think a year for COVID is reasonable. But you're right, legally. I don't think you have to take it back to a one year but

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Deputy Executive Rider: I'll leave that to Legislative Counsel.

Legislator Bartels: Can I just follow on, so, and then I heard, I'm not even sure where this came from. But I heard that there were potential issues. With the, the, the space that they're utilizing at the, at Herzog's are at that end of, that end of the track. Is that, is that the, is that an issue as well?

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean that, they, Herzog's will eventually want them to move away from that end of the track, if they're going to build the Kingstonian project. You really can't have it run in front of their, I know, he's, it was said at the TRAC Committee that he's willing to move them over by MAC fitness. But it would be difficult to have the trains run by during construction.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, given, given that compounded with the, the fact that, you know, you're trying to align both opportunities at each end of, of, of the rail, I would, I would make a proposal to put it back to a one year lease, it gives everybody an opportunity to assess where we're going in the next year. So versus a two year, two year lease. So I, I'm proposing a one year.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, I'll second that for the purpose of discussion, but can

Chairman Gavaris: Well, I don't, I guess let me clarify Legislator Archer is that an actual?

Legislator Bartels: Oh.

Chairman Gavaris: Yeah, okay.

Legislator Bartels: Okay. So

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Legislator Bartels. Discussion, go ahead Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah. So I second it for the purpose of discussion. But there's, I mean, I would actually, at this moment, prefer po, at least beginning by postponing the week so that we can talk to our caucuses about it. I mean, this is, you know, it came out of Public Works, but, you know, this is the, this is the first I'm really talking about it to any group, any, any group of the body. Um, so, yeah, I, I, I don't I don't feel fully informed yet. I'm just not. I don't know. I'm just not sure.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Criswell then Ronk.

Legislator Criswell: I just want to say that I think that Legislator Bartels has a good idea, because it's a very complicated issue. There's an issue of a potential grant to actually repair the tracks that has ramifications on the county in terms of a 10-year commitment to actually have a, an active rail service on this track.

Legislator Ronk: That is [inaudible]

Legislator Criswell: And so I just think there's a lot of conversation that has to happen. And so I would, I would just support what Legislator Bartels said.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Since this meeting is being recorded, and there are many people in the room, I just want to make it clear, what Legislator Criswell just said was slightly correct and slightly incorrect. There is a 10-year commitment on the County if the Catskill Mountain Railroad gets the grant, which the County would have to support, where the County would have to maintain the rails, that and, and the ties, pretty much any, any physical structures that are put in as part of the grant have to be maintained by the county, it doesn't say the train has to run on them. We don't have to operate a train on the tracks, we just have to maintain the tracks that are paid for with the grant.

Legislator Criswell: I didn't say that a train has to run, I said that a rail service has to run. And that's what I was told had to happen. Some sort of rail service, I didn't say a train. Correct me if I'm wrong, [inaudible].

Legislator Ronk: I apologize. I, I also don't believe that we have to operate a rail service on it, I believe that the tracks need to be maintained.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: There is a clause in the grant that they're applying for that, that requires a maintenance of service. So not just a maintenance of the improvements, but a maintenance of some type of service. Does that mean something similar to a Rail Explorer's on the other end? I mean, there's a lot of different options there. But it would mean you know, leaving the tracks in place and having some sort of railroad type service for 10 years.

Chairman Gavaris: Anybody else? Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: So to the point that Legislator Bartels made and, and all the discussion we've had, if it's easier for me to withdraw the one year and just postpone it till next week till everybody has a chance to speak with their caucus. I'm happy to do that.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Ronk and then Bartels.

Legislator Ronk: If it makes anything easier, I don't need to talk to my caucus. You know, we're, we're pretty solid, yes, on the two years. But whatever, we could postpone it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I'll, I'll withdraw my second if Legislator Archer's withdrawing her motion.

Legislator Archer: And, and, and putting in a motion to postpone it till next week.

Legislator Bartels: I'll second that.

Chairman Gavaris: Second that, all right. Discussion on that? All right, all those in favor? Opposed?

Legislator Ronk: I'm opposed to postponing it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Haynes, you're opposed as well? Okay, all right, two opposed. Alright, thank you.

611: Approving the execution of a contract for \$320,000 for Roemer Wallens Gold for Department of Personnel. Can I have motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? Just a question. This is a cap amount, is that correct?

Deputy Executive Rider: Not to exceed.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Thank you. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

612: Approving the execution of a contract amount for \$210,000.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Legislator Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

613: Approving the execution of a contract for \$72,943.32

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

614: Authorizing the County of Ulster to reopen Section 552 of Retirement and Social Security Law.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

55, sorry 615: Approving the execution for a contract amendment for \$52,730 for Black Creek.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

616: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$29,9

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

617: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$18,200.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried

618: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$2,640 for NYCOMCO. Could I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

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

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

619: Approving the execution of contract amendment for \$11,448 for NYCOMCO.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. Discussion. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

620: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for rate anticipated to exceed \$50,000. Can I have a motion? Legislator Walter. Discussion, I'm sorry, second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairman Gavaris: Ronk. Any discussion? All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried

621: Approving the execution of a contract amendment for \$532,913 for HRI. Can I have a motion?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Walter. Second, Ronk. Discussion? Legislator Haynes. Were you just seconding or you want to speak on it? Okay, all those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. All right.

Legislator Ronk: Mr. Chairman, I move we block 622 to 636 with, if there's no objection.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. Second? I, I'll second it.

Legislator Ronk: They should all be Social Services contracts, unless I missed one.

Chairman Gavaris: They are. All right. Any discussion? All right. Um, all those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right, on the block. All those in favor?

Group: Aye

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. So carried. Thank you.

Legislator Ronk: I'd now move that we block 637 to 646. They're all mental health contracts.

Chairman Gavaris: What about 646, no 646, you're right.

Legislator Walter: Can we keep out, um, 6, sorry. I was trying to look real quick, but Legislator Ronk went too fast. Either 643 or 644? I think 44 is the methadone. Can we, I'd like to talk about that one.

Deputy Executive Rider: 643 should be the methadone.

Legislator Walter: Okay. So

Legislator Ronk: I, I will revise my amendment to exclude 643.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay.

Legislator Ronk: On my block. I mean,

Chairman Gavaris: I forgot who seconded it. But Legislator Walter will second, all right. All those in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay. All right. On the block?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried. All right.

643: For the execution of a contract for \$100,000 for Health Alliance. Motion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairman Gavaris: Second, Ronk. Discussion? Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. So I did bring this up, I think it was at the Chairs meeting. But, you know, there has been consistently [inaudible] some concerns from Legislators about giving money to Health Alliance when we have still some outstanding concerns, particularly related to mental health and substance abuse, which methadone treatment is associated with that. Recognizing that many of these resolutions are state flow through that we don't have the capacity to necessarily intervene with it. This is county money for a methadone clinic. And I had asked if we can understand if there were other organizations that potentially could receive this money and whether an RFP had recently gone out. I know Deputy Executive Rider, you had said, although I know it's been a busy week that you possibly

look into when the last time this was even RFP'd. But since this is one thing that we could potentially small, but you know use to express our frustration with how they are handling substance abuse response at the hospital, it just seemed worth having a discussion about it.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: This, this conversation did come up at Public Health. I believe what Deputy Commissioner, Tara McDonald had to say was basically, these are the, this is the only methadone provider in the county. I get that there could be others that were interested if we RFP'd it. Not every county has a methadone clinic in it. And, and these are the only ones licensed currently to do it for Ulster County. It would need to be a much broader process than in the month of December, to, to try to fix this for 2022. I'm, you know, happy to take a look at this for beyond that this year. And and whether that's an RFP or work with the state to get others licensed. But she was pretty clear and I know Peter, Legislator Criswell was there, and heard it as well, that these are the only, this is the only agency that can offer it now.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels then Walter.

Legislator Bartels: Legislator [inaudible] responding to that, she could go first.

Legislator Walter: Thanks, I appreciate that you looked into it. I, I'm not sure if I, if that's true, because I do believe the Institute of Family Health provides methadone treatment. But that said, I appreciate looking into it over the year. I know that this is here right now. So I'm not looking to stop it. Because I do want the care. I think, I appreciate you looking at this. And then if there is any other similar type of thing, where it's the county giving money to Health Alliance, that we should really be taking a long, hard look at any of those kinds of contracts to identify whether there's other sources to provide those services. But thank you for that update. I don't know if it's 100% accurate, but I appreciate it.

Chairman Gavaris: Deputy Executive Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: I think it, and I'm slightly misremembering it. So you'd have to go back and listen to it. I feel like it was maybe the fact that it was the specific Suboxone or whatever they were offering here. They were the only ones able to offer it. She, she clearly said that. So whatever. And you know, we can have that conversation with her offline if you think there's others, I, it was a licensor issue though.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels, then Criswell.

Legislator Bartels: Thanks. So also in the Chair's meeting, the question came up about whether or not there's a, a waiting list for these services, and the hours of operation did we, was that discussed? Did we get answers on that?

Deputy Executive Rider: I haven't had an opportunity to get answers on that yet.

Legislator Bartels: Okay. So could, could, could you come back with that? Or just send it out via email? That'd be great. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Criswell.

Legislator Criswell: I think that it's important to note that Ms. McDonald also said that there are current clients who would be really hurt by not funding this program right now. So I really like the approach of let's take this next year. Let's look at it. Let's see what we can queue up to fund for future [inaudible].

Chairman Gavaris: Any other discussion?

Is this, how is this contract paid out? Is it money up front? Is it billable services? Do you know how that's done?

Deputy Executive Rider: I'd have to look at the Schedule B, but it's it's so they run this program, regardless of this money. I mean, this allows them to have I believe, some expanded hours but the clinic, the methadone clinic, as Deputy Commissioner McDonald pointed out in that meeting is a much larger undertaking than this \$100,000. So it's not like they bill us per service. This is our, you know, part of, of having it here in Ulster County. And so I'd have to take a look at, at the Schedule B to see how it's played, paid out.

Chairman Gavaris: Okay all those in, so, sorry, I lost track of where we were on this. This is to postpone, did anybody make a motion to postpone this? No, okay, all right, I thought someone was going to. All right, all those in favor, then.

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? So carried.

647: Establish a policy provide budget transparency.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels. Discussion? Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. Um, you know, this is one I would like postponed until next week to, to be able to have a conversation with my caucus. You know, I, I understand where it's coming from. And I'm not necessarily opposed to it. But I do have concerns about the impact on our employees' privacy. You know, so I, I would like to, you know, be able to talk to my caucus about it.

Chairman Gavaris: [inaudible]. Second? Legislator Archer, you'll second? All right, discussion?
Legislator Archer. You're on mute now.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, I, I don't have a problem waiting till next week. But I do want to make a clarification here. All the information was information previously received by this body, there's a lot of confusion, employee salary is available, it is not, it is not private. So I think it would just be, help us to understand where our vacancies are, where people are sitting and understanding the organization structure a lot better. And I think it's very helpful in creating transparency in the budget cycle.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, all those in favor?

Legislator Ronk: The Commissioner of Finances has his hand up.

Chairman Gavaris: Sorry. Burt, go ahead.

Commissioner Gulnick: Just wanted to give information we did have names previously. One of the problems with those, they were inaccurate for the most part. Remember, we start this budget process in May. And I will say one of the issues we even ran into is with the Legislature as a whole. For instance, this year, the Exec Budget would list you as vacant, because we wouldn't know the election results until November. I don't know listing the Legislature as vacant is a good idea. And having a name, would it be this year or the previous year? There are many changes during the year as comparison. That would be my only thing with the names other than that I have, you know, it wouldn't be hard to put the standard hours on.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: You know, I mean, I appreciate what the Commissioner of Finance is saying, but I'm, it might be a bridge too far to say that they would mostly be wrong. I know that in previous years, when we, when we had the names listed. They were the names at the time that the budget was printed. So it was a you know, it was a moment in time. Obviously, they were the, you're saying they weren't the names at the time the budget was printed. How'd you put

Commissioner Gulnick: No, it was, it was when we first started in May. That's when we first, we never went back and updated those.

Legislator Bartels: Oh, I see, when it first was drafted. Okay.

Commissioner Gulnick: Right, yup.

Legislator Bartels: Okay, well, it's a picture of a moment in time.

Commissioner Gulnick: Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer: Yeah, I thought you guys didn't get budget information, that it was really done, I, I this a little tongue in cheek Burt, because you guys always say, Oh, we don't get budgets, we never,

Commissioner Gulnick: [inaudible]

Legislator Archer: wait a second, if you'll allow me to finish. You guys always say you don't have the information. So then maybe it needs to be updated. And maybe we need to get current information. It's about transparency. And you guys are espousing the same thing. So why don't we all work together to have more transparency? I think that would be great. Thank you.

Legislator Ronk: In, in fairness to the Commissioner of Finance, I don't believe he's ever said that to us. I believe that the two gentlemen who have said that to us are Marc Rider and John Milgrim.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Forgive me, I haven't read too much into this, and I know Ken said he wants to speak to our caucus about it, but is this transparency including names attached to positions? I thought we didn't like to have names attached to positions.

Legislator Archer: I don't think that's the issue. I don't know where that came. I, it was not, it was something we've always asked for and never received. So you know, somewhere along the line, somebody set that tone. It may have been the previous administration. I'm saying that for clarity and a better understanding of the organization. I think it's helpful to have names in, in the process in org charts. I mean we, that, that shouldn't be a secret. So thanks.

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

Legislator Ronk: Of postponing, right?

Chairman Gavaris: Yes. Postponing.

Legislator Ronk: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: All right, opposed? All right, so carried.

If, I don't think I missed anything, any new business? No. All right. Comptroller Gallagher, do you have any updates?

Comptroller Gallagher: Sure. Good evening. Thank you. Um, I just wanted to let you know, we, we're beginning our risk assessment process for 2022. We're firming up our Q3 report, which will probably go out next week. And a cost of COVID report, we had some comments back from the administration that you'll probably see Friday, after the Tech City event in the middle of the week.

And I wanted to let you guys know that we got a big sales tax payment today. We're at \$128,132,000. And if we look back to 2020, and 2019, 2019, being the lesser of those two, between now and the end of the year, we have, you know, six more sales tax payments coming. That would be another \$21 million. So we're looking at a good healthy \$149 million in all likelihood or something thereabouts. Obviously, there's no guarantee.

Similarly, occupancy tax is doing very well. We're at \$2,596,000 and change. So both those numbers looking very well and appreciate you guys listening, you know, for the budget purposes.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Comptroller Gallagher: That's it.

Chairman Gavaris: Thank you. Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Can I just ask the Comptroller, I don't, I don't know if you have the information with you. But in terms of the occupancy tax, tax. How, how do the, do those numbers compared to pre-adoption of the agreement with Airbnb?

Comptroller Gallagher: Well, we budgeted 2 million and we're ahead of even the pre, previous year, which was a little bit higher pre COVID. But I don't have, I can't share Airbnb numbers. You'll have to ask the Commissioner of Finance.

Chairman Gavaris: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: So yeah, I would, I would like to ask as the Commissioner of Finance. I understand you might not have it on you right now. And if you don't, that's fine. But could we see a comparative analysis of pre-and post-adoption [inaudible]?

Commissioner Gulnick: Yeah, I can. I can get those numbers in terms of when it was adopted from prior. No problem.

Legislator Bartels: Great. Thank you.

Chairman Gavaris: Yep. Business? If not, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairman Gavaris: Second? Walter. All right, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairman Gavaris: Opposed? All right. Thank you all.

Legislator Bartels: Have a great night, everybody.

Chairman Gavaris: Good night.