

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: November 10, 2020 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID 974 5183 5452
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, and Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 5:06 PM), Tracey Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio, and Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Bruno, Cahill, Delaune, and Petit; Minority Counsel Nick Pascale; Legislative Counsel Christopher Ragucci; Clerk of the Legislature Victoria Fabella; Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick; Sheriff Juan Figueroa; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, John Milgrim, and Evelyn Wright; Comptroller March Gallagher; Deputy Comptroller Christopher Quirk; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Priscilla Lowe, Kingston City School District; David Hoffman, Sawkill Fire Company; Sarah Wenk, City of Kingston; Linda Marston-Reid, Arts Mid-Hudson; James Quigley, Ulster Supervisor; Joan Crawford, Family Services, Inc.; James Logan, Resident; Ben Nandy, Spectrum News; Rebecca Martin, Kingston Citizens; Bill Burr, Record Online; Clark Richters Sr.; James Michael, The Kingstonian; Tim Weidemann, Director of Innovation; Casey Hons, Family Services, Inc.; Jen Messier, Prospect Heights Street Tree Task Force; 2 unidentified callers (“Galaxy S10”, and “No Kingstonian Pilot”)

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM**

David Hoffman spoke on behalf of Sawkill Fire Company from 5:06 PM to 5:08 PM providing an overview of what the Organization does, how it has served the community throughout COVID-19, and what the Organization is requesting funding for.

Linda Marston-Reid spoke on behalf of Arts Mid-Hudson from 5:08 PM to 5:14 PM explaining what the Organization is and how it serves the Ulster County community, describing how the Organization redistributes funding to other outside Organizations. Legislator Haynes

expressed support for the Organization’s new facility and its collaborations. Ms. Marston-Reid encouraged members of the Legislature to come view the new facility and shared some information on how the pandemic has affected the Organization and its collaborations.

Motion No. 1: To approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, the October 14, 2020 Special Meeting, the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting, the October 22, 2020 Special Meeting, and the October 27, 2020 Special Meeting

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, 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 discuss Resolution No. 299 – Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses

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

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

Discussion: Legislator Ronk acknowledged that the 2021 County Executive Recommended Budget assumes the approved use of the funds, affirmed that use at this time is permissible according to County Executive staff, and stated that he is comfortable with its use at this time. Legislator Bartels countered that she is not comfortable at this time, citing unknown hardships in the upcoming year and alternative options such as a five-year repayment. Legislative Chairman Donaldson confirmed comfort with the Resolution, emphasizing the timing with the pandemic. Legislator Walter emphasized that the use of the funds should be a last resort, stating interest in seeing and understanding the full impact of expenditures and revenues on the fiscal year 2020. Legislator Ronk countered

that last resort funding is unappropriated fund balance which will affect the County's credit rating, stating concern that taxes will be required to be increased if the use of the funds are not approved. Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci suggested obtaining a document in writing from the County Attorney confirming his position in indicating that any members of the body would be indemnified by the County moving forward. Chairman Donaldson expressed interest in pursuing this recommendation, asking the Committee when another appropriate use of the funds may be. Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick confirmed the value of the request. Chairwoman Archer requested time to clarify answers to questions asked of the external budget analysts.

Motion No. 3: To postpone Resolution No. 299 – Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses

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Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: Legislators Ronk, Haynes, Maio, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 4

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 299 – Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses

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

Motion Made By: Legislator

Motion Seconded By: Legislator

Discussion: None

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

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

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

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

Discussion: Legislator Bartels informed Committee members that she has requested to schedule a meeting with the third-party reviewer of the project to get some questions answered. Chairwoman Archer stated that Tim Weidemann, Director of Innovation, is working to schedule a meeting.

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

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

Discussion: Legislator Ronk motioned to Amend the Resolution to include the new terms as negotiated by the IDA.

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

Motion No. 7: To postpone Resolution No. 328 - Approving The Deviation By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Relating To The Terms And Conditions Of A Certain PILOT Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Kingstonian Development, LLC In Connection With The Kingstonian Development, LLC Project, And The Undertaking Of The Project Under The Agency's Housing Policy, as Amended

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

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

Discussion: Chairman Donaldson expressed discontent with the postponement. Legislator Walter stated she will not be voting in favor of the PILOT, providing an example of an exemplary local organization who greatly benefits the community it resides in but that did not receive a PILOT. Legislator Ronk emphasized discontent with postponement. Chairman Donaldson requested the list of questions submitted to the County Executive for answer by the third-party reviewer. Chairwoman Archer agreed to share the answers to her questions upon the receipt of the answers. Discussion pursued on the questions to the third-party reviewer.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: Legislators Ronk, and Maio
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 8: To discuss Resolution No. 345 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 8, 2020 At 6:10 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) to further clarify budget modification after adoption on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 At 6:10 PM.

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

Discussion: Chairwoman Archer asked if Legislative Chairman Donaldson was in agreement with postponing the Resolution until the budget cycle is complete. Legislative Chairman Donaldson stated preference in moving forward.

Motion No. 9: To discuss Resolution No. 345 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 8, 2020 At 6:10 PM

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 379 – Confirming Appointment Of Lisa Berger As Director Of Tourism

Resolution Summary: This Resolution confirms the appointment of Lisa Berger as Director of Tourism.

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

Discussion: Chairman Donaldson confirmed that Economic Development approved the Resolution. Legislator Walter asked if this position will have any role in the process with the Air BnB negotiations and what's going on with the contract with Air BnB. Deputy County Executive Evelyn Wright stated that the County's contract with Air BnB is still undergoing negotiations and that communications with the community will run through the Tourism Department, stating that the Tourism Department will be offering support in conjunction with other Departments to all Air BnB hosts throughout the County. Further, Deputy County Executive Evelyn Wright affirmed that the County is still working through negotiations. Legislator Walter asked if this meant another month until the contract is executed. Deputy County Executive Evelyn Wright declined to offer an estimate.

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

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 380 – Confirming Appointment Of Tim Weidemann As Director Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the appointment of Tim Weidemann as Director of Economic Development.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 382 – Authorizing An Intermunicipal Agreement For Consulting Services For Procurement Of Goods And Services Between The County Of Ulster And The SUNY Ulster – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County of Ulster, through its Purchasing Department, to provide such consulting services and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an intermunicipal cooperation agreement, extensions thereto, and any amendments thereto, with SUNY Ulster for the purpose of fulfilling and implementing cooperative procurement.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 383 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 17 Of 2007, A Local Law To Create The Department Of The Environment And The Office Of Coordinator Of The Department Of The Environment For The County of Ulster, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 8, 2020 At 6:15 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 17 Of 2007, A Local Law To Create The Department Of The Environment And The Office Of Coordinator Of The Department Of The Environment For The County of Ulster on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 At 6:15 PM.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 384 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With Brodhead Solar, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487 – Finance Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a PILOT agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Brodhead Solar, LLC for the building and operations of a Solar Energy System.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 385 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The Kingston City School District – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an inter-municipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with Kingston City School District, in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the Preschool Special Education and Related Services Program, for the period beginning September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 387 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation

– To Accept The New York State Share For Mass Transportation Projects For Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 - 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 in order to accept the New York State Share of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Mass Transportation Capital Projects and Operating Costs, in the total amount of \$5,229,503.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 17: To approve Resolution No. 388 – Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer Section 5311(b)(3) Funding For Bus Replacements And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution resolves that the Legislature supports a grant application to the FTA for Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3), and authorizes the County Executive to execute any required applications or agreements, and any amendments to any documents, to accept the funding agreement with the FTA.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 18: To approve Resolution No. 389 – Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation

Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution resolves that the Legislature 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 New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 19: To approve Resolution No. 390 – Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation Accelerated Transit Capital Program For Upstate Public Transportation Sponsors To Rehabilitate, Restore and Modernize Public Transit Assets, And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution resolves that the Legislature 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 New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 20: To approve Resolution No. 391 – Amending Capital Project No. 529 (Purchase Of Mass Transit Buses And Related Equipment) And Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 529 to fund a project for three (3) 35’ electric buses and five (5) UCAT buses in the amount of \$1,749,092.00 and amends the Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 21: To approve Resolution No. 394 – 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 December 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 to continue the New Paltz LOOP public transit service, and resolves that the service will continue contingent upon the availability of local operating funds from the Town of New Paltz and adequate bus fares.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 22: To approve Resolution No. 396 – Requesting The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Authorize Acceptance Of The Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant For The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) And Amending The 2020 Budget – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to accept and sign the award and contract provided by the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Grant-Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP), and amends the 2020 Operating Budget in the amount of \$32,217.00 for increases to Federal Aide and Professional Services, Computer Equipment, and Office Supplies.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: Legislator Ronk commended the Sheriff and the Department of Health for all of their hard work to ensure that this important funding was brought to Ulster County. Legislative Chairman Donaldson also thanked the Sheriff for his hard work and his diligence. Sheriff Juan Figueroa thanked the Committee for their support.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 23: To approve Resolution No. 397 – Appropriating Funds To The District Attorney’s Periodical Account – Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County District Attorney’s Office

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2020 Operating Budget in the amount of \$100.00 upon request from the District Attorney to appropriate \$100.00 from the District Attorney’s Fund Balance Fines Account for the purpose of upgrading, as defined in Local Law Number 12 of 2015 to be used to pay the administrative costs of maintaining the Ulster County Animal Abuse Registry.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 24: To approve Resolution No. 398 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Spring Lake Fire Department To Be Used As An Impound Lot – 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 Spring Lake Fire Department for a County Impound Lot located at 125 Maxwell Lane, Kingston, NY, for a term of three (5) years, beginning 15, 2020 and ending November 14, 2025, at an annual rental cost of \$16,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 25: To approve Resolution No. 399 – Amending The 2020 - 2025 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West, to redevelop the formerly known Bank of America Building in the Town of Ulster into a hub for small-scale manufacturing and arts-related uses and to return the property to productive uses in the amount of \$399,282.00, and amend the Capital Fund budget accordingly.

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

Discussion: Legislator Bartels expressed struggle with supporting this Capital Project, explaining that the Legislature was initially told that the building would only need a few thousand dollars of work but that the value of expenditures has continued to grow, further expressing concern in the County becoming landlords during a pandemic and during a time of such great financial stress, while also expressing

interest in going out to RFP (Request for Proposals) for the development of the property. Tim Weidemann explained Farm Bridge to the Committee, their interest in the property, and their intent to lease from the County a property at the renovated Tech City site. Legislator Walter expressed support for Farm Bridge, while stating concern that the County is becoming a landlord, asking what the benefits and risks to becoming a landlord are, and questioning what would happen if the County sold the property to a developer. Discussion pursued on the need to develop the property.

Motion No. 26: To recess the meeting until after the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2021 – 2026 Capital Program

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

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

The Committee took a recess from 6:06 PM to 6:40 PM.

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Logan, Resident; Ben Nandy, Spectrum News; Rebecca Martin, Kingston Citizens; Bill Burr, Record Online; Clark Richters Sr.; James Michael, The Kingstonian; Tim Weidemann, Director of Innovation

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting back to order at 6:40 PM**
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Continued discussion on Resolution No. 399 – Amending The 2020 - 2025 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West, to redevelop the formerly known Bank of America Building in the Town of Ulster into a hub for small-scale manufacturing and arts-related uses and to return the property to productive uses in the amount of \$399,282.00, and amend the Capital Fund budget accordingly.

Discussion: Legislative Chairman Donaldson reiterated that some amount of work must be completed to stabilize the building, arguing that the property will become an economic driver. Legislator Bartels emphasized discomfort with the Capital Project at a time of economic instability, stating that she is not convinced becoming a landlord is the right move for the County and asking to understand other options for the property. Legislator Walter requested postponing the Resolution for the purpose of getting several questions answered from Director of Innovation Tim Weidemann.

Motion No. 27: To postpone Resolution No. 399 – Amending The 2020 - 2025 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West – Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West, to redevelop the formerly known Bank of America Building in the Town of Ulster into a hub for small-scale manufacturing and arts-related uses and to return the property to productive uses in the amount of \$399,282.00, and amend the Capital Fund budget accordingly.

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

Discussion: Legislator Uchitelle told the Committee he feels this investment needs to be made as not moving forward would send a negative message to potential investors and partners. Deputy County Executive Wright asked that Committee members reach out to County Executive staff to obtain presentation materials and details from activities that took place over the summer, stating that there is no market for selling the building in discussion, that the County

Executive is looking for models and processes for leases as currently being designed, and that a third party will be hired for the leasing of the property. Discussion pursued on the work required versus optional, the amount of information disclosed to the Legislature, and the risk the County will be subjected to in the pursuit of the Capital Project. Ulster Supervisor James Quigley spoke in support of the project. Further discussion pursued. Legislator Ronk specified that he is voting in favor of the postponement only to ensure the Resolution does not fail. Chairman Donaldson echoed this position.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Ronk, Bartels, Gavaris, Walter, and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
Voting Against: Legislators Maio, and Haynes
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 28: To approve Resolution No. 401 – Amending Capital Project No. 533 – Maltby Hollow Bridge, Town Of Olive – Funding Construction And Construction Inspection Phase – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 533 Maltby Hollow Bridge, Town of Olive, to fund the construction and construction inspection phase of the project in the amount of \$2,480,000.00, bringing the total cost of the project to \$2,600,000.00, and amends the Capital Fund budget accordingly.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 29: To approve Resolution No. 403 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) In Relation To Intermunicipal Cooperation For Testing Services – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services in relation to Intermunicipal Cooperation for Testing Services, for the period December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 30: To approve Resolution No. 404 – Approving The Retention And Disposition Schedule For New York Local Government Records (LGS-1) – Ulster County Clerk

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves and adopts for use by all County officers the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records for the legal disposing of County government records listed therein.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 31: To approve Resolution No. 405 – Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept payment of the full amount of back taxes on parcels disclosed therein of real property acquired by the County by reason of non-payment of taxes.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 32: To approve Resolution No. 406 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$55,380.00 Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Complete Building Solutions, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to additional building cleaning services resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic an additional 55,380.00, making the contract total \$567,920.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Walter

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 33: To approve Resolution No. 407 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,191,507.98 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc. from December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for construction services for the replacement of Maltby Hallow Creek, BIN 3347560, County Bridge #155, in the Town of Olive.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walter

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 34: To approve Resolution No. 408 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$219,495.00 Entered Into By The County – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. to extend the term of agreement from December 30, 2020 through December 31, 2021 and to expand the scope of work for engineering services for the replacement of Maltby-Hollow Bridge (CR-42/Walton Hollow Rd) over Maltby Hollow Creek, BIN 3347560, County Bridge #155, in the Town of Olive to include construction support and inspection for an additional \$219,495.00, making the contract total \$327,495.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 35: To approve Resolution No. 409 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$26,794.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tri-County Refrigeration, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Tri-County Refrigeration, Inc. to extend the term of agreement from November 30, 2020 through November 30, 2021 and to increase funding for maintenance and repair of chillers at UCLEC and UCOB for an additional \$26,794.00, making the contract total \$158,804.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 36: To approve Resolution No. 410 – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to conduct a variety of reviews and investigations to reduce fraudulent claims for public assistance in the amount of \$80,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 37: To block Resolutions No. 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, and 416.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 38: To approve the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 411 – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for day care registration and inspection services in the amount of \$139,787.00.

Resolution No. 412 – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for Washbourne residential program for victims of domestic violence in the amount of \$333,448.00.

Resolution No. 413 – 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, 2020 through December 31, 2021 for emergency assistance to Ulster County residents via a telephone hotline and walk-in services accessible in various locations throughout the County in the amount of \$120,328.00.

Resolution No. 414 – 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 from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for Family House emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth in the amount of \$162,600.00.

Resolution No. 415 – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for shelter and support services for homeless individuals and families of Ulster County in the amount of \$1,665,000.00.

Resolution No. 416 – 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for independent living program to prepare youth for the challenges and responsibilities of living as an adult after discharge from foster care in the amount of \$75,000.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 39: To approve Resolution No. 417 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$109,995.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Health Research, Inc. from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for public health preparedness program funding in the amount of \$109,995.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 40: To approve Resolution No. 418 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$42,714.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc., F/K/A New World Systems Corporation – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc., F/K/A New World Systems Corporation to extend the term of agreement from December 31, 2020 through December 31, 2021 and increase funding for maintenance and support of the financial management system for an additional \$42,714.00, making the contract total \$287,014.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 41: To approve Resolution No. 419 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County – Cubic Creative, Inc. D/B/A Belo + Company – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cubic Creative, Inc. D/B/A Belo + Company from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for full-service advertising to promote Ulster County to potential tourists and business owners who would consider relocating their business to Ulster County in the amount of \$382,750.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: Legislator Walter

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 42: To approve Resolution No. 420 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$272,416.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services of the Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley to extend the term of agreement from September 30, 2002 through September 30, 2021 and to increase funding for holistic legal services for crime victims referred by the Department of Probation Crime Victim Assistance Program or through the New York Crime Victim Legal Network for an additional \$272,416.00, making the contract total \$795,169.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 43: To approve Resolution No. 421 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$49,745.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Black Creek Integrated System Corp. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Black Creek Inegrated System Corp. to extend the term of agreement from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and to increase funding for maintenance and support of the electronic locking system at the UCLEC for an additional \$49,745.00, making the contract total \$148,145.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 44: To approve Resolution No. 422 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$65,964.00 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Motorola Solutions from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021 for repair and maintenance of the Fire/EMS dispatch radio system in the amount of \$65,964.00.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 45: To approve Resolution No. 423 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$69,469.80 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions – Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Motorola Solutions from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for repair and maintenance of the 911 phone system in the amount of \$69,469.80.

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

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 46: To approve Resolution No. 424 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$59,400.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical PC D/B/A Emergency One – Personnel Department

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Anderson Medical PC D/B/A Emergency One from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 for short-term counseling and assistance for its employees and their departments and/or any member of the employees' household in the amount of \$59,400.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Old Business: Legislative Chairman Donaldson asked for confirmation if Resolutions No. 407 & 408 are required in the current year. Deputy County Executive Rider stated that the Capital Project is half grant funded, that the engineering process is completed, and the construction work is long term and necessary to start as soon as possible.

New Business: None

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:59 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: November 10, 2020

**Ways &
Means Committee
Regular Meeting Transcript**

DATE & TIME: November 10, 2020 – 5:00
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by dialing 1-646-558-8656,
Meeting ID 974 5183 5452
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, and Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (arrived at 5:06 PM), Tracey
Bartels, John Gavaris, Heidi Haynes, Mary Beth Maio, and
Eve Walter; and Legislative Chairman Donaldson
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Bruno, Cahill, Delaune, and Petit; Minority
Counsel Nick Pascale; Legislative Counsel Christopher
Ragucci; Clerk of the Legislature Victoria Fabella;
Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick; Sheriff Juan
Figueroa; Deputy County Executives Marc Rider, John
Milgrim, and Evelyn Wright; Comptroller March Gallagher;
Deputy Comptroller Christopher Quirk; Patricia Doxsey,
Daily Freeman; Priscilla Lowe, Kingston City School
District; David Hoffman, Sawkill Fire Company; Sarah
Wenk, City of Kingston; Linda Marston-Reid, Arts Mid-
Hudson; James Quigley, Ulster Supervisor; Joan Crawford,
Family Services, Inc.; James Logan, Resident; Ben Nandy,
Spectrum News; Rebecca Martin, Kingston Citizens; Bill
Burr, Record Online; Clark Richters Sr.; James Michael,
The Kingstonian; Tim Weidemann, Director of Innovation;
Casey Hons, Family Services, Inc.; Jen Messier, Prospect
Heights Street Tree Task Force; 2 unidentified callers
("Galaxy S10", and "No Kingstonian Pilot")

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you everyone. I'd like to call the November 10th Ways and Means meeting to order.

Would you please call roll Natalie?

Natalie Kelder: Archer.

Chairwoman Archer: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Ronk.

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris: Present.

Natalie Kelder: Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Maio.

Legislator Maio: Here.

Natalie Kelder: Walter.

Legislator Walter: Here.

Natalie Kelder: And Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Here.

Chairwoman Archer: Great. Okay, we're going to start off the meeting with a couple of the organizations that didn't make our, our last meeting. We have tonight, with us here, Dave (Hoffman) from the Sawkill Fire Company. Dave, you're on the phone today? Correct?

David Hoffman: Yes, I am.

Chairwoman Archer: All right. So, we have you today. Thank you for coming back. Hopefully,

David Hoffman: Yes, I apologize.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, no problem.

David Hoffman: About last month.

No, it happens. We've all had our challenges. So, I'm going to turn it over to you, Dave.

David Hoffman: My name is Dave Hoffman. I'm the Chief of the Sawkill Fire Company in the Kingston. We serve roughly 900 residents. I have 35 very active members. We do fire, rescue, and EMS calls. And we're pretty active in the community with the COVID-19 respond, handing out food. But basically, we do fire, rescue, and EMS calls.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, do you want to explain to us what you're going to be using the money for?

David Hoffman: It would be going toward SCBA carbon gas cylinders, 15 bottles. And then 15 Hills Signs Reflective Cylinder Bands, labels for the sale of the bottle. And what they go on. They go on breathing SCBA breathing apparatus that we go into our structure fires with.

Chairwoman Archer: So it's pretty much equipment. Is that correct?

David Hoffman: Yes. It's equipment, yes.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Anybody have any questions? I don't see anybody with any questions. Well, thank you so much for coming tonight and explaining to us what you're going to use the money for. I appreciate it.

David Hoffman: Thank you. Have a good day.

Chairwoman Archer: All right, you as well.

David Hoffman: Goodbye.

Chairwoman Archer: We also have Arts Mid-Hudson, Linda Marston-Reid. Welcome, Linda. We haven't seen you in a while. It's nice to see you.

Linda Marston-Reid: It's nice to see everybody's faces. I, I really miss seeing everyone.

Chairwoman Archer: In-person. I know. It's of kind hard.

Linda Marston-Reid: Yeah, it is.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, thank you. Thank you for coming and sorry, you couldn't make the last meeting but we're happy to have you here.

Linda Marston-Reid: Yeah.

Chairwoman Archer: So, I'm going to turn it over to you, Linda.

Linda Marston-Reid: Okay. Well, Arts Mid-Hudson is the art service organization in the Mid-Hudson Region. We have been serving Ulster County for approximately 12 years with this fund. So, in 2008, we started that. And, and as, as we have done this work over the years, we have done more than just pass out money. You know, and there's a process for this, people have to apply for it. A group of panelists from Ulster County read everything and make the determination on how the funding is going to be given out.

So, in the last few years, I would say since 2016, we have really doubled down and put a lot of our staff time here in Ulster County to really knit together the communities. You know, there's a lot of little, small communities in places like Ellenville. Woodstock is a bigger community. Kingston is a

very large growing community of arts and culture purveyors, and trying to hold together people and make sure that there's things happening, like collaborations. So, any money that is spent is spent very wisely and carefully by these organizations. The fund goes towards, it gets redistributed across Ulster County. And some of it goes towards Arts Mid-Hudson staffing. I'm sitting in our Ulster County office in Kingston right now. And right by the train track, we're in the we're in the new Cornell Creative Art Center. But anyway, it's been our pleasure to do this work. And we look forward to continuing that.

Chairwoman Archer: Anybody have any questions?

Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: I don't have a question. But I would just like to let Linda know that I know I visited your space a little bit early on, it wasn't quite finished yet. And it looks like it's turned out great. And that was a great collaboration, what's going on over there.

Linda Marston-Reid: Yes.

Legislator Haynes: And that's a wonderful thing.

Linda Marston-Reid: Thank you. We're actually having an open house, the building is finally ready. And everybody can come over next week. It's the 18th. And I believe they're asking for signups with, so, there's not a big crowd in here. But I would encourage you all to come over. I'm going to be here between 12:00 - 1:00. And I'd love to show you around personally.

Chairwoman Archer: Can, can you share some of the challenges that you grappled with this year? With COVID? I, you know, that was one thing we were kind of interested on? You know, what changed in your programming. You know, what happened? I know everybody's gone Zoom, but could share some of the things that you've learned through the process that may help you as you go forward? That would be great.

Linda Marston-Reid: Yeah. So one of the first things we did you know, we, we were very fortunate, unlike some of the nonprofits, in that we had been working remotely for approximately two years now, because we do cover such a large territory. And so, you know, we already had laptops, and we're very familiar. The zoom thing has been a challenge. But we're all pretty versant with that.

One of the, so we immediately began to call all of the nonprofit's that we knew about and said, please share this information. And we had meetups. And we we've shared information, such as you know, maybe bulk buying of PPE, who's opening, what the safety protocols are, if the extra insurance has to be. So, all of this hive mind, work together, has really helped all of these nonprofits across Ulster County. So, and that was approximately I think, it was 21 organizations. So, we meet often on, but usually every month, and we discuss things like that.

The other big challenge for a lot of the arts organizations since the last open was how to keep programming going. So, we decided that we really had to take the lead on that. And for anybody that had, that was at the Ulster County Arts Awards this year, you saw the result of that. We used a program called Stream Yard, which allowed us to record little parts of the event and then also have

some things live. And it was actually fun. So, you know, and that is information that gets shared across with our colleagues because we, we see ourselves as a united community and we really need to work together to make sure that none of us go down. So, that's, that's it in a nutshell. I can go on and on, but we're

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you.

Linda Marston-Reid: we're doing okay. But yeah.

Chairwoman Archer: Reinventing yourselves in some ways, right?

Linda Marston-Reid: Yes, indeed.

Chairwoman Archer: Any other, any other questions for Linda? Okay, Linda, thank you so much. We appreciate your time today.

Linda Marston-Reid: Thank you for the opportunity.

Chairwoman Archer: All righty. Have a good one.

Before we go into the next piece, Natalie, you had a couple of housekeeping?

Natalie Kelder: Yes, please. Phone number 267-221-8572. Can you please identify your name for the record?

James Logan: James Logan. James Logan.

Natalie Kelder: Thank you. And phone number 347-324-6255. Can you please identify your name for the record? 347-324-6255. All right. 845-750-7295, can you please identify your name?

Rebecca Martin: Rebecca Martin. Thank you.

Natalie Kelder: And "No Kingstonian PILOT," can you please identify your name? Okay.

Amber Feaster: *6 to unmute.

Natalie Kelder: Anybody? All right, thank you, Lynn.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. So, can I have a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th meeting, our Regular Meeting; October 14th Special Meeting; the October 20th Regular Meeting; the October 22nd Special Meeting; and the October 27th Special Meeting?

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Any, second?

Legislator Walter: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: Any changes anything? Hopefully everybody's had a chance to review it. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed. So moved.

All right, we'll get into the resolutions.

Resolution 299: authorizing the use of the tax stabilization reserve fund for COVID-19 related expenses. Move?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, any questions, conversation?

Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: You know, as, as everyone's aware, you know, the, the current Executive's Budget assumes use of these funds. I've been sufficiently convinced by the budget director in the Finance Department that, you know, use of these funds, it's advisable now, because in 2020 COVID-19 shortfalls are an unexpected expense. You know, the, the COVID-19 you know, PPE purchases and everything this is going to cover, are unexpected this year. I'm not convinced that if we wait until next year, those same purchases will be unexpected. I think that we can all expect to have to expend funds on COVID-19 expenses in the 2021 budget. So, I believe the State Comptroller's Office would find fault with are using it, you know, next year, when our budget consultants seem to think that we should save it for. So, I'm, I'm comfortable moving forward with this now, I think that we should be using it this year.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Thank you. I, I'm, respectfully disagree. I'm not comfortable using it now, after having listened to our budget consultants. You know, I think that there, that there, that there is an expectation that we'll have a certain amount of expense due to COVID next year, but I don't think we can be certain what, how much expense. I also think that there are other mechanisms to use it, including the five-year repayment guarantee, moving forward. So, I, I'm not prepared to use it at this time.

Chairwoman Archer: Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I've been going back and forth on this. And I think I'm, at this point, convinced that it is time to use it. We went through a pandemic, and we're still in it. If that's not the reason for using these types of funds, I'm not sure what is, So, in my mind set, I, I believe, you know, they have it in the budget, so, either that or we are going to have to make up that money

somewhere else. So, you're going to have to either raise taxes somewhere else, or make it up, some way or some form. So, I'm at this point, I'm, I'm convinced that other than having this sitting in a shoe box somewhere, I think, well, it's not really the shoe box, we know that. But rather than doing that, I think this is the time to use it.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: So, I mean, from my understanding of this, this should be almost a last resort. And I guess what I feel like is right now, because we're in the middle of this budget process, we don't know exactly whether we have all the expenditures that we thought for 2020. There's the opportunity to make adjustments to the budget, I just don't feel like we know yet whether we need to take this money. We may very well need to take from this source. But I feel like there's still a little bit more work to do, we're so close to understanding where, to how 2020 is ending, and we're where we're going to be in 2021 in terms of a budget at least. And I just feel more comfortable allowing that process to continue a bit more before we make that decision to dip into this. As I said, last resort type of pool of money.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. You know, you know, with due respect to Legislator Walter, I, I don't necessarily agree that this is last resort money. I think that the last resort money is the Unexpended Fund Balance. You know, that is what our creditors are going to look our, our credit rating agencies are going to look to when, when they're trying to decide what our bond rating is going to be.

You know, and, you know, not every county has a Tax Stabilization Fund, every county has an Unexpended Fund Balance, you know or an Unappropriated Fund Balance. And if we're not planning to use this, you know, \$1.5 million out of tax stabilization this year, then I hope everyone's ready to take \$1,500,000 out of the, you know, Unappropriated Fund Balance, which is going to affect our credit rating. You know, and is going to put us, you know, that much closer or below what the State Comptroller recommends, we have in our Fund Balance.

You know, I don't know that we're going to have any clarity on what our, on what our legitimate budget is going to look like, in 2021, for quite some time, the Governor continues to kick the can down the road, with what cuts he's planning in the state budget. He hasn't had any cuts, he hasn't, you know, he's, he's talking about, you know, holding back funding, he's talking about holding back sales, tax revenues from the counties. You know, he's talking about deep cuts, 20%, 10%, 15%, but he continues to talk about it, he doesn't, he hasn't done anything yet. You know, to our budget, and it could be a much bleaker, you know, scenario, heading into 2021, depending on what, you know, really, if we do or don't get from the federal government, you know, to the states and localities.

You know, to me, this is one thing that we can do, you know, this was put aside to, you know, offset the need to raise taxes. If we're not going to take the \$1.5 million out of the Unappropriated Fund Balance. Then we're going to have to raise taxes 2%. And if everyone, you know, who's going to vote against this, or vote to postpone this, is ready to do that, then let your voice be heard that you want to raise taxes 2%. Otherwise, I think it's time to do the prudent thing and move forward with this resolution.

Chairwoman Archer: Just for a couple of points of clarification, it's not \$1.5MM. It's \$1,150,000, \$150,000 because we did draw it down last month from contingency. So, just for point of clarification.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislative Counsel, Chris Ragucci.

Christopher Ragucci, Esq.: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman. I just wanted to note that it's my understanding through discussions with the County Attorney, that he agrees, and I don't mean to speak for him, but I feel it's been publicized, that he agrees that this is an appropriate action. And if it is the will of the body, I would suggest, based upon the nature of the state statute, particularly, the fact that personal liability attaches to members of the Legislative body, in the event of an issue down the road. I would suggest that we get a document in writing from the County Attorney confirming his position and indicating that any members of the body will be indemnified by the county moving forward.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, that is, that is that is a new piece of information. Thank you. I think that's important. Any, any other comments here? Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: No, no. I think we, we discussed that before. Lynn, we did say that before about the idea of personal liability.

Chairwoman Archer: I, I knew about the personal liability, but not about getting it in writing from.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I think it makes sense. Definitely makes sense. That's why we have that. That's why he is our attorney.

Chairwoman Archer: Absolutely.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: It certainly makes sense and we'll, and we'll get that most likely, we'll have that by tomorrow. I'm thinking Burt will make sure that that's done tomorrow with a phone call. And I really, you know, as I said before, I've been going up and down back and forth on this issue. Not, wasn't quite sure. But now I'm convinced, you know, after having various conversations, after dealing with issues with the state not knowing exactly where they're going to be. And I think, I mean, if you can't use it during a pandemic, when do you use it? I mean, that's the, I mean, can you ever take it? Or is it just going to be some fund that you have put on a shelf never to be used? The point was, it was put in there for such a, you know, a you know such predicament for a county government. So, in my mind said, I, I agree with the Commissioner of Finance. And I think that it time to tap this.

Chairwoman Archer: So, sure Burt, want to go ahead?

Burt Gulnick: Yeah, Lynn I just wanted to update the members. We did update the numbers, I think what you had in front of you was as of September 18, that was the \$1.1 million.

Chairwoman Archer: So, so it has gone up?

Burt Gulnick: It has. As of today, it's, you know, I know, we've used \$459,504 of contingency, but the total COVID expenses to date is \$1,833,932.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay thank you.

Burt Gulnick: So, what we would have to use of the Tax Stabilization Reserve is \$1,374,428.

Chairwoman Archer: And we've, we've got, we're trying to schedule a meeting with some things that came out in the CMA report that we're trying to get clarification on. I did speak to Bert today and we've got a meeting that we're trying to get scheduled for Thursday or Friday. So, just to get a couple of points clarified, before we finalize. So, between that and waiting for the letter from the attorney, perhaps we can postpone this till next week. And then we can finalize this next week and, and, and put it to the floor.

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Are you, if you're asking for that in the form of motion, I'll make a motion to postpone it for one week.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, can I get a second?

Legislator Gavaris: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay, so, we've got four-four. And so, all in favor of the resolution?

We have four. All opposed?

So. I guess we wait till next week.

Legislator Bartels: No.

Legislator Ronk: That's not the way that works.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, it failed.

Chairwoman Archer: It fails?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: The, actually, I don't know how you we voted on it was four-four. So, the

Legislator Ronk: Four to four fails, it needs five votes.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Okay. And then now for using it. What was the vote against using it?

Legislator Bartels: Four.

Chairwoman Archer: Four.

Legislator Ronk: Four-to-four.

Chairwoman Archer: So it's four-to-four.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Okay. Oh I couldn't see the vote. So, I was wondering who was voting what? You might be better off calling a roll call on these because, we're not seeing it

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, so, all in favor of tax stabilization?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Of using it, is that what you're saying.

Chairwoman Archer: Of using it, yeah.

Legislator Ronk: Of moving this this resolution to the floor.

Chairwoman Archer: The post, the postponement failed, right. So, all in favor of moving tax stabilization to the floor, and not waiting till next week.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'm a yes.

Legislator Ronk: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: So, we have four. And opposed? Four. So, it fails.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Right.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Resolution 328: approving the deviation by Ulster County Industrial Development Agency relating to the PILOT agreement entered into between Ulster County Industrial Development Agency and Kingstonian development.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, any questions, concerns?

Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, I know that we've been trying to, some of us, I've been trying to schedule time to speak to NDC to ask several follow-on questions. And that has not happened yet. I don't know if we have an update of when that might happen. Because in order to, to vote for this, I'd like my questions answered from them.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah, I, I spoke to Tim Wiedemann yesterday, and he is trying to get that scheduled. I gave him two days and of this week to try and get it resolved. So, we can, we can get it to decision next week. And I, I don't have an update on that.

Legislator Bartels: So, I don't know if anyone else wants to speak on it. And then.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I'd like to make a motion that we amend the current resolution to include the new terms as negotiated by the IDA.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second that.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, all in favor of the amendment?

Group: Aye.

Legislator Bartels: Can I just, I'll vote for the amendment. But again, I'd, I'd like to speak, speak to NDC, because I do have some questions about the new terms, and about their, about their report. But I will support the amendment since it was negotiated by the IDA.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, the amendment did pass.

As it relates to, is there, is there a motion to postpone until next week, until we have an opportunity to get our questions answered by NDC? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: I'll make that motion to postpone if no one else wants to speak on it tonight.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, do we have a second?

Legislator Walter: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter. Can we at least get it postponed, a postponement until next week? All in favor? Until we get our questions answered?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, I mean, I think we've gone through this, right? I mean, we've got a change. Everything was changed, negotiated. And so, they made some significant changes. You, everybody got a copy of those changes. I mean, we could keep postponing forever. It seems like that our MO, here. But.

Chairwoman Archer: Well that's not.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: But.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah, I mean, I think that's an unfair characterization. I've been trying to get, to speak to NDC since the report came out. I've articulated some of my concerns about this, which are, some were addressed in the report and some were not. If, I mean, out of

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Did you call them?

Legislator Bartels: I am respectfully, I'm respectfully asking for a one-week delay. And if it's forced to vote, I'm a "no" tonight. So if you

Chairwoman Archer: And, and.

Legislator Bartels: one-week, then

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Did you call them?

Legislator Bartels: I've been going through the, through the chair of this committee, who's been calling.

Chairwoman Archer: We've, I've talked about it at leadership meeting. Pat offered to get it set up, it didn't get set up. I sent him a note about getting it set up. Tim Weidemann called me, we're trying to get it set up. You know, it's not from a lack of trying. So, we have a few questions we'd like to try and get answered.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I just, I just call him directly and ask the question. I mean, it's I mean, it's way

Chairwoman Archer: There are several of us are, that are would like to do that.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Alright, whatever.

Chairwoman Archer: And it would be helpful to be able to do that and but we're going to get it done this week, so we can vote on it next week.

Legislator Ronk: Maybe.

Chairwoman Archer: Excuse me.

Legislator Ronk: Sorry, that was Tourette's.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Yeah,

Legislator Bartels: I just want to say, I actually, I'm sorry to interrupt because I want to say, I mean, that is not only insulting, it's truly not funny.

Chairwoman Archer: No.

Legislator Ronk: No, you're fine.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: What?

Legislator Ronk: You know, if we want to talk about not funny we can.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I missed something.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. I just want to say, no matter what comes up in any kind of conversation, I am not going to vote in favor of this PILOT. I want to make it clear that I do not feel like this, I've a lot of issues with PILOTs, in general. But the only exception I could imagine is if it was making a substantial contribution to the needs of our community in terms of providing meaningful full time work, or something like that.

will say that in, in New Paltz, we have a building being built right now called Zero Place. It is won excellence, Building of Excellence in New York State. It also has 8,000 square feet of commercial, residential, affordable housing. But it is a net zero, the utility costs will be zero. It has 20 EV charging stations, 50 bike racks, but saves 169,488 kilowatts per year. And its PILOT was zero. And if they can do it, these guys can do it without a PILOT. I'm so against this in every single way. And I'm just making it clear whether we vote tonight or next week. I am a "no."

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, on the postponement, all in favor of the

Legislator Ronk: I'd like to speak, I had my hand up like four times, Madam Chair.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thank you. Um, you know, just to Legislator Bartels' point, I'm sorry for my skepticism over the fact that one more week is going to make a difference after three months of this. But if I had \$1, for every time since I've been a Legislator, serving with you, that we've asked for one more week, and then we'll be able to make a decision. And then a decision wasn't made, I've had, I'd have a significant stack of dollars sitting in front of me. You know, I, I don't think that one more week is going to make the difference.

I will very reluctantly support the postponement because it appears that this is, you know, almost, it's almost like a nonsensical, you know, meeting to have, the first meeting of Ways and Means because anything of any sub... some or substance gets postponed to the second meeting of Ways and Means. You know, it was my understanding that we moved resolution deadline back, pushing everybody's deadlines back, you know, rushing the Clerk, rushing the Executive's Office, in order for us to be able to have all the information that we need, by the time the committee's met in order to be able to make our decisions. And every single month, we postpone at least three or four pieces of legislation to the second meeting of Ways and Means in search of more information. Much of which then gets postponed until the next month. So, I just you know, you know, I understand that

you don't think it was very funny. But sitting here, month, after month, in this meeting, talking about all the more information that we need on every one of these resolutions, the first meeting of Ways and Means is what's not funny to me.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, and I hear what you're saying, and I appreciate it. But we also have asked for information and have not received it. We did not engage NDC. So, we don't have the authority to go to NDC directly until it gets, until it gets facilitated by the people who engaged NDC. So, this is specific questions that we've asked. We've asked repeatedly. And I'm sorry that we didn't get the quick response, and to get it set up. But we're doing everything we can so we can come to a decision at the next meeting.

Chairwoman Archer: Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Do you have a list of those questions.

Chairwoman Archer: Excuse me?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Do you have a list of the questions that you have?

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah, I've given a list of questions. And they weren't answered in the report. So yeah, they've been submitted.

Legislator Ronk: I think the Leg, I think, the Chairman is asking if this committee could be privy to them. Because there seems to be some behind the scenes conversations happening among members of this committee that the rest of the committee is not privy to. Because we haven't talked today about any questions that you have. We've just been told that you've asked questions and you want to ask more questions of NDC. But nothing has been talked about.

Chairwoman Archer: I am entitled as a Legislator to ask whatever questions I need to get answered so I am comfortable with the decision that I need to make as an individual legislator. You all have the options to make decisions, and get the information that is going to help you and inform your decision. I have questions. I'd like them answered. I've asked to get it set up. It's being facilitated. I'm just asking for a postponement till I can get my questions asked.

Yes, Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Are you willing to share what your questions are with this committee?

Chairwoman Archer: I'm not going to discuss them right now. No, I want to get answers before I make a decision. Once I get the answers, you will know exactly what my questions were, and what the answer was and what my vote is.

Legislator Ronk: So, so, just, just to clarify before we vote on this postponement you, you want to ask your questions and get your answers before you share the questions and the answers with the committee that you.

Chairwoman Archer: I'm, I'm not beholden to you to what my questions are, Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: I don't, I don't believe I asked if you were beholden to me. I just asked if you wanted to discuss them in public with the members of your committee. And you said no, that's fine. Respectfully.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislative Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, I think if you're going to ask questions I think the committee should know what they are, shouldn't they? Since you are the chair of this committee.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: I think this conversation is ridiculous, and unprofessional, and inappropriate. Okay, so can I think there was a motion for postponement? There was a second. I move that we vote.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor postponement?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'm asking a question here. How is that unprofessional, asking somebody what the question is. I don't get it.

Chairwoman Archer: I have questions. I have questions about the way in which the deal was structured. I have questions about some of the aspects of the report. I don't have it in front of me. But I've gone through the report, and I've got questions on the report. I want to understand the calculations. I want to understand the pricing of the property, which is all part and parcel of how they, they play out, how they put together the estimates are this. I'm asking for information. I don't think that's wrong. It's part of what I do in my due diligence.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I don't think, I didn't say it was wrong. I was just asking you what the questions were. I was just curious as to what these questions are. So, I know. So I feel comfortable that you know, I postpone because you have serious questions that you have to ask.

Chairwoman Archer: I do.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: It would be nice to know what they are. But I mean, if you want

Chairwoman Archer: I am happy to have a conversation, but I feel like we have a six o'clock public hearing. And I think we need to get through this.

Legislator Haynes.

Legislator Haynes: Yeah. I have a question. What if they don't get back to you with the answers to your question, then what happens at the next meeting?

Chairwoman Archer: Then I'll make a decision based on that. I, I, I expect that I should be able to have a conversation and have questions answered. If they can't answer them, then I've got a bigger question is, a bigger issue, as to if they can't answer my questions with regards to their report, that's a problem.

So, on to the question of postponement, all in favor of postponement?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I am reluctantly for it.

Chairwoman Archer: I appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you very much. I appreciate it. So, we have 1-2-3-4-5-6 in favor.

Legislator Ronk: I am no on postponement.

Chairwoman Archer: And

Legislator Ronk: Since I am so unprofessional. I am a no.

Chairwoman Archer: And Ronk and Maio are no, thank you very much.

Resolution 345: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law 13, Amending The Ulster County Charter, For The Administrative Code For Ulster County, To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption.

Move please?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels. Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second it, Seconded.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Chairman, I think you and I agreed that we were going to pull this, or postpone this until after the budget cycle, to determine whether or not we were going to go forward with this. Are you still on board with that?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I mean, I would prefer to go forward. But if you want to postpone it, we can do that.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, if you want to go forward, I'm fine with going forward.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: What's the committee want?

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor of Resolution 345?

Legislator Bartels: Can I just ask a question?

Chairwoman Archer: Sure.

Legislator Bartels: Are you, so, you want to move it forward? Last? I thought when you discussed you were holding it. I mean.

Chairwoman Archer: That's what I was told.

Legislator Bartels: I will support if you want to move it forward for a public hearing, but I thought we were getting through the budget process.

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion to postponed it. How about that?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: That's fine.

Chairwoman Archer: That's fine with me as well. All in favor of postponement?

Legislator Ronk: Wait a second, did somebody second it?

Chairwoman Archer: Yes.

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Chairman Donaldson did. Thank you.

Okay. Resolution 379 confirming appointment of Lisa Berger as Director of Tourism. Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Isn't that? What happened in.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it for discussion.

Legislator Ronk: I'll second it for discussion.

Chairwoman Archer: Second.

Chairman Donaldson, you have a question?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah. What was the, wasn't this also, didn't this go to Economic Development?

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah. And that's why it's here. It was approved in Economic Development.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Was it?

Chairwoman Archer: Yes.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Okay.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor of the confirmation? You have a question? I'm sorry. Wait a second. You have a question, Legislator Walter?

Legislator Walter: I do. Yeah. I was reading over the revised description of this position. And I guess I was wondering whether, and I don't know, John, or who could answer, but would this position have any role in the process with the, the Airbnb. And since it's related to, I noticed in

some of the job description, sort of identifying the locations and the businesses that conduct things related to tourism. So, how that might relate to Airbnb? And then my second question, follow-up related, is what's going on with the contract with Airbnb?

Chairwoman Archer: So, Deputy Milgrim, can you respond or oh, Deputy Wright.

Deputy Executive Rider: Deputy Wright is on.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you.

Deputy Executive Wright: So, the, the contract with Airbnb is, is still being negotiated and worked on. And everything related to that would run through the Finance Department. Isn't that, that's right, Burt?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yep.

Commissioner Gulnick: It is.

Deputy Executive Wright: In terms of communications with the tourism industry, about what we're doing, that runs through the Tourism Office. But, you know, everything related to actually, you know, registering the properties and, and collecting the taxes, that all runs through the Finance Office, just the way it does now.

Legislator Walter: Yeah I, sorry.

Chairwoman Archer: Go ahead Legislator

Legislator Walter: I guess I'm wondering whether assuming that this contract actually ever gets completed. And even if it doesn't, that the concept of this person, and heightened salary, and the expectation that they're having this greater role in terms of understanding how tourism is working in our county, those entities that are providing and supporting tourism, it seems like somehow this position might conceivably have some part of the understanding where Airbnb's are located, and how this ties into the different municipalities. And so, I'm not asking whether this position would process the contracts or agreements, I'm just wondering whether they would be, whether that large tourist entity in our county would somehow be integrated into the role of this person.

Deputy Executive Wright: So, in, in what aspects of working with Airbnb?

Legislator Walter: Not literally Airbnb, but with, with Airbnb and Airbnb type entities and understanding where they're located, how they're being supported, how they're contributing to the municipalities, how they're relating to tourism within those municipalities. As, as an, as an aspect of tourism.

Deputy Executive Wright: Sure, and so, far as, yeah, in so far as we're providing business support services, that's really what the expanded role here is. To be supporting tourism businesses, as businesses, through a functional integration of the, the business services of the Tourism Department, the Economic Development Department, and, and the Office of Employment and Training. So, to the extent that, you know, Airbnb businesses are looking for help with their

financing needs, with running their businesses better, with accessing technical assistance providers, with if they have workforce accessing training for their workforce, that would be via the, the business support services that the Tourism Department will be offering in conjunction with the other two departments.

Legislator Walter: Thank you, And do you have an expected, when do you, When do you think you're, the contracting with Airbnb will be completed?

Deputy Executive Wright: We're working on the final details with them. So, I, I, I think we're not far.

Legislator Walter: So is it a month? Two months?

Deputy Executive Wright: You know, I don't want to predict and then be wrong. It's just you don't know how long these things are going to take.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I think we have a lot of things to cover and that's a totally different issue than this. So it's time to get through the other issues. The Airbnb is not done by Tourism. They're a support group and they've always been in support group. The Airbnb stuff, those ends up going through the finance, goes to Burt's office.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Cahill, you had a question?

Chairman Cahill: Yes. Thank you, Chairman Archer. I just wanted to make a point that the salary increase for that position was rejected five to zero in the Economic Development Committee, so there will be no salary increase for that position.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, on the resolution 379, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 380: Confirming Appointment Of Tim Weidemann As Director Of Economic Development. Move?

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second it.

Chairwoman Archer: Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So move unanimously. Congratulations, Tim. I see you're online. I didn't see Lisa. So, I don't know if she's here.

A resolution 382: Authorizing An Intermunicipal Agreement For Consulting Services For Procurement Of Goods And Services Between Ulster County And The SUNY Ulster. Move?

Legislator Ronk: Move.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Move.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Moved by Ronk; seconded by Chairman Donaldson.

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: So moved.

Resolution 383: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law 14 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending No. 17 Of 2007, To Create The Department Of Environment And The Office of Coordinator Of The Environment For The County of Ulster, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 8th At 6:15 PM.

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 384: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement With Brodhead Solar, LLC For Solar Energy Systems Pursuant To Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

Move?

Legislator Ronk: Move.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Ronk and Donaldson.

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

385: Authorizing The Chair Of Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Preschool Special Education And Related Services Program With The City of Kingston, Kingston School District.

Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second, Ronk

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 387: Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation – To Accept The New York State Share For Mass Transportation Projects For Fiscal Year 2020-2021 - Department Of Transportation.

Legislator Ronk: Moved by Ronk.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second, Donaldson.

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 388: Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer Section 5311(b)(3) Funding For Bus Replacements And Authorizing Ulster County Exec To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreement.

Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? Thank you.

Resolution 389: Supporting A Grant Application To NYS Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications or Agreements.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 390: Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation To Accept, To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation Accelerated Transfer, Transit Capital Program For Upstate Public Transportation Sponsors To Rehabilitate, Restore and Modernize Public Transit Assets, And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications or Agreements To Accept The Funding.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 391: Amending Capital Project 529 (Purchase Of Mass Transit Buses And Related Equipment) And Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? Okay. So moved.

Resolution 394: 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).

Legislator Ronk: Move it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 396: Requesting The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Authorize Acceptance Of The Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant For The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: And Amending The 2020 Budget.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor?

Legislator Ronk: May I speak on it?

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, yes, I'm sorry. Go right ahead.

Legislator Ronk: Thank you. I, I just want to commend the Sheriff and the Health Department for working together to get this important funding. I know the Sheriff put a lot of hard work and dedication into it. We applied for this last year. And we were turned down and the Sheriff redoubled his efforts, working with the Health Department, to ensure that this important funding was brought to Ulster County. So, I just, you know, on behalf of Legislature want to thank the Sheriff for his hard work.

Chairwoman Archer: Right. Yes, Legislative Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: As a point of information. You know, they, they were turned down because it just came from the Sheriff last year. So, you know, the Sheriff with his ingenuity turned around said, well, let me enter this, let me try it again but with the Health Department with me. So, it worked very nicely. Thank you, Sheriff.

Deputy Executive Wright: Good evening, everyone. And, and thank you, this is huge for Ulster County. In particular, the collaboration and partnership with the Ulster County Department of Health, the Ulster County Executive Office, and more importantly, a collaborative, bipartisan effort by the Ulster County Legislature. This is going to save lives. And I can't thank all of you for doing what's right for the people of Ulster County. Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: All right, thank you.

Resolution 397: Appropriating Funds To The District Attorney's Periodical Account –Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget.

Move?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Any questions?

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 398: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With The Spring Lake Fire Department To Be Used As An Impound Lot.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded.

Chairwoman Archer: Move? Second?

Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 399: Amending The 2020 -2025 Capital Improvement Program –Establishing A Capital Project No. 576, Ulster County Enterprise West and Amending The 2020 Capital Fund Budget.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Any questions? Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: Well, not so much a question. But I just want, I want to comment. I, I have been struggling with this. You know, I've been on the record. With my concerns about this becoming a proverbial and real money pit. We, we were initially told that it was going to cost a few hundred thousand to get the building up and running and stabilized. And that number has continued to grow.

It's my understanding, and I, I didn't get the chance to speak with Deputy Executive Rider today, but it is was my understanding that there may be some movement with regard to the possibility of a tenant. I haven't, I haven't had any further discussion about that. But I'm very concerned about the county keeping ownership of this building or transferring ownership to UCIDA, of committing to being landlords, in this particular time. In a different time, a different day, not, not during a COVID crisis with such budget uncertainty, I might feel really differently.

I wasn't there at the meeting when the Chair of the Legislature recommended going out for an RFP, I think that's an excellent idea. I would certainly be open to putting this property out for RFP, a real request for proposals of what to do with the property. I've even thought a bit about the possibility, when we talk about partnership, you know, my understanding of the Kingstonian proposal that's before us that the City is going to be leasing a city property to the project for \$1 a year. I would be open to some kind of arrangement, where that was part of the county's share of the partnership of a program where this property could be turned over to someone with a great idea and the means to execute it.

I'm very, very nervous about spending any more taxpayers' dollars on this proposal at this moment in time. Again, there, I'm understanding that there's information out there. I'm reluctant to ask for a week, after the previous you know, criticism. I'm prepared to vote no to it right now. I'm telling you I do not have the new information that I have heard circulated, but I've not seen in any formal manner.

Chairwoman Archer: Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: The original amount of money that they were talking about, the few hundred thousand dollars, that was, I think everybody understood there'd be more spending than that. I mean that that was to get us off that grid. We were on the grid with Tech City and we had to get off that grid, in order to get off that grid, you know, that's what that original money was being spent for.

Now the money is being spent to, you know, get the building in, in the shape that it can be rented. And there are possibilities. Tim Weidemann is here. Maybe you can fill us in on what they are at this point. If he wishes, if the, of the Chair of the Committee wishes to have Tim give us a quick thing. The farm group he was talking about, I think is going to take over about what 60% of the building? So, why don't you, if you don't mind, Lynn, perhaps Tim could give us something quick on that.

Chairwoman Archer: Tim, you want to go ahead?

Director Weidemann: Sure. I'll be quick. You know, most of you know that for a number of years, we've supported a local business called Farm Bridge. It used to be Farm to Table Co-packers. They aggregate products from local farms, cut, pack freeze, do minimal added processing of those products to add value, make them shelf-stable, that kind of thing.

They've been pursuing options to expand from their current location on the east side of Tech City, up at the mall. But those negotiations fell through, really came to a head about two or three weeks ago and fell through after that. They then approached us knowing that in the past, we've been eager to support them. They have a revolving loan fund loan, and we've supported them through ESD over the years to discuss possibilities at the Tech City campus on the Bank of America Buildings.

They have had their construction manager and architect look at them. They feel it as a viable site for their purposes. They've expressed in a letter to the Executive that they would like to enter into negotiations with the county, or whoever it deems to be the appropriate party, that is authorized to enter into a lease for a lease in the range of 45,000 to 60,000 square feet.

They have all the financing in place for their fit-out and for their acquisition. It involves retaining 50 jobs that are currently at their location and adding 30 additional jobs over the next four years. Their, one of their supporters, for a while has been the NoVo Foundation, who as you know is also supported the Farm Hub in the town of Hurley. They are interested in further exploring additional square footage to build a mill in order to process grains that are currently grown at the Farm Hub. So, there's 45,000 to 60,000 that Farm Bridge is ready to move forward on a lease with. And NoVo Foundation has committed to a conversation about additional square footage that they might be willing to lease or build on the site to accommodate this mill.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Thank you. So, I want to say that I think what Farm Bridge does is incredible. And I would love for them to not only stay here, but thrive, and expand. I would love them to be the center farm to, for schools, so that each of our schools, I mean they're, they're incredible.

Here's my concern. And it's you know, it's a lot of it is just things I don't understand. I don't understand, if, if they're going to lease this, do we then, are we then becoming landlords, to them and other people who are leasing it? And then what are the concerns? What should we know about that? What are the benefits of being landlords? And what are the risks of being landlords? And is that the path we're looking to do? If that's not the path we're looking to do? And we're looking to just sort of sell it to the highest bidder, then I guess I'm worried, you know, well, if they settle in there, what if it's a Ramada or something else who just wants to tear down the building? One, they're out and two, the work we did was sort of meaningless because they just tore down the building.

Then maybe it's a third path which Legislator Bartels talks about where someone kind of owns this for \$1 a year and, and they support this Farm Hub, and they're the landlord's, not the county. And then what are the risks of that and what are the benefits?

And there seems to be different ways we could go, I'm not quite clear which one we're picking. And so, I'm uncomfortable, because if we pick selling it to the highest bidder and adding this to the tax

rolls, then it's makes less sense to me to do this work. Because again, we don't know, maybe they'll just tear it down.

If it means we want to be landlords, then I absolutely support this work, if, if that's the path we're actually choosing to go to. I just, my challenge with, with supporting this at this point is I'm not really clear which path we're heading and what the risks are and benefits of each path so that I could then make a good decision.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Ronk: Thanks. I mean, you know, I, I think that of two of the three paths that you're talking about, you know, this work needs to get done to make sure that we don't lose the asset. I find it hard to believe that the, the third door there that you're speaking of, the tearing it down, that that is going to be the viable option for the property moving forward. Because I mean, there are plenty of buildings on the Tech City property that are that are going to be coming up that are going to be much more likely to be torn down than this one.

I, I just, I, I think that it's important for us, for the taxpayers, for the Town of Ulster, to invest in this property now. I just, you know, I, I don't think that we take the chance of losing the asset. I mean, one of the reasons that some of the other properties on the Tech City campus have had to be torn down is because Ginsburg didn't invest the money to not lose the properties. So, I just I, I respect where you're coming from Legislator Walter, I just think that now is the time to move forward with these projects. So, you know, we can, you know, move forward into one of the two things that you spoke about in the in the beginning.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Cahill then Chairman Donaldson. And I'll get to the others. I just want to give legislators a chance to weigh in.

Legislator Cahill: Thank you, Chairman Archer. So, I believe that, you know, first of all, first and foremost is that I think we should do everything we can to retain the jobs in Ulster County. That's on the front of the agenda right now. If they don't go there, where are they going to go? They, they, this is a site that has lost hundreds and hundreds of employees over the last few years in the Town of Ulster. Due to businesses leaving for other counties, we have to do, we have to stop that flow, we have to stop the, the tide of people leaving Ulster County.

For me, my opinion is that this is a worthwhile investment into a site that we will eventually, at some point in the future, get rid of. We'll get rid of it through a, you know, through a Local Development Corp., through a private developer, through somebody.

But I think that the fact that if the county shows the goodwill, and the commitment to the site to say, yeah, we want people here, and yeah, we need to put some bucks in this, to facilitate that. And then welcome a, a business in our community that has been successful and does do a very vital part of, you know, supporting our agricultural in the area. I think it's really, everything we can do to promote that is important.

I hear what everybody's saying about it turning into a money pit. You know, Tracey, Dave, we were there for the jail. Ken, I think you were there at the tail, tail end. You know, we were there for the

jail. We know what that's about. This is not the jail. Let's be clear about that. This is not the jail. This is much different.

And you know, right away. Yeah, we don't want to be landlords. I've had that conversation with Tim. I've had it with Dr. Wright. We don't want to be landlords. Of course not. What we do want to do, though, is show goodwill and good faith to the business community, and to other potential tenants who may want to go in there that the county is a partner here, you know, we're not anti-economic development, we want to show that we're ready to go and we'll do everything we can to promote that as a county.

Again, we're going to get a cash flow out of this. So this isn't going to be all one way. You know, there'll be paying rent. And they'll be paying lease and, you know, speaking with other legislators, Legislator Gavaris today, he had some great ideas that I'm sure that we can incorporate going down the road. When we, when we get to the nitty gritty of signing contracts and things like that.

I know we're late for public hearing. So, I'm going to stop now and give others a chance to talk. Thank you.

Legislator Ronk: Madam Chair. May I make a suggestion.

Chairwoman Archer: Yes. Yes, please.

Legislator Ronk: That we that we recess this meeting, go to the public hearing, and then come back?

Chairwoman Archer: Yes, for adjourning this meeting, recessing this meeting for the public hearing.

Legislator Ronk: I make a motion we, we recess the meeting until after the public hearing.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second that.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: We'll reconvene. And then do we need to take roll again just so, no?

Clerk Fabella: All the same people are here; the same committee members?

Chairwoman Archer: I'm trying, that's what I'm trying to see. I can't tell, Legislator Gavaris, we're waiting for him.

Clerk Fabella: Yep, It looks like Legislator Maio is connecting to audio and maybe having some trouble because

Chairwoman Archer: Trouble, okay.

Clerk Fabella: it's been a while. And Legislator Gavaris. Yep, that's it. So, because the attendance is different, we do need to know that, note that.

Chairwoman Archer: That's what I thought. I'm just checking with Legislator Gavaris.

Legislator Bartels: Does someone want to check with Legislator Maio, as well?

Chairwoman Archer: I think she's having; I think that's her trying to come on there.

Legislator Bartels: Yeah.

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, there she is. Okay. And we still don't have John.

Is he in the waiting room Jay? I don't know who's managing the meeting here, Jay?

Deputy Clerk Mahler: In between the time I shook my head and just now, he entered the waiting room area.

Chairwoman Archer: Ah there he is.

Deputy Clerk Mahler: So, you should have him momentarily.

Legislator Gavaris: Sorry, I couldn't find the number for the meeting ID number. I finally found it.

Chairwoman Archer: Too many numbers, okay. All right. So, we're re-reconvening Ways and Means. We have everybody who was in attendance at the first meeting. So, I think we're good to go. We were in the midst of discussing Resolution 399.

Chairwoman Archer: Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yes, I think that's the issue, I think we talked about this. But this is a stabilization in the building that we're going to have to do regardless of what we do next with it. I certainly am not someone that wishes to be in the rental business. But in some cases, that is what we have to do for a short term. And that's what we have to do. I mean, I think this is going to be a plan in flux, because of the situation we're in.

But regardless, the building has to be stabilized. I certainly do not want to see it sold as a fire sale, that would make absolutely no sense whatsoever.

And I think the it is an economic driver, you know, from particularly in the town of Ulster, it's a piece of property that apparently, we have a tenant, we're going to have a tenant quite quickly. So whatever the cost of the renovation, we're going to be getting paid back much of it as time goes on.

So, I really think that it's time to move this and let's go on. I mean, it's our building, regardless of whether you like it or not, it's our building and it needs to be taken care of.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Bartels.

Legislator Bartels: You know, a lot, a lot of these issues have been raised in previous meetings, and to, to a certain degree at the Economic Development Committee meeting this, this month. You know, we've spent \$343,000 already we're proposing another \$399K. And, you know, I, I, it's just this time, at this moment in time, I feel very uncomfortable with that. I feel very much the way Legislator Walter earlier articulated about Farm Bridge. It's an amazing business and, and I appreciate the jobs.

But I also I don't, I really don't understand the plan. The idea that we're going to become landlords, I can only imagine a business investing in this property as a long-term investment. And that means that we're really locked into long term, committing to being landlords. And again, I'm not convinced that that is the right move.

At a different time, if you'd come to me with, with all these ideas about these buildings, even a year ago, I, I would have been very supportive in this. We just sat through a budget meeting where we heard that programming to Families is being cut, significantly. And yet, we're investing in this building. And if it were just one thing, if it were just one time, at this, I might say, okay.

But I just, I really have a difficult time believing that it's going to be just one investment. Just one time. I, I, I am oversimplifying by saying I believe it could be a money pit. But that's where I think we're headed. And this is not the moment in time to do that. In this budget in this budget crisis.

So, I really want to understand the longer-term plan. I would like to explore the options that the Chair, apparently said, I wasn't there at the meeting, about putting this out to an RFP. About getting proposals on the building. And finding a way to hand it over, with or without a partnership, some type of agreement. But I, I feel extremely uncomfortable investing any more finances into it.

And I also do not feel like I have any kind of handle because we just got informed about a proposed tenant in an official capacity today.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter then Uchitelle.

Legislator Walter: Thanks. So, I also agree I, you know, I just heard about the tenant today. It is a constituent of my own. You know, in the past, it was more ambiguous. It was sort of, we can fill this, but now we have a specific person, and a specific business, which again, I do support.

But I'm finding myself still just needing some clarity. And, and I would love to reach out in the next few days with Tim and ask him, I'm just I'm curious about, again, if there is a 10-year agreement, what that means in terms of potentially selling it. I'm curious about what he thinks is the benefits or weaknesses of putting it out to bid. I'm curious to know whether it's possible to do the renovations just on that one building and what the costs would be of that.

And so, given the fact that I just, you know, I just want to learn a little bit more, I'm going to make a motion that we, and I'm proudly saying it, postpone this for a week, so, that I can have a chance to talk to Tim, myself, and ask these questions that I just posited publicly, but would like to talk to him on my own. And, and, and learn more and understand it. So that's my motion.

Chairwoman Archer: Do we have a second on that?

Legislator Bartels: I'll second it for discussion.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle: Sure. Thank you. My understanding is that, you know, I appreciate, you know, the prior comments on, on, wanting more information. And I believe the things that we want more information about, and all the different directions that this could go in, in all of them, this investment needs to be made.

And I think, you know, I, I feel as though I'm hearing people talk about this investment, as, you know, if we do this, but then we go in another direction, oh, we'll never have wanted to do this, you know, we'll, we'll wish we could go back and undo it.

No, that's not the case, in all of the cases where we go forward. And in any type of partnership, or in any permutation that we're hoping to see clarity on, this is something that needs to happen. And I think if we don't do it, it sends a clear signal to all of the potential partners, in all of those permutations of the relationship, that we might have were, you know, transacting this property further, that, you know, we're not serious about, about doing something here. So that's, you know, my first my first point.

And, and the second is that, you know, as I know that, you know, I, I have a great deal of respect for the perspective of Legislator Cahill and representing his district here. And, you know, from that perspective, and representing Kingston, I actually think this is really good for Kingston, specifically, in addition to being good for Ulster County in general. But I think that, you know, being able to attract a business that is you know I'm a, I, I, I believe that that we really do see kind of the opposite of what used to happen. Where people will actually be going to, you know, businesses that are on the surrounding area of Kingston and then coming to Kingston to, you know, eat at restaurants and to go, you know, to Senate Garage and or Senate Grounds and to, you know, kind of be in this community, as well. So, I think this is really good for my constituents to be, you know, sending a clear signal that we're, you know, we are investing in this community.

Legislator Archer: Okay. Deputy Wright, you had your hand up.

Deputy Executive Wright: Thank you. I just wanted to, to address Legislator Bartels' questions, very good questions about the timing of all this, and what makes sense right now in the pandemic situation. And I, I know that, that not everybody on this meeting has got a chance to attend the presentations that where we talked about the consultation process that we did this summer. If you haven't received the materials that we've provided, please let us know happy to get them to you and, and answer whatever questions that you have about it. But I want you to know that, that that absolutely was the starting point this summer, when we began reaching out to HVEDC. And folks in the economic development community, folks in the commercial real estate community, is what

makes sense right now, given what's going on, in the, in the economic situation, in the real estate market.

And it became very clear to us that, that hoping that someone was going to come along with a great idea to redevelop this building, you know, it, it didn't work out for us so well, the last time that we hoped that for the whole site. And it's really clear that now is not the time for that. But there's not a market for a large building like this, as a whole.

And that's, that's, it was through that consultation process. And really understanding the, the market that there is for flexible space for people who are wanting to expand an existing business, or, or move up here from further down state, that led us to this plan.

We are looking at, at other models elsewhere for where counties and or local development corporations have, have owned spaces like this and, and the processes that they've used to lease them out. That's absolutely the next step in the conversation that we want to have about this. Along with putting out an RFQ for a company to assist with the leasing and the property management. That's not something we're going to do ourselves, that's something we're going to hire professional help for.

So, I, I just want to let everybody know that we have really looked through that and are happy to answer your questions. But I would, would second what Legislator Uchitelle and Legislator Cahill said about the necessity of making these investments. And the urgency of them in order to make those last updates to the heating system that need to be done to get the building ready for, for winter. And crucially get us that certificate of occupancy. Take care of the things that the Safety Office has flagged for us so that we can have people in there taking a look at it, bringing their architects in, and talking with us about their needs.

Chairwoman Archer: So, Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yes. I'm not sure, what meeting was it, that Tim did his presentation? Because he brought out not only, this was what about a week ago, right? He brought out not only the farm group, but the others that are actually having interest in this place. And I think once you bring in one tenant, you're going to get others. And I, I, I believe we have to examine exactly where we go from there. But as Legislator Uchitelle pointed out, and I've said the same thing prior to that, you still have to stabilize the building, and it's our building. And if we have to make that investment in that before we do anything, whether we sell it or you know, whatever we decide to do. And granted, I don't think, I mean, I think we should do an RFP after some point. But I, this is not the time for doing that. I think getting ourselves in shape and that building. And then once that buildings in shape, then we can look at what we're going to do long term. Particularly if we're going to add a tenant in there, we want to see how that works out. And see how other places have done something similar in a successful manner.

I mean, I think this is could be a real anchor. Once you add somebody in there, other people want to come in. They see the building occupied, 60% of it occupied, you say well, these, these people that are occupying it now could be my customer also. I could be various groups who coming in.

So, we have an opportunity here, when we would no matter what we do, whether we don't even want to pursue that opportunity in that manner, we still have to stabilize the building in order to

make sure that it's sellable, if that's the end. So, regardless of what it is, unless you want to do is fire sale right away, and not fix anything, you're going to have to make those necessary repairs. And then we can regroup, we'll probably regroup many times on this because it's a, it's going to be a work in progress. Who's going to have the answers? At this point? Nobody. It's a work in progress, and really not going to be people are going to say, "Oh, I know exactly what we're going to do with this. And this is our plan." It doesn't work that way.

Chairwoman Archer: So, just a couple of questions that I have. And then, Supervisor Quigley, I did see your hand up. And so, I just want to see if we can get a couple of questions answered before I allow you to have a, make a comment or ask any questions.

The 399, I, I've asked numerous times to get a breakdown of what we're doing. Is this for startup for all buildings? Or is it for one building?

Deputy Executive Wright: It's for, it's for the South building. I'm sorry, if we've not gotten that to you, then, then that's just an oversight.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay.

Deputy Executive Wright: But it is, it is for the, the heating system, it's for safety and security upgrades that were flagged by the Safety Office. And it's just for that South building where, where the work has been done.

Chairwoman Archer: Just 201?

Deputy Executive Rider: Page 291. Page 291 your packet, Legislator Archer, has a breakdown of.

Chairwoman Archer: I saw a breakdown of operating expenses, I did not see a breakdown of, unless it was in in the other package? It was not the Tech City stuff you sent us today.

Deputy Executive Rider: No, no, no this is in, in your backup, under your resolutions. So, within it.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, I somehow missed it. But I'll double check.

Legislator Bartels: Can I just clarify, Legislator Archer?

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah.

Legislator Bartels: It's, it's in the packet, but it doesn't say what buildings it's for.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, I, I, Right.

Legislator Bartels: just says safety, security building ops; it doesn't specify for what.

Chairwoman Archer: For what building. So, is it multiple buildings? Or one building?

Deputy Executive Wright: It's building 201.

Chairwoman Archer: What building, and then, so, so it, so that cost and that expense could occur for the, I think it's three other buildings? Is that not correct?

Deputy Executive Wright: Two other buildings.

Chairwoman Archer: Two other buildings.

Deputy Executive Wright: Essentially, one other building, but yes. And

Chairwoman Archer: And so, when I look at, when I look at the, you know, the budget that we spoke about, Marc, you've been through this in Economic Development back in June, it was to separate the electric, get the building up, get the. So, I hear a distinction tonight that I did not hear back in June, which is it's not just getting the boiler going to ensure that we're maintaining the building and we're not putting the building at risk. Now I'm hearing it's not, it's more than just a winterization. It is getting it to a standard for occupancy.

Deputy Executive Rider: It, it needs to get temporary certificate of occupancy.

Chairwoman Archer: Right. So, before you can show it? Or before you can move someone in there?

Deputy Executive Rider: Before we can bring people in and have them walking around the building. Safety is really uncomfortable about people being in and out of this building. Being shown the building without a temporary C of O.

Chairwoman Archer: So, Safety is saying this? Or the, or the town is saying this?

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean, our,

Chairwoman Archer: It's our, our, our

Deputy Executive Rider: our Code Enforcers are our Safety Department because it's a, a county building.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. And, and what percentage of the building of that one building is this 60,000? The, the, this potential lease?

Deputy Executive Wright: It is approximately half of that building.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All right. Here's, here's and I, and I know, you've all heard this from me, and I'm just going to say it again. Real estate development is a risky business. We are going into a risky business with taxpayer money. I'm extremely uncomfortable with that. I love the idea of trying to develop this. I'm a fan of that. But we are in the midst of the pandemic, in a financial crisis, we still don't even understand state aid, and we're, and we're cutting programs that are important to our community. And we're investing this money.

And I, I feel like, we've, any other option that we have talked about. Giving it, giving the build, doing a request for proposals where we're giving the building an opportunity. And, and even handing it over to someone if with conditions about getting it on the tax rolls. You know, leasing it out, building it out. And, and you know, creating something else where we're not the landlords. And we're not putting taxpayer money at risk is a much better proposition than what we're trying to do here.

And so, I'm, I'm still extremely concerned about this. And I'm having a hard time wrapping my head around the fact that we're going to be putting another \$400K into this. And if we don't get, we know the market for commercial real estate is a bit iffy right now. And, you know, if we go out there and try to do, try to find someone to manage the development of that building, there's no guarantee on that.

And so, every issue that pops up, every breakdown of anything in the building becomes our responsibility. And, you know, it's how quickly you fill that up before, you know, we're not using taxpayer money to keep that building going.

And at this juncture, at this point in time, during a pandemic, and a financial crisis, and huge question marks, I really have a hard time supporting this effort. I hear what you're, what everyone's saying.

But I'm, I'm just going to give Supervisor Quigley, he has been patient and had in his hand up. And I want to give him an opportunity to speak.

Supervisor James Quigley: Thank you for this opportunity. I think a perspective should be taken on the jobs that are at risk here. And the entrepreneur, that with the assistance of federal, state and local programs, under the auspices of March Gallagher, when she was in the Hein administration and economic development, they chose the Town of Ulster to come here and start their business. The building was not the best then. And it has done nothing but deteriorate now, with the commitment, or lack of commitment by the existing ownership to the maintenance.

The current prospective tenant for the Bank of America building is being forced to pay the electric for the entire front building, because that's the only way he can remain in, in business right now. Because Central Hudson has cut off the credit of the owning entities for the East Campus.

I think it's important, the town and the county has suffered for the last 30 years through the negligence of the ownership here. It has not been a productive asset. It has not been a productive taxpayer. I've heard many objections tonight. I've heard objections about should we fire sell it? We don't want to be in the real estate business.

I asked you one question. Is it easier to sell a building with cash flow, from a tenant who has financial backing of a very reputable entity, versus trying to sell an empty building?

I sent an email earlier today, and in closing, I reminded everyone. Current ownership on the East Campus did not maintain a 400,000 square foot office building that probably cost \$50 million to build in 1982. That office building now sits in a pile of demolition rubble, on the site, subject to EPA compliance actions.

I understand you have a fiduciary duty to do. Much like the Town Board and the Town Supervisor has in the Town of Ulster. If it is the decision of the Ulster County Legislature not to undertake a productive redevelopment of this project, before you go to an RFP, and allow the profits of this project to bleed out into the hands of a for profit developer who doesn't live in the community. Give the Town of Ulster the opportunity to put together its own plan to protect the community and the jobs that are here. Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: Yes, Tim Weidemann and then Deputy Rider.

Director Weidemann: I appreciate the Town Supervisor's comments. I think that's an important point to keep in mind. That as we explore, and rightfully, I've heard a lot of questions about what the best path forward is for ownership of the site.

I think that the hesitation about accepting a tenant like Farm Bridge, on the site, really, I think is, is misplaced. I think the value that they bring to the site is tremendous, regardless of the future ownership of the site. And the one thing I just wanted to add to the discussion is to remember that, as the Supervisor pointed out, this business chose to come to Tech City as the location for its expansion, knowing that there were challenges with those built buildings, eight years or nine years ago. And ultimately because of the challenges that they faced and other tenants face there. And a live business, Hudson Valley Harvest, had to relocate out of Ulster County and bringing with it many jobs, I can't remember the number, but I believe it was upwards of 40 or 50 jobs. That have not yet come back.

And, and I know that Farm Bridge has had conversations with locations in Orange County and further south. That, you know, I think they'd like to stay here they've expressed a desire to stay here, we have an option and an opportunity to pursue keeping them here. And I think it's important to keep that in mind as we talk about these steps to get the building in a place where we can continue to show it to their architects and engineers, make sure that it is a good fit for them, and move forward to house them there.

Chairwoman Archer: Deputy Rider.

Deputy Executive Rider: I just, I've heard a couple of Legislators point out that there are cuts in other areas, and, and we're being asked to spend money here. I just want to, you know, I guess for the record, point out that this is why we do separate Capital Plans and Operating Budgets, we have constraints in our operating budget, which requires cuts this year, and we've looked through, and, and we, you know, made some decisions, and you all will continue to make decisions on, on the Operating Budget. I hope that we can separate out the, the Operating Budget from the Capital Plan and, and make sure that we are safeguarding the assets that, that are county assets now, that, that regardless of what we're doing, we're, we're safeguarding them for the taxpayer, we need to make sure that they don't degrade.

Chairwoman Archer: Comptroller Gallagher.

Comptroller Gallagher: Thank you. This is not meant to change what's happening here tonight. But I just wanted to ask the team, on the administration side, have there been any studies, market studies, or work with site selectors, or HVEDC, on uses for this building that could be shared? Thank you.

Chairwoman Archer: Any response?

Director Weidemann: I don't know if Evelyn wants to respond. I can say that we've had conversations with some of those entities. We have not gone into any formal process to market the site or to assess market, you know, opportunities and interest in the site, yet. But that's.

Comptroller Gallagher: If I could follow up, Chairwoman, and say, you know, there were studies done by HVEDC, Central Hudson, and other entities that I hope that you'll take into consideration. Thanks.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, Chairman Donaldson.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, I'd like to call for a vote. I mean, I think.

Chairwoman Archer: We, we do have a vote on the floor right now. We have a vote for postponement.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Oh. All right.

Chairwoman Archer: And we have not, Legislator Walter.

Legislator Walter: Oh, actually, I, I continue to, well, never mind, we'll just move on this. Enough is said.

Chairwoman Archer: So, all, all in favor of postponing till next week to give some legislators an opportunity to find out some of the newer information

Okay, we have four. Okay, those against?

Chairman Ronk: I will reluctantly vote in favor of postponement. You know, I just, In the future, I just really think we should, you know, not have the first Ways and Means Committee meeting, and just have one on the night of session if we're going to vote on everything that, you know, is controversial or of any substance on that on that meeting every, every month. But I will reluctantly vote yes to postpone in order to make sure that it doesn't fail.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, thank you.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I will, I will also vote to postpone. I find no, it's, nothing's going to change next week. You still have to stabilize the building no matter what you do. So, if you want to keep postponing, we'll do another postponement, we'll do another postponement.

Chairwoman Archer: All on postponement? Okay, thank you.

Opposed? We still have two opposed, okay, thank you very much.

And maybe what I would ask, you know, if it had been offered, and, you know, we can do this with proper social distancing. It would be great if a number of us could get a tour of the building maybe

this week, or over the weekend, so that you know, we can really nail down any, and outstanding questions and, and come to some conclusion next week. Is that possible?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, would just need to check in with the Safety Department. Again, a lot of this work is for a temporary C of O. So, you start talking about having several people touring the building I think we just need to check in.

Chairwoman Archer: Well, it's been offered. So, I'm, I'm just, I'd like to take up on it.

Legislator Ronk: So, I'll be happy to give up my spot on that tour in the interest of safety.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. Thank you.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Me too. I've, I've been in the building before.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you, Chairman Donaldson, totally appreciate it.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll give up my time, my space here. Also, Tim, the meeting that we had, where you did your presentation not dealing with the building, which one was that? Again, I get so many of these.

Director Weidemann: Yeah I believe that was a meeting, joint meeting of the Chair, Vice Chair, of Ways and Means Public Works and Economic Development. And I'm not quite certain, but I think Deputy Rider was saying that some of those materials are in the packet, backup materials for today's.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Right.

Chairwoman Archer: So we've, I know, I sent it to the committee based on that. I think every Chair sent it to their committee members. So.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Oh all right, because, so.

Chairwoman Archer: But the, but the newest, the newest information, Chairman Donaldson, is, is the actual tenant, which I don't think was in that original proposal.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah, yeah it was.

Chairwoman Archer: There was concept, there was discussion, but that's very different than a letter of intent, which is

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: No, they, they said that they were mostly, they were getting that. They said that, they were moving, they were moving forward.

Chairwoman Archer: Well you heard that; I didn't hear that.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Wasn't that what you said?

Chairwoman Archer: I don't think at that meeting, Chairman.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Tim, did you did you say that at that meeting or am I?

Director Weidemann: We had indications of interest, but those have since solidified into a formal expression of interest.

Chairwoman Archer: Which is very different. Thank you. All right. So, let's move on.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: It's better, isn't it?

Chairwoman Archer: Excuse me.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Isn't that better?

Chairwoman Archer: Oh, of course it is. But it is a change of status. So, I'm, I'm all I'm saying is that we have something more definitive that we didn't have before.

All right. So, Resolution 401: Amending Capital Project No. 533 – The Maltby Hollow Bridge, Town Of Olive – Funding Construction And Construction Inspection Phase.

Move? Someone want to move it?

Legislator Bartels: I'll move it, Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Second? Walter.

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 403: Authorizing The Chair Of Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) In Relation To Intermunicipal Cooperation For Testing Services.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Second?

Legislator Bartels: Bartels, second.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 404: Approving The Retention And Disposition Schedule For New York Local Government Records.

Move?

Legislator Ronk: Moved by Ronk.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you. By Walter, did you get that? Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Resolution 405: Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners.

Legislator Bartels: Move, Bartels.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 406: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$55,380.00 Entered Into By The County – Complete Building Solutions.

Move? Legislator Walter.

Second?

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Any questions? Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 407: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,191,507.98 Entered Into By The County – Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Construction.

Move?

Legislator Gavaris: Move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter.

All in favor?

Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 408: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$219,495.00 Entered Into By The County for Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. – Department Of Public Works.

This for Maltby Bridge.

Move?

Legislator Ronk: Move by Ronk.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Ronk.

Legislator Walter: Second.

Second, Legislator Walter. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? Okay, so moved.

Resolution 409: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$26,794.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County with Tri-County Refrigeration.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislator Walter: I'll second.

Chairwoman Archer: Legislator Walter. Any questions? Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 410: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County with Bonadio & Co. LLP – Social Services. For \$80,000.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second. Legislator Walter. Any questions? Okay. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Legislator Ronk: I move that we block 411 through 416 together.

Chairwoman Archer: 411 to 416.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'll second that.

Chairwoman Archer: Department of Social Services. All in favor.

Legislator Ronk: They are all Family of Woodstock contracts.

Chairwoman Archer: Yep. Thank you. All in favor of the block?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed?

Okay. On the blocked resolutions. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

417. Resolution 417. This is: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$109,995.00 Entered Into By The County with Health Research, Inc.

Move?

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Move, Second?

Chairwoman Archer: Second by Ronk. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 418: The approval of, Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$42,714.00, Causing The Aggregate To Be In Excess Of \$50K with Tyler Technologies.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Any questions? All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

419: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County with Cubic Creative D/B/A Belo + Company.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: This is for Tourism marketing. Ronk, you moved?

Legislator Ronk: Yep.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Second? Maio.

Okay. Any questions on this one? Okay, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? Okay, so moved.

Resolution 420: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$272,416.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services of the Hudson Valley –

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Department Of Probation.

Moved by Ronk. Seconded by Maio. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 421: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$49,745.00, Causing The Aggregate To Be In Excess Of \$50K. This is Black Creek integrated system, for the Sheriff.

Legislator Walter: I'll move it.

Legislator Ronk: Second.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? So, moved by Legislator Walter. Seconded by Ronk. Any questions on this?

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 422: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$65,964.00 Entered Into By The County with Motorola Solutions. This is for Emergency Management.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Chairman Donaldson

All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 423: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$69,469 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions, Emergency Management. This is for the 911

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Chairman Donaldson. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Resolution 424: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$59,400.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical PC D/B/A Emergency One. This is for short term counseling and assistance for employees and their departments.

Legislator Ronk: I'll move it.

Chairwoman Archer: Second? Legislator Maio. Any questions on this? Okay, all in favor?

Group: Aye.

Chairwoman Archer: Opposed? So moved.

Did, Did, I want to go back to Cubic, did we have, did I, did we have that correct? On 419 where you are "no," Legislator Walter.

Okay. Did you get that? Amber, Natalie? 419? Everyone was a yes but Legislator Walter. Thank you.

All right. Any new or old business anybody would like to bring up?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Yeah. Let me ask a question on, we voted on it already, 407 and 408. It's a lot of money. Why are we not questioning more about that? I mean it, can it, do they have to be done this year. Is there grant money? Just curious, I mean, you're talking \$2 million and another \$200,000.

Chairwoman Archer: 407. Oh 407, yeah. So, does anyone from the Exec side want to speak to it?

Deputy Executive Rider: Sure, this is the Maltby Hollow Bridge, I believe.

Chairwoman Archer: Yeah.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah. So the, the bridge is in immediate need of repair we have. I'm just trying to go back sorry, your packets.

Chairwoman Archer: 407. 407.

Deputy Executive Rider: I know. I'm just trying to find the

Clerk Fabella: You're trying to find 401 Marc. The Capital, we're amending the Capital Program. They all go together.

Deputy Executive Rider: Yeah, I think it's just like 838 in your backup. I'm, I'm in your backup right now. So, I think there's a decent amount of this money that's funded through the Catskill Watershed Corporation. I think it's like half grant funded. And it it's a bridge that has been needing of repair for quite a while. And we've gone through the engineering process. And now we're on to amending the Capital to do construction and construction inspection. It's one of these things where it's a long term, you know, the bridge will be out for several years if we don't get to it now. So.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Because I don't have any backup on that explaining to me the, you know, is it necessary, is it a safety issue?

Deputy Executive Rider: I mean, we provided this information to Public Works. I'm trying to, sorry, I'm trying to go back to it. It is a safety issue. It's, you know, it's part of the Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Plan. And our engineers believe it needs to be done.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: So it needs to be done now, then.

Chairwoman Archer: Yes. You know, when we went through the joint meeting with Ways and Means, Chairman, and Public Works, there was a lot of review on a lot of these bridges and which

ones were in, in jeopardy. And I know that there was a review about bridges with more traffic than others. Some bridges, there's a couple that are actually closing, correct Marc?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yes.

Chairwoman Archer: We're actually closing because we're able to reroute and we don't have the money right now to fix. So, this is trying to get ahead of some of that, correct?

Deputy Executive Rider: Yes. And it's I mean, out of the \$2.48 Million, \$1,330,000 is county funds. But \$1,150,000 is grant revenue from the Catskill Watershed Corporation.

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: All right, thank you. You answered that question.

Chairwoman Archer: Okay, anything

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: I'm satisfied, we don't have to postpone it.

Deputy Executive Rider: I think it already passed, right?

Chairwoman Archer: It did. Any other questions or new or old business? Okay, thank you, everyone. I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Ronk: So moved.

Chairwoman Archer: Second?

Legislative Chairman Donaldson: Seconded.

Chairwoman Archer: Thank you. All in favor?

Group: Aye.

Deputy Executive Rider: Have a good night, everybody.

Chairwoman Archer: Have a good one. Everyone. Thank you.