

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: December 18, 2023 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst,
Tyron Rogers, Legislative Tech Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Roberts & Ronk
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Hansut, Heppner, & Litts, Legislative Counsel Gordon, Minority Counsel Pascale, Legislator Elect Collins, Deputy County Executives Capuano, Contreras & LaValle, Comptroller Gallagher, Commissioner of Finance Daw, Deputy Commissioner of Finance Cordella, Budget Director Juras, Fawn Tantillo

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Chair Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023 Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the December 18, 2023 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 667 – Setting Additional Requirements In Relation To Capital Project No. 678, The Purchase And Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 1711-1715 Ulster Avenue For Warehouse, Storage, And Office Space, To Address Existing Single Family Occupied Dwelling

Resolution Summary – This Resolution subdivides parcel 38.19-3-23 to create a new parcel for the single-family dwelling located at 1711-1715 Ulster Avenue that is not part of Capital Project No. 587.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 667**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislator Roberts
Voting Against: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 1

Votes Against: 5
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 691 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept Funding From The New York State Education Department, State Archives Division, Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) For The Digital Conservation Of 18th And 19th Century Archival Documents - Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Clerk

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends the 2024 Ulster County Budget and authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to accept funding from the New York State Education Department in the amount of \$57,050 for the digital conservation of 18th and 19th century archival documents.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopted Resolution No. 691**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 741 – Authorizing The Issuance Of \$515,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Preliminary Costs Of The Replacement Of The Hurley Mountain Road Bridge In The Town Of Marbletown, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$515,000 for preliminary costs for the replacement of the Hurley Mountain Road Bridge in the Town of Marbletown.

Resolution No. 743 – Authorizing The Issuance Of \$285,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Preliminary Costs Of The Replacement Of The Beaver Kill Road/Scudder Brook Bridge In The Town Of Hardenburgh, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$285,000 for preliminary costs for the replacement of the Beaver Kill Road/Scudder Brook Bridge in the Town of Hardenburgh.

Resolution No. 745 – Authorizing The Issuance Of \$210,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay The Cost Of Fire Alarm/Access Control Upgrades/Building-Wide Fire Alarm System At 368 Broadway Building In Kingston, New York, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$210,000 for the fire alarm and access control upgrades at 368 Broadway.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Block Resolution Nos. 741, 743 & 745**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions Blocked**

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution Nos. 741, 743 & 745**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions Adopted**

Resolution No. 746 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$199,610.49 Entered Into By The County – Securitas Technology Corporation – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – This Resolution Adopts the execution of a contract, through 7/31/24, with Securitas Technology Corporation in the amount of \$199,610.49 for security systems at 368 Broadway in Kingston.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 746**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 762 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 19 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Article III Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 19 of 2023, a Local Law amending Article III, Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax of the Code of the County of Ulster,

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 762**
Motion Made By: Legislator Roberts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Voting in Favor: Legislators Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell & Gavaris
Votes in Favor: 2
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **Postponement Defeated**

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 762 for final adoption at Special Legislative Session on December 21, 2023**

Motion Made By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell & Gavaris
Voting Against: Legislators Roberts & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted for final adoption at Special Legislative Session on December 21, 2023**

New Business :

The members discussed the committee's appointment to the Ulster County Fleet Management Review Committee pursuant to Resolution No. 676 adopted in November 2023.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Appoint Legislator Roberts to the UCFMRC**
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Voting in Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Appointment Approved**

Comptroller Gallagher provided a brief investment update.

Legislator Erner expressed dissatisfaction with legislation being defeated at a committee meeting he was unable to attend.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
Approved: February 8, 2024

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