



**Ulster County Legislature**  
**Standing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 2012**

**Economic Development and Tourism**  
**Environmental, Energy & Technology**  
**Health & Personnel**  
**Law Enforcement & Public Safety**  
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# Economic Development & Tourism Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 4, 2012/6:06 PM  
**LOCATION:** Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl., County Office Bldg., Kingston, NY 12402  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** James Maloney, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Victoria Fabella, Lisa Mance  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Loughran, Roberts  
**ABSENT:** Legislators Maio, Wishnick  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Provenzano; Erica Guerin, Legislative Counsel; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Dennis Doyle, Director, UC Planning Dept.; Bob DiBella, Director UCAT; Rick Remsnyder, Director, UC Tourism Dept.; Lisa Berger, Director, Marketing & Group Sales, UC Tourism Dept.; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman; Kathy Nolan, UC Tourism Advisory Board; Jackie Appledorn, UC Tourism Advisory Board; Vic Melville, LWV Observer Corp; Melinda Beuf, Director of Retention & Project Management, UCDC; Paul Hakim, Pioneer Realty

- **Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.**
- **Resolution No. 32- April 17, 2012-** Designating The Ulster County Tourism Office As The Official Tourist Promotion Agency Of Ulster County - Department Of Tourism

- Chairman Maloney noted that the Resolution is being held pending information from the Executive's Office. Ken Crannell stated that the Resolution was submitted with an error, and needs to be amended to read 2013 calendar year, not fiscal year. Chairman Maloney requested documentation from the State to support this change. Rick Remsnyder confirmed that holding the Resolution to obtain the requested information would not jeopardize any potential funding. Should all of the requested information be received and deemed satisfactory by the Chairman, the amended resolution would be referred to the Laws and Rules Committee as to allow the Resolution to come before the full Legislative Body at the April 17, 2012 meeting.

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### MOTIONS:

#### MOTION NO. 1

**TEXT OF MOTION:** RESOLVED to approve the March 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Loughran  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Roberts  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Maloney, Loughran, Roberts  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 3  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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#### MOTION NO. 2

**TEXT OF MOTION:** RESOLUTION No. 81 – April 17, 2012-  
RESOLVED to Approve Resolution No. 81 - Urging Governor Cuomo And The New York State Senate To Approve The Appointment Legislator John Parete To The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) And In Accordance With NYS Senate Bill No. S6260C-2011 And NYS Assembly Bill No. A9060C

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Roberts  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Loughran  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Maloney, Loughran, Roberts  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 3  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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**MOTION NO. 3**                      **RESOLUTION No. 86 – April 17, 2012**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:**            **RESOLVED to Approve Resolution No. 86:** Amending The 2012 Ulster County Budget  
– Purchase Of Public Transportation Equipment – Security Cameras – Department of Public  
Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

**Questions:**

**Chairman Maloney:** Where are the Cameras going to be placed?

**Answer – Bob DiBella:** Interior and exterior of all of the buses. They are for the safety and security of both the driver and the passengers.

**Counsel Erica Guerin:** In the future, with resolutions such as this, it would be helpful to have that included in the resolution so the public is aware of the purpose. It's kind of nebulous. The cameras could go anywhere.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Loughran  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Roberts  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Maloney, Loughran, Roberts  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 3  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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**MOTION NO. 4**                      **RESOLUTION No.88 – April 17, 2012**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:**            **RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 88** – Appointing Alternate Member To The  
Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Rochester

**Chairman Maloney:** That person is William (Cliff) Mallery of 134 DeWitt Road, Accord, New York. The term would be January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2013 completing term held by Leon Smith.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Loughran  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Roberts  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Maloney, Loughran, Roberts  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 3  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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Industries, Inc. will be paying City of Kingston \$21,974.63, School District - \$38,109.80 and County - \$7,315.57.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Roberts  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Loughran  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Maloney, Loughran, Roberts  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 3  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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- **Discussion- UCAT Ridership**

**Leg. Roberts: Question** - Received an e-mail from a gentleman in Rosendale who witnessed a full- sized bus (35 passengers) with only 3 people on board for the entire route from Rosendale to Poughkeepsie. Leg. Roberts stated that although he had not witnessed the occurrence first-hand, the individual from Rosendale had asked the bus driver who responded that there are never more than 6 people on that route (Rosendale to Poughkeepsie line).

**Bob DiBella** - stated there are times during day when it's more busy but that smaller buses were being put onto that route...unfortunately larger buses had been purchased for that route ...but this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most used route in Ulster County and the ridership has grown anywhere from 9 to 12 percent. Total ridership is 55,000 either from Rosendale to Poughkeepsie or Poughkeepsie to Rosendale. Midday is when least amount of traffic uses route.

**Leg. Roberts** - indicated e-mail stated it was early morning.

**Bob DiBella** - stated that there were routes being cut due to duplication and cutting 3 buses, but right thing was being done to reduce mileage. There has been a 9 percent increase growth for the first two months despite reduction in mileage.

**Leg. Roberts** - would like to see efforts made to have a minimum of 50-60 percent capacity on the buses. He believes that federal tax dollars are being wasted. A 35-passenger bus may be replaced with a minivan...he's not so sure its County's job to provide transportation.

**Bob DiBella** – no bus will be bought over 30 feet and most will be in 25-28 foot range. About 22 passengers fit on a 30 foot bus.

**There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Loughran, seconded by Chairman Maloney and carried to adjourn the Meeting at 6:29 PM.**

**Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012**

**Lisa K. Mance, Legislative Employee, Ulster County Legislature**

**Minutes Approved on May 2, 2012**

# Environmental Energy & Technology Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 5, 2012 / 5:45 PM  
**LOCATION:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Carl Belfiglio, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Carl Belfiglio, Tracey Bartels, Craig Lopez, John Parete, Ken Ronk Jr., Mary Wawro, Ken Wishnick  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Erica Guerin Legislative Counsel, Ken Crannell Deputy County Exec., Leon Smith UCRRA Board Chairman, Al Teetsel UCRRA Board Treasurer, Catherine Nilsen UCRRA Board Member, Charles Landi UCRRA Board Member, Tim Rose UCRRA Executive Director, Vic Melville League of Women Voters, Susan Holland Observer, Nettie Tomshaw Legislative Staff

- Chairman Belfiglio called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM.
- All members in attendance. Legislator Bartels arrived 5:55 PM.
- Chairman Belfiglio introduced and welcomed all UCRRA Board Members.

### MOTIONS:

**MOTION NO.1**                      **RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of March 8, 2012**

**MOTION MADE BY:** John Parete  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Ken Ronk  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Belfiglio, Lopez, Parete, Ronk, Wawro, Wishnick  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 6  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes (Leg. Bartels arrived after vote)

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**MOTION NO.2**                      **RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of March 20, 2012**

**MOTION MADE BY:** Craig Lopez  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Ken Ronk  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Belfiglio, Lopez, Parete, Ronk, Wawro, Wishnick  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 6  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes (Leg. Bartels arrived after vote)

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## Resource Recovery Agency Net Service Discussion with Board Members:

Chairman Belfiglio's objective/expectation as oversight of the RRA, is respectfully have both parties bring ideas to the table - move forward, transparency, and work as a team. Keeping tabs on the agency net service fee/debt is the Legislature's responsibility on behalf of the taxpayers/residents of Ulster County. The county is the backer/co-signer of the bonds thus 100% responsible for repayment of the bond debt. History is very important, time is valuable – contracts coming round, etc. The RRA needs more revenue and also cut costs. Chairman Belfiglio encourages committee members to attend the RRA meetings. Chairman Belfiglio request the Board please respond promptly to any and all questions Legislator Ken Wishnick or any committee member puts before them.

Board Treasurer, Al Teetsel - financials - every check/report is accounted for – checks over \$4K two people must sign. Treasurer Teetsel feels everything is in order – has no issues, noting \$50K per year savings due to the refinancing of the bonds.

Board President, Leon Smith welcomes the county insight to address the big picture. Mr. Smith stated positive changes have taken place in the past two years – welcomes and wants ideas and county guidance. He offered four ideas he feels should be considered to solve the net service fee issue:

- 1.) Flow Control to help pay the net service - but cost to user will go up based on more recycling and less MSW.
- 2.) Combine Flow Control with a county wide user fee (TAX). This would eliminate the net service fee. The user fee would be based on the bond payment.
- 3.) A county wide user fee where the RRA would contract with the towns to operate their own transfer station. County wide user fee would be bond payment plus the operation costs of the transfer station. This would take the net service fee out of the county budget and also take the operating cost for the transfer station out of the town's budgets. Ad valorem tax (a tax levied according to the value of the bonds & operation cost)
- 4.) Doing Nothing – County pays the net service fee by contract until 2026 – net service fee continues to go up.

Legislator Parete gave an overview of the RRA history - debt and financing – how the net service fee affects their operation – legislature carried forward/extended the bond debt without RRA contracts as backup. Feels the current RRA administration is doing a great job.

Legislator Parete would like the committee to consider the following options to reform the agency:

1) Sell the operation, 2) Privatize parts of the whole, 3) Roll organization into the Public Works Department under the Executive.

Board Member, Charles Landi is in favor of flow control.

Legislator Wishnick concurs with Chair Belfiglio of the county's responsibility, whereas his research/discussions with the County Comptroller, have determined the county is legally responsible for the bond debt. President Smith is of the same understanding.

Legislator Wishnick's goal is to work toward having the costs of managing our trash and recyclables be paid for by those who use the service, rather than as a subsidy from property taxes. The challenge is to find the means to get the RRA to the point where the income equates to the expenses.

Legislator's Bartels and Wishnick praised the RRA Board for the refinancing of the bonds - \$50K /yr savings is highly commendable. The committee plans on addressing the big picture – a comprehensive review, speaking to the bond debt and how the county deals with waste, recycling and the upcoming town agreements. Time is of the essence.

### Overview/ Points:

- Tim Rose will be meeting with municipalities - negotiate renewal contracts.
- The RRA 10 year forecast created last year is still current – nothing has changed.
- Solid waste yields more revenue than recyclables.
- Tipping fees are set by the board – unknown variable based on volume/revenue, contract renewal.
- Public Informational Hearing/ Forum - unions, stakeholders, towns, haulers, will have input.
- Sell agency outright, Under County Executive Oversight, Privatize (everything is on the table)

**MOTION NO.3****TEXT OF MOTION:****RESOLUTION #82 Draft No. 0401 - April 17, 2012**

**Providing Exemptions From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes For Receipts From Sales Of And Consideration Given, Or Contracted To Be Given For, Or For The Use Of, Property And Services Exempt From State Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Pursuant To Subdivision (ee) Of Section 1115 Of The New York Tax Law, Pursuant To The Authority Of Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York**

Discussion: Legislator Bartels explained Resolution No. 274, unanimously passed in 2005, however was never filed with the State – an oversight. This resolution merely corrects the oversight. Back taxes are not affected or County liability per prior discussions Legislator Bartels had with the County Attorney.

This years final state budget did not include the commercial expansion provision, however session isn't over and it still could go in as a stand alone. Committee to consider drafting a letter/memorializing resolution to help it pass.

Counsel Guerin believes there is a provision for capital improvements – will look into further.

In summary, the state already has exempted the sales tax on the solar and we're just opting in to exempt our half of the sales tax.

**MOTION MADE BY: Ken Wishnick**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY: Tracey Bartels**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE: No**  
**VOTING IN FAVOR: Belgiglio, Bartels, Lopez, Parete, Ronk, Wawro, Wishnick**  
**VOTING AGAINST: None**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 7**  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0**  
**DISPOSITION: Motion Passes**

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Chairman Belgiglio noted for the record, he sent a letter to the sponsor of Draft Resolution #93 and #94, Minority Leader Donaldson, asking to please attend tonight's meeting to explain the resolutions before the committee, however he is on vacation this week. Chair Belgiglio expects the sponsor of any Resolutions going before his committee to attend the meeting or contact him to explain/defend it. The Laws and Rules Committee is reviewing the process as well as Leadership.

**MOTION NO.4****TEXT OF MOTION:****RESOLUTION #93 Draft No. 0412 – April 17, 2012**

**Supporting A Grant Application For A New York State Department Of State Local Government Efficiency Grant, To Fund A Study Of Cost Savings And Opportunities Through Shared Information Technology Services With Orange County And Ulster BOCES Mid-Hudson Regional Information Center – Department Of Information Services**

Discussion: Deputy Chair Tracey Bartels brought the resolution forward for discussion and vote. Chairman Belgiglio abstained from vote citing his employment with BOCES. Deputy County Exec. Ken Crannell provided an overview.

**MOTION MADE BY: Ken Ronk**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY: Mary Wawro**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE: No**  
**VOTING IN FAVOR: Bartels, Lopez, Parete, Ronk, Wawro, Wishnick**  
**VOTING AGAINST: None**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 6**



# Health and Personnel Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 2, 2012 / 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Robert T. Aiello, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Nettie Tomshaw  
**PRESENT:** Jeanette Provenzano, Carl Belfiglio, Kenneth Ronk  
**EXCUSED:** Robert Parete  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator, Mary Wawro; Erica Guerin, Legislative Counsel; Kenneth Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Lee Cane LWV, Amy Russell & Lew Hull, Concerned Parents of Mental Health

- Chairman Aiello called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- Attendance – Robert Parete excused.

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### MOTIONS:

#### **MOTION NO. 1**                      **RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of March 5, 2012**

**MOTION MADE BY:** Carl Belfiglio  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Jeanette Provenzano  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Aiello, Provenzano, Belfiglio, Ronk  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 4  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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#### **MOTION NO. 2**                      **Resolution #100 Draft No. 0419 - April 17, 2012** **TEXT OF MOTION:**              **Proclaiming April 2012 As Healthy Counties, Healthy Families Month In Ulster County**

Discussion: Nationally NACO is recognizing April as Healthy County, Healthy Family month.  
The month of April also is recognized as Organ Donor Month.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Kenneth Ronk  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Carl Belfiglio  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Aiello, Provenzano, Belfiglio, Ronk  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None

NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 4  
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0  
DISPOSITION: Motion Passes

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**New/Old Business:**

**Amy Russell & Lew Hull, Concerned Parents of Mental Health:** Both Ms. Russell and Mr. Hull are members of "Concerned Parents of Mental Health", who advocate for the continuation of Ulster County Mental Health programs. Both families are having much success with the NEXIS program, Kids Together program and family therapy. They are passionate and value all county Mental Health programs, and do not want to see any programs subjected to budget cuts next year. Amy Russell provided the committee with literature from a workshop/conference her group attended, "Parents as Partners -Taking the Lead", sponsored by the Ulster County System of Care Committee. The workshop was comprised of representatives from Benedictine Adolescent Partial Program, Ulster BOCES, DSS, Family of Woodstock, Kingston School District and Concerned Parents of Mental Health among others. (Workshop literature on file in Legislative Clerks Office)

Chairman Aiello and the committee were very receptive and would like to have members of Concerned Parents of Mental Health come and speak before the full Legislature at a future session. Legislator Belgiglio made the recommendation to have the Mental Health Association (MHA) attend a committee meeting to discuss the Mental Health transition, new staff changes, service levels, & program structure. Legislator Provenzano asked Ken Crannell to provide at the next meeting an overview of what services we do provide.

**Chairman Aiello and Legislator Ronk** - Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck will be leaving the county to head the State of Illinois Department of Public Health. Nereida Veytia will again assume coverage until a replacement is found – must have doctor certification. County Executive is currently interviewing and will have a nomination shortly per Ken Crannell.

**Lyme Disease Advisory Committee has been formed:**

Chairman Aiello had difficulty finding volunteers to serve. Craig Thomas resume was provided for committee consideration, as the advisory committee representative from the scientific community. The Chair felt he would compliment the committee – very knowledgeable of tick prevention. Craig Thomas served on the UC EMC and the Gardner EMC. The Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting within 30 days after the approval of Resolution No. 55, creating the committee. Ken Crannell will contact Health Dept., coordinate time and date and provide designee member names to Chairman Aiello.

**Deputy Chair Provenzano** recommends officially changing Erica Guerin's title from Part Time Paralegal to Part Time Attorney.

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Ronk, seconded by Legislator Provenzano, and carried to adjourn the Meeting at 6:25 PM.

Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Employee, Ulster County Legislature

**Minutes Approved on: April 30, 2012**

# Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 3, 2012 / 5:30 PM  
LOCATION: Sheriff's Conference Room, The Rotunda, UC Law Enforcement Center  
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Parete, Chairman  
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Victoria Fabella, Fawn Tantillo  
PRESENT: Legislators Ronk, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Bernardo (5:50pm)  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: None  
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes  
OTHER ATTENDEES: Langdon Chapman, Legislative Counsel; Paul VanBlarcum, Sheriff;  
Frank Faluotico, Undersheriff ; Robert Sudlow, Deputy County Executive;  
Holley Carrnight, District Attorney; Andrew Parete

- Chairman Parete called the meeting to order at 5:36PM.

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### MOTIONS:

MOTION NO. 1  
TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLVED to approve the March 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes  
MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk  
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Briggs  
ROLL CALL VOTE: No  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Parete, Ronk, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio  
VOTING AGAINST: None  
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 5  
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0  
DISPOSITION: Motion Passes

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MOTION NO. 2      RESOLUTION No. 83 – April 17, 2012  
TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 83 – Appropriating Unexpended Funds from the New York State Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program - Amending the 2012 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Legislator Belfiglio asked if the unexpended funds would be used in the same program to purchase the same equipment.

Undersheriff Faluotico explained the resolution was to purchase different items but all equipment approved by New York State Homeland Security.

MOTION MADE BY: Legislator Ronk  
MOTION SECONDED BY: Legislator Briggs  
ROLL CALL VOTE: No  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Parete, Ronk, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio  
VOTING AGAINST: None  
NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 5  
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0  
DISPOSITION: Motion Passes

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MOTION NO. 3      RESOLUTION No. 91– April 3, 2012  
TEXT OF MOTION: RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 91 Appropriating Funds From The Probation Department Reserve Account (V&T Admin Fees) For The Purchase Of Vehicles And A Security System Upgrade – Amending The 2012 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Probation

**Deputy Executive Sudlow** explained that Local Law 1 of 1993 adopted a 5% surcharge on DWI Probationers to be used to offset operating expenses no longer reimbursed by the State. This money will be used to:

- Purchase 2 new Probation vehicles for longer trips
- The 2 vehicles being replaced will go to central auto to be repurposed for less demanding shorter trips
- Security System Upgrade is for the Probation Office on Broadway. Currently it has no key access to the rear of the building. Need secure access to building thru the back for staff returning at night so they don't have to walk around the building.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Ronk  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Briggs  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Parete, Ronk, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 5  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0  
**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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**MOTION NO. 4**                      **RESOLUTION No. 85– April 3, 2012**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:**            **RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 85 as Amended** – Appropriating Funds From The Jail Telephone Commissions Reserve Account For The Purchase, Installation , Configuration And Maintenance Of Computer Software- Amending The 2012 Ulster County Budget- Ulster County Sheriff's Office.

**Sheriff VanBlarcum** explained the money will be used for the scheduling system and it was estimated it will save the county about \$700,000 over the next few years

**Chairman Parete** noted that in November of 2011 the Legislature approved a resolution with the exact same wording for a slightly different amount.

**Sheriff VanBlarcum** explained that because the contract to purchase the equipment did not clear contract management before the end of the year, 50,000 of this money was re-appropriated and used pay an unexpected insurance litigation. Since the contract took so long to clear contract management it now is going to cost more for the some contract.

**Legislative Counsel Chapman** suggested the committee add language to reflect what happened to the money approved in the Resolution 243 of November 15, 2011.

The following language was added between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas:

“Whereas, the purposes of Resolution 243 of 2011 (which were for the same purposes of this Resolution) were never effectuated and instead, \$50,000 of that Resolution 243 of 2011 was allocated to another purpose (to settle litigation); and

Whereas, \$25,000 from Resolution 243 of 2011 remains available and the total cost of the POSS/COSS system remains \$79,400; and.

Whereas, \$54,400 when combined with the leftover \$25,000 is necessary to effectuate the POSS/COSS System: and”

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Belfiglio  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Briggs  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Parete, Ronk, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Bernardo  
**VOTING AGAINST:** None

NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR: 6  
NO. OF VOTES AGAINST: 0  
DISPOSITION: Motion Passes

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**MOTION NO. 5**                    **RESOLUTION No. 84– April 17, 2012**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:**            **RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 84** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program – Ulster County District Attorney

**District Attorney Carnright** explained this is the second year of a 2 year of Crimes Against Revenue Grant used to fund an Assistant District Attorney that is only used for this purpose. He said the first year was a huge success and sited the SUNOCO case and many others. He wants to create a stronger relationship with Ulster County Social Services (UCSS). He plans to keep an investigator full time in UCSS offices to conduct fraud investigations. This is a huge problem we can address with these funds and at no cost to the County.

**Chairman Parete** pointed out that the program has a “Sunset clause” so if funds do not continue the Legislature can decide if the program should be continued in the future.

**District Attorney Carnright** said the program was rolled out in a few counties and if it is successful may be funded again but at this time we are just looking at it one year at a time.

**MOTION MADE BY:**                **Legislator Briggs**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:**        **Legislator Belfiglio**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:**                **No**  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:**                **Parete, Ronk, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Bernardo**  
**VOTING AGAINST:**                **None**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:**        **6**  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:**        **0**  
**DISPOSITION:**                    **Motion Passes**

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• **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

The following Sheriff’s report was distributed to the Committee and remains on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature: **2012 Ulster County Sheriff Revenues**

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Introduction of Resolutions**

**Legislator Belfiglio** noted that a number of resolutions are being offered by Minority Leader Donaldson.

**Chairman Parete** explained that a resolution must be introduced before deadline. Someone on committee could be point person to introduce resolutions for Criminal Justice.

**Legislator Belfiglio** said that Minority Leader Donaldson is not on the committee. If he is not on the committee, out of respect for the committee, the County Executive should contact the Chairman of the Committee if he has a resolution.

**Chairman Parete** agreed that it would be more appropriate if someone from the Criminal Justice Committee sponsors resolutions directed to the Criminal Justice Committee.

**Legislator Belfiglio** suggested the Committee send a letter to the Executive to address this issue.

**Chairman Parete** said he would like to first attempt a courtesy call the Executive to ask him to come to the Committee for a sponsor.

**Legislature Chairman Bernardo** said that in the true spirit of how resolutions are introduced, regardless of whom introduces them, there should be a flow of information. Someone has idea that has to do with Criminal Justice, out of respect for the legislative process; they should speak to the Chairman of the oversight committee. Currently at 12 noon on Wednesday the Legislative Staff gets all these resolutions dropped on them with only one name on the resolution and everyone else is in the dark.

**Chairman Parete** said he will speak to the Executive and ask that any Resolutions for Criminal Justice be introduced by him.

## **2) Video Visitation for Inmates**

**Chairman Parete** shared an article on County jails using Video Visitation for inmates brought to his attention by Chairman Bernardo.

**Sheriff VanBlarcum** explained that last year a company offered to install Video visitation equipment at no cost to the County and the usage fees paid by inmates would cover the costs of installation. Contract management said the service had to be put out to bid. He expressed his frustration that this was not the first time services that cost the County nothing are lost because of delays from Contract management. He feels UC Contract Management is behind the times.

**Legislator Briggs** told the committee the State of New York Department of Corrections is looking to do this at State facilities.

**Undersheriff Faluotico** told the committee he going to an event where vendors will be present and hopes to get more information to bring back to the committee.

There was a brief discussion about Video Arrangements until it was pointed out that they are significantly different.

**Chairman Bernardo** encouraged the Undersheriff to make contacts to see if some other vendor would install the service for free.

**Legislator Belfiglio** questioned the cost for inmates if county jails no longer allow face to face visits that cost nothing and only have video visitations. He expressed concern that some inmates may not be able to afford to pay for video visits.

**Sheriff VanBlarcum** assured the committee that inmates would have a choice of doing either or both. He pointed out the advantage for inmates that have family far away because they can see them and they can still have face to face visits.

**District Attorney Carnright** knows of no prohibition on video conferencing and feels it is something positive.

## **3) Gang arrests**

**Legislator Briggs** complimented the Sheriff and DA for the recent "Operation Clean Sweep" gang arrests in late March in which more than 100 people, many of them with gang ties, were arrested on drug charges in and around Kingston by a multi-department law-enforcement team of 175 officers.

- **There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Belfiglio seconded by Legislator Briggs, and carried to adjourn the Meeting at 6:33 PM.**

**Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012**

**Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk, Ulster County Legislature**

**Minutes Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME** : April 3, 2012 /5:00pm  
**LOCATION** : Rm. 118, Clinton Hall, Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY  
**CHAIRMAN** : Wayne Harris  
**RECORDER** : Janet Salanitri, Adm. Assistant, UCCC  
**LEGISLATORS**  
**PRESENT** : Craig Lopez, Mary Wawro, Donald Gregorius,  
**EXCUSED** : David B. Donaldson  
**OTHERS**  
**PRESENT** : Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration, SUNY Ulster County Community College; Victor Melville, Observer for Women Voters; Kenneth Crannell, Deputy Ulster County Executive; Lisa Cutten, Ulster County Budget Officer, County Executive's Office; Eve Madalengoitia & Linda Marston-Reid, both of the Dutchess County Arts Council; Janay Cooper, Assistant to Leg. Lopez; John Miller, of Ulster County Stop DWI and Sandy Mathes, Deputy Clerk, Ulster County Legislature.  
**QUORUM** : Yes

**A QUORUM BEING PRESENT, CHAIRMAN HARRIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00pm**

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**MOTION:**

**Text of Motion** : Resolved, to approve the minutes of the meeting of this Committee of March 12, 2012.  
**Motion Made** : Leg. Gregorius  
**Seconded** : Leg. Lopez  
**Voice Vote** : Yes  
**In Favor** : Chairman Harris, Legs. Lopez, Wawro and Gregorius  
**Opposed** : None  
**No.in Favor** : 4  
**Opposed** : 0  
**Disposition** : Motion passed – minutes of March 12, 2012 unanimously approved as presented.

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**DUTCHESS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:**

**Report by:** Eve Madalengoitia and Linda Marston-Reid

**Report:** Ms. Madalengoitia stated that U.C. Cultural Services & Promotional Fund is currently in the middle of accepting applications with a deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications go to a large list of artistic and cultural organizations and emphasis is placed on organizations looking to strengthen the arts infrastructure in Ulster County. Chairman Harris asked how many people attended the workshops on applications and Ms. Madalengoitia said about 20 in total; however, many of the applicants had attended previous workshops and were familiar with the process. Leg. Gregorius raised the question of arts organizations based outside of the county with venues inside Ulster, such as UPAC. Ms. Madalengoitia said Upstate Films of Rhinebeck now has a venue in Woodstock so this would also affect them. He would like to see some guidelines established after this round of funding and the committee will look to set some policy in the future.

**Resolutions:** None

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**STOP DWI:**

**Report By:** John Miller, Coordinator

**Report:** Mr. Miller distributed his Ulster County Stop DWI "Activities 2011" report prepared for the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and a ledger sheet of general revenue and expenditures for 2011. He said his funding is distributed among the various local police agencies and the Sheriff's Department; Stop DWI does not fund the State Police for any federal agencies. Funding is allocated based on monies available on the recommendation of an independent three-member advisory board.

Mr. Miller detailed some of the many activities of his department in addition to enforcement, including Victim Impact Panels, public service announcements, the Underage Drinking Prevention Team, the work done in the schools and their commitment to the DARE Program. He also said STOP DWI funds a full time Assistant District Attorney and a Senior Probation Officer and also monitors and reports on U.C.'s Ignition Interlock Device program.

**Resolutions:** None

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**ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**

**Report by:** Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration

**Report:** Dean Komdat reported that the Governor's budget included an increase in base state aid to community colleges of \$150 per FTE for next year, but we will continue to be challenged due to a small decrease in projected enrollment for next year. The College is trying to have no increase in tuition and also to continue no increase in our request for County support.

The Dean also reported that President Katt and he had met with the County Executive's staff regarding the proposed move from the BRC and site selection and he expects a reply shortly, at which time that news will be communicated to the Legislature and to this committee. Dean Komdat said the water project is still with Ulster County Planning. On the Priority Capital Project list we still have no back-up generators and are still working on the emergency notification project. We did finish putting in the new telephone system because the old system just fell apart. That should have been part of a capital project and eligible for 50% funding from the state. He will work with the County to try and get that done and may have some resolutions for the next meeting.

Leg. Gregorius asked Mr. Crannell if he could get the committee some additional information from County Planning on the progress of the water project for the May meeting.

**Resolutions:** None

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**ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE – RESOLUTIONS**

**Presented by:** Kenneth Crannell, Ulster County Deputy County Executive

**Introduction:** Mr. Crannell reviewed the history of the proposed resolutions. He said the state had increased in the allowable exemptions for veterans and for seniors and when that happens the county does the same. He said this should be done by Local Law and therefore requires a public hearing. He also explained how

the calculations are made and a brief discussion was had regarding equalization and assessment rates. He said more financial information would be available for the Ways & Means Committee Meeting.

**Resolutions:** The following resolutions were acted upon:

**Resolution #98 Draft No. 0417 – April 17, 2012:** Setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2012 (A Local Law to Increase the Maximum Allowable Real Property Tax Exemption Pursuant to Section 458-A of The Real Property Tax Law Entitled “Veterans’; Alternative Exemption”) To be Held On [To Be Determined], 2012 At [To Be Determined] PM.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Wawro  
**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius  
**Voice Vote:** Yes  
**In Favor:** Chairman Harris, Legs. Gregorius, Lopez and Wawro  
**Opposed:** None  
**No.in Favor:** 4  
**No.Opposed:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion passed; resolution approved unanimously.

**Resolution #97 Draft No. 0416 – April 17, 2012:** Setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2012 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 of 2008 to Provide for An Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Real Property Owned by Veterans Who Rendered Military Service to the United States During the “Cold War”) to be Held on [To Be Determined] 2012 at [To Be Determined] PM.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Lopez  
**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius  
**Voice Vote:** Yes  
**In Favor:** Chairman Harris, Leg. Lopez, Gregorius and Wawro  
**Opposed:** None  
**No.in Favor:** 4  
**No. Opposed:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion passed. Resolution approved unanimously.

**Resolution #95 Draft No. 0414 – April 17, 2012:** Setting a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2012 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No.5 of 2008 to Increase the Income Range by Which Senior Land Owners with Limited Income are Eligible for a Partial County Tax Exemption) To be Held on [To Be Determined] 2012 at [To Be Determined] PM.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Wawro  
**Seconded:** Leg. Lopez  
**Voice Vote:** Yes  
**In Favor:** Chairman Harris, Legs. Wawro, Gregorius and Lopez  
**Opposed:** None  
**No. in Favor:** 4  
**No.Opposed:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion passed. Resolution approved unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before this meeting, on motion duly made by Leg. Gregorius and seconded by Leg. Lopez and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Dated: the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

Janet Salanitri, Recorder

Minutes Approved on: May 1, 2012

# Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 4, 2012 @ 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Library Conference Room, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Dean Fabiano  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Tammy Wilson  
**PRESENT:** Chairman Fabiano, Legislators James Maloney, John Parete, Kevin Roberts  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Briggs  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow, Sue Ronga (PW Deputy Commissioner, Erica Guerin (Legislative Counsel)

### Chairman Fabiano:

- Called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

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### MOTIONS:

#### MOTION NO. 1

**Text Of Motion:** RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2012.  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Roberts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Fabiano, Maloney, Parete, Roberts  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. Of Votes In Favor:** 4  
**No. Of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion Passes

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**Resolutions:** None

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### Abstract for April 17<sup>th</sup> Session:

**Abstract Number L39-2 – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County:** Revenue Agreement to assist the County's Department of Pubic Works in construction a new bridge on County Road No. 47 in the Town of Shandaken. This Revenue will assist the County in offsetting the County's portion (12½%) of emergency aide for (Tropical Storm Irene) repairs from New York State

**Additional Questions and/or Comments:** The Committee had no concerns with regard to Contract L39-2.

The motion was made by the Committee to **Recommend Contract L39-2** to the Ways & Means Committee. All in Favor, Carried

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## **DPW Update:**

**Ronga:** Clarified to the Committee that their Department will be attending the Wawarsing Town Board Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> instead of April 5<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be at 7:00 PM. They will be addressing the issues and concerns with regard to Ulster Heights Road.

Old Kings Highway (Saugerties) Guardrail: In order to repair the guardrail deep ditching needs to be taken care of first. The plan is to take the ditch line down to the bottom of the existing driveway pipe and install a new pipe the full length of the ditch. This project will be completed this year.

Stated that she and John Kouhout have completed their road patrol with the Section Supervisors as explained in last months Minutes. They do not know what their CHIP funding will be for 2012 as of yet. It should be about the same as last year, maybe about 200 dollars less. They do have 290 thousand something rolled over from last year. A Resolution will be presented for miscellaneous roads & bridges that CHIPS funding cannot be used for and Capital Funds will be needed. There may be additional funding from FEMA also. Sue gave an example of how additional FEMA funding could be obtained and explained that these discussions are still happening and that funding has not been secured yet. She will share that information when determinations are made.

FEMA Update: Between FEMA & FHWA they have requested 1.9 million from FEMA, and 741 thousand from FHWA. That represents 56 sites, so far. However, she stated that there are a number of roads and bridges that still need to be processed. FEMA looked at the smaller projects first. There are ten more roads and nine bridges that they are waiting for FEMA to evaluate. FEMA has been to the sites but have not completed the Project Worksheets yet.

Phoenicia Bridge: They received the reports from Peak Engineering. She stated that as a result of the report she feels that FEMA will cover the project. According to their report the damage was a direct result of Hurricane Irene. They performed a Field Inspection and evaluated the condition. They were looking at three alternatives to consider, complete removal of the bridge, replacement of the bridge, or repair of the existing bridge. Based on the information they are suggesting that it be repaired and reopened to traffic. Sue stated that their hope is to have that completed by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Their crews will be doing this project in-house. She gave examples of what was found and stated in the report. The intended repairs will bring it to pre-flood condition. She expressed that the DEP/DEC (whichever one would have jurisdiction) needs to understand that bringing it back to pre-flood condition that it is imperative that they have an Existing Stream Channel and Floodplain Maintenance and Management Plan in place. She said the proposed bid states that it will return the bridge structure to pre-flood conditions; the repairs do not eliminate the deficient hydraulic opening at the bridge site. The proposed required repairs to the bridge will allow reopening of the structure and performing the recommended improvements will decrease the bridge susceptibility's to future flood damage. Which leaves us with the same old story; you still can not go into the streams to clean them out.

## Monthly Road, Bridge, and Fabrication Shop Work Completed:

Road Work: Replaced Curbs and Landscaping on Enterprise Drive, Ditching and Pipe Work, Tree & Brush Cleanup, Removed the Plows and the Sanders, General Maintenance, Ledge Cropping on Various Roads, Replaced Signs, Cleaned out Catch Basins, Replaced Pipes, Answered Complaints, Plowed & Sanded after Storm, Blacktopped, Rail Crew Assisted the Bridge Crew, Responded to Several Emergency's, Several Guide Rail Replacements, Installed Guide Rails on Various Road

Bridge Crew: Grouting, Backfill, and Waterproofing of Decks, Paving, Installing Diaphragms, Removing Scaffolding on Bridge # 211, #177, #157, #16, #126, #30, # 157.

Fabrication Shop: Fabricated 75 Angles to be used on Enterprise Drive, Poured Jersey Barriers, Helped with Prep work and Installation work on Guide Rails.

Sudlow: Commended the DPW Department and the work that was completed over the winter and the work that they continue to put forth. He stated that there is still a significant amount of damage that needs to be completed with regard to Hurricane Irene.

Fabiano: Q/Asked if DPW is still on target for the yearly resurfacing on roads. A/Yes

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**New Business:** None

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**Old Business:** None

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**The next regularly scheduled Committee Meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the COB.**

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**There being no further business before the meeting, on the motion duly made by Legislator Maloney, seconded by Legislator Roberts, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.**

**Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012**

**Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee**

**Minutes Approved on: May 2, 2012**

# Social Services Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 2, 2012 @ 6:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Library Conference Room, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Mary Wawro  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Tammy Wilson  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Craig Lopez, Richard Parete, Hector Rodriguez, Kenneth Ronk, Mary Wawro  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Jeanette Provenzano, Sandy Mathes (Deputy Clerk of Finance), Erica Guerin (Legislative Counsel), Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Fran Wishnick

- Chair Wawro called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

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### MOTIONS:

#### MOTION NO. 1

**Text Of Motion:** RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2012.  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Lopez, Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. Of Votes In Favor:** 5  
**No. Of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion Passes

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#### MOTION NO. 2

##### **Resolution No. 90, April 17, 2012**

**Text Of Motion:** RESOLVED to approve Resolution No. 90 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Health For The Early Intervention Program – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** New York State is the recipient of United States Department of Education funding for Special Education Grants for infants and families (CFDA 84.181) which is administered as a pass through to local agencies. This grant will provide funding for the administration of the Early Intervention Program in the amount of \$108,257.00 for the term of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

**Additional Questions and/or Comments:** Chairman Wawro asked Ken Crannell about the funding of this program and he explained the terms of the contract and how the Federal Funds offset the County's Budget. The Committee further discussed the Contract and reviewed how the money is allocated throughout the Program & within the Department.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Parete  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Lopez, Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. Of Votes In Favor:** 5  
**No. Of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion Passes

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**Abstract for April 17<sup>th</sup> Session:**

**Abstract Number L39-1 – Multi-County Community Development Corporation:** Agreement to provide Case Management for youth that have been designated as Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and have been placed on Diversion Status or court-ordered Probation Supervision. Services include the provision of a LCSW case manager that will provide counseling, crisis intervention and act as a liaison to assist the youth and their families with obtaining outreach services as needed.

**Additional Questions and/or Comments:**

Rodriguez: Asked Ken Crannell if the funding streams have gotten smaller from the Federal and State Government. Ken stated that the State funding is now out of a Block Grant. They further discussed the percentages with regard to the allocation of funding.

Wawro: Asked if the County was using the same vendor, and Ken stated there have been no changes with regard to the vendor. She additional asked what the success rate is and Ken stated that he would get the information for her.

Ronk: Stated that he wanted to point out that in Article 3 of the Contract, the portion that states the compensation allows the County Executive to increase the amount of the contract based on the fact that there is money available for cost incurred. His point is that this was what the controversy was about with regard to Counsel's Contract last month, only that wording used the Chairman's name.

Wawro: Asked what the Diversion Status was in the Contract Description. Ken explained that these are persons in need of supervision and instead of placing them in detention it gives an alternative to incarceration. Mary asked what the difference was between Diversion Status and Court Ordered Supervision. Ken will speak with Probation and will follow up with Mary on the answer.

The motion was made by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Parete to **Recommend Contract L39-1** to the Ways & Means Committee. All in Favor, Carried

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**New Business:** The Committee discussed the State Budget and the 10 % increase to welfare recipients. The monthly welfare grant will be increased by 10%. There has not been an increase in two years.

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**Old Business:** They discussed the scheduling with regard to taking a tour of DSS. Ken is still working on the details and the Committee will be notified when a time and date is established.

Wawro: Asked a question with regard to housing. She asked whether the landlord is paid directly or is the tenant paid directly. Ken stated that it depends on the circumstances, he said in many cases, the landlord is paid directly. The Committee further discussed those circumstances and housing eligibility.

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Next Scheduled Committee Meeting is April 30, 2012 @ 6:30 PM, COB, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Legislative Library.

There being no further business before the meeting, on the motion duly made by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Ronk, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

**Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012**

**Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee, Ulster County Legislature**

**Minutes Approved on: April 30, 2012**

# Ways & Means Committee

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** April 10, 2012 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Legislative Library, Sixth Floor, County Office Building  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Victoria Fabella  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Gerentine, Harris, Gregorius, Maio (arrived at 5:14 PM), Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Tracey Bartels; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Roland Bloomer, Asst. County Attorney/Asst. Contract Manager; Paul VanBlarcum, Sheriff; Frank Faluotico, Undersheriff; J.J. Hanson, Budget Director; Lisa Cutten, Dep. Budget Director; Bea Havranek, Co. Attorney; Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Susan Plonski, Asst. County Attorney/Contract Manager; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman

- Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.
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### I. DISCUSSION:

#### 1. Tax Exemptions

Chairman Gerentine specified that the Committee would be addressing Resolution Nos. 96, 97, 98 & 99 which set public hearings on different proposed local laws (5, 6 7 & 8), each dealing with different exemptions. The Chairman stated he supports the exemptions but is against shifting cost to other taxpayers. Chairman Gerentine mentioned he spoke with the County Executive and told him he wanted to see the outcome of the public hearings and suggested possible caps being set. Deputy Co. Executive Crannell indicated research had been done in the past. Budget Director Hanson reflected that historically, when the State has raised threshold, Ulster County Legislature also raised threshold. Another note made by the Executive's office was that there's a different scenario with regard to the homebuyer resolution. First time homebuyers is a new program (differs from other suggestions), new construction or improvements to an existing structure; the tax burden is not being shifted in this instance.

**Legislator Maloney- Question:** Is it going to be truly a first time homebuyer in Ulster or someone else coming into County?

Answer: The State Law is very specific. Those who qualify must be first time home buyers. 2<sup>nd</sup> homes don't qualify. These are people of a certain income, buying a certain type of home, i.e. young people or working couples, not high end luxury homes.

**Legislator Maloney- Question:** Is there any restriction on how long they must own the home?

Answer: Exemption is for five years. Not aware of any restrictions. **Legislator Gregorius** indicated that it must apply to primary residences and not such things as investment properties.

**Chairman Gerentine:** Clarified that this concerned County portion; other taxing agencies will have ability to opt in.

#### 2. Tax Auction

Started with 195 parcels now down to 125 parcels – 60 parcels redeemed. Next meeting there will be a late Resolution regarding the 60 parcels that will provide for an expedited process of getting titles/deeds back to owners. The resolution will go before Laws and Rules prior to coming before this Committee.

### 3. Parcels 52 & 53- Town of New Paltz

There was a resolution passed by the New Paltz Town Board in support of the Town buying these parcels from the County for viable water usage. There was also a letter (e-mail) from Supervisor Zimet requesting that the properties be held 60 – 90 days to give the Town of New Paltz time to purchase property. The Town would pay the County roughly \$12,200; \$6,100 for each parcel. After the Town pays the back taxes, the properties would come off the tax roll. To allow for this to happen, the Ways and Means Committee needs to authorize that these parcels be pulled from the auction.

#### II. MOTIONS:

##### MOTION NO. 1

**TEXT OF MOTION:** RESOLVED to remove parcels 52 and 53 from the auction, and to allow 60 days for the Town of New Paltz to purchase the properties.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Rodriguez

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Harris

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

**VOTING AGAINST:** None

**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 7

**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0

**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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##### MOTION NO. 2

**TEXT OF MOTION:** RESOLVED to set all “to be determined” public hearing dates on Resolutions 95 thru 99 for May 8, 2012.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Chairman Gerentine

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Harris

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

**VOTING AGAINST:** None

**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 7

**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 0

**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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##### MOTION NO. 3

**TEXT OF MOTION:** DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 75 – April 17, 2012  
RESOLVED to amend Resolution No. 75 (Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local law No. 3 of 2012 (A Local Law Of The County Of Ulster, new York, Known As The “Ulster County Truth In Taxation Act”), To Be Held On Tuesday, May 15, 2012 At 7:00 PM) to change the public hearing date from May 15, 2012 to May 8, 2012.

**MOTION MADE BY:** Legislator Maloney

**MOTION SECONDED BY:** Legislator Maio

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** No

**VOTING IN FAVOR:** Gerentine, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez

**VOTING AGAINST:** Gregorius

**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** 6

**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** 1

**DISPOSITION:** Motion Passes

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**\*RESOLUTION HELD UNTIL NEXT WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING PENDING TRUTH IN TAXATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TO ADDRESS VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND TECHNICALITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A LIST OF THE SPECIFIC LEVY ITEMS TO BE DESCRIBED AND ANY IMPLICATIONS ON THE TAX CAP.**

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**MOTION NO. 4**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:** **DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 81- April 17 2012**  
**RESOLVED to approve Draft Resolution No. 81** –Urging Governor Cuomo And The New York State Senate To Approve The Appointment Legislator John Parete To The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) And In Accordance With The NYS Senate Bill No. S6260C-2011 And NYS Assembly Bill No. A9060C

**MOTION MADE BY:** **Legislator Rodriguez**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** **Legislator Harris**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **No**  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** **Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez**  
**VOTING AGAINST:** **None**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** **7**  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** **0**  
**DISPOSITION:** **Motion Passes**

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**MOTION NO. 5**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:** **DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 82 – April 17, 2012**  
**RESOLVED to approve Draft Resolution No. 82** – Providing Exemptions From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes For Receipts From Sales Of And Consideration Given, Or Contracted To Be Given For, Or For the Use Of, Property And Services Exempt From State Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Pursant To Subdivision (ee) Of Section 1115 Of the New York Tax Law, Pursuant To The Authority of Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York

**MOTION MADE BY:** **Legislator Rodriguez**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** **Legislator Harris**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **No**  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** **Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez**  
**VOTING AGAINST:** **None**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** **7**  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** **0**  
**DISPOSITION:** **Motion Passes**

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**MOTION NO. 6**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:** **DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 83 – April 17, 2012**  
**RESOLVED to approve Draft Resolution No. 83** – Appropriating Unexpended Funds From The New York State Office Of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program – Amending The 2012 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff's Office

**MOTION MADE BY:** **Legislator Provenzano**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:** **Legislator Rodriguez**  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **No**  
**VOTING IN FAVOR:** **Gerentine, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Gregorius**  
**VOTING AGAINST:** **0**  
**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:** **7**  
**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:** **0**  
**DISPOSITION:** **Motion Passes**

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**MOTION NO. 7**  
**TEXT OF MOTION:** **DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 84 – April 17, 2012**  
**RESOLVED to approve Draft Resolution No. 84** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In the Crimes Against Revenue Program – Ulster County District Attorney



**Draft Resolutions 90, 91 and 92 taken as a group**

**MOTION NO. 10**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**RESOLVED to approve Draft Resolutions 90, 91 & 92**

**Draft Resolution No. 90** – Authorizing The Chairman of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Department Of health For The Early Intervention Program – Department Of Social Services

**Draft Resolution No. 91** – Appropriating Funds From The Probation Department Reserve Account (V&T Admin Fees) For The Purchase Of Vehicles And A Security System Upgrade – Amending The 2012 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Probation

**Draft Resolution No. 92** – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature to Enter Into An Agreement With Albany County For Micrographics Services And For Microfilm Processing And Duplication – County Clerk

**MOTION MADE BY:**

**Legislator Harris**

**MOTION SECONDED BY:**

**Legislator Provenzano**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**No**

**VOTING IN FAVOR:**

**Gerentine, Gregorius, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez**

**VOTING AGAINST:**

**None**

**NO. OF VOTES IN FAVOR:**

**7**

**NO. OF VOTES AGAINST:**

**0**

**DISPOSITION:**

**Motions Pass**

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**Draft Resolutions Nos. 95, 96, 97, 98 and 99 taken as a group**

**MOTION NO. 11**

**TEXT OF MOTION:**

**RESOLVED to approve Draft Resolutions 95, 96, 97, 98, & 99 as Amended**

**Draft Resolution No. 95** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2012 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 5 of 2008 To Increase The Income Range By Which Senior Land owners With Limited Income Are Eligible For A Partial County Tax Exemption) to Be Held On **May 8, 2012** At [To Be Determined] PM

**Draft Resolution No. 96** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2012 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 6 of 2008 To Increase The Allowable Income Range Providing For A Partial County Tax Exemption Of Real Property Owned By Certain Persons With Disabilities And Limited Income) To Be Held On **May 8, 2012** At [To Be Determined] PM

**Draft Resolution No. 97** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2012 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 of 2008 To Increase The Allowable Income Range Providing For A Partial County Tax Exemption Of Real Property Owned By Veterans Who Rendered Military Service To The United States During The “Cold War”) To Be Held On **May 8, 2012** At [To Be Determined] PM

**Draft Resolution No. 98** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2012 (A Local Law To Increase The Maximum Allowable Real Property Tax Exemption Pursuant To Section 458-A Of The Real Property Tax Law Entitled “Veteran’s; Alternative Exemption”) To Be Held On **May 8, 2012** At [To Be Determined] PM

**Draft Resolution No. 99** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2012 (A Local Law Enacting A First Time Homebuyer County property Tax Exemption) To Be Held On **May 8, 2012** At [To Be Determined] PM

