

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee

DATE: April 2, 2008

TIME: 4:45 P.M.

PLACE: Library/Conference Room B
Ulster County Office Building
244 Fair Street - 6th Floor
Kingston, New York

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman A. Lomita and Legislators B. Cahill,
F. Dart, D. Gregorius, J. Provenzano, S. Zimet,
D. Donaldson, R. Gerentine and G. Noonan

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator S. Cummings

OTHERS ATTENDING: County Administrator M. Hein; Deputy County
Administrator A. Smith; Deputy County
Administrator S. Ronga; Sr. Management
Analyst F. Fawcett; Legislator P. Terpening;
Assistant County Attorney B. Havranek and
New Paltz Supervisor Toni Hokanson

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 102 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To
Execute A Renewal Mortgage Subordination Agreement Regarding The Revolving Loan
Fund Administered By The Ulster County Development Corporation

Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Provenzano.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 103 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County Owned Property To
Original Owner

Motion offered by Legislator Cahill, seconded by Legislator Dart.

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Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 104 Accepting Centralized Property Tax Administration Grants From New York State Office of Real Property Services – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Treasurer And Real Property Tax Service Agency

Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Cahill.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 105 Authorizing Right-Of-Way Acquisition Of Certain Real Property For The Purpose Of Replacing The Kerhonkson Bridge On County Route 77, Over Rondout Creek, Town Of Wawarsing – HBRR (Highway Bridge Replacement And Rehabilitation) PIN 8756.19, BIN 3346530

Motion offered by Chairman Donaldson, seconded by Legislator Noonan.
Adopted unanimously.

Assistant County Attorney Havranek explained that this is for a temporary partial right-of-way to construct the bridge approaches. The property was appraised by a professional appraiser and the owners are in negotiations to pass temporary rights to Ulster. The largest parcel is appraised at \$81,000 and will be acquired outright and a dilapidated building on the site will be razed. The bridge is in bad condition and the process has taken seven years for one reason or another. This is an issue of “De Minimis property”, we can do away with Public Hearing. The State used to do this whole process before but it is new to us.

Legislator Zimet – Is there any reason we would have to resort to Eminent Domain? answer – NOT – Likely.

Resolution No. 106 Transferring Funds From Contingent Account To Provide For Rescue Equipment For Confined Space Entry Program – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Safety

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Cahill.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 107 Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Medicaid Regulations Audit (2005 Federal Deficit Reduction Act) – Mental Health

Motion offered by Legislator Drat, seconded by Legislator Cahill.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 108 Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Temporary Services –

Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Provenzano.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 109 Authorizing The Continuation Of An Expanded Work Week For
Paralegal – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – County Attorney

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Chairman Donaldson.
Adopted unanimously.

Legislator Zimet – How much money is left in Contingency? We should have
some sort of running balance so that we can make reasonable decisions.

Deputy County Administrator Arthur Smith – we will provide that.

Resolution No. 110 Creating Database Clerk/Typist Position For The Ulster County Law
Enforcement Center – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Sheriff's Office

Motion to open for discussion by Legislator Zimet, seconded by Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Zimet – Doesn't this require additional money? My committee voted
for it but we have some second thoughts. It is after all a new position that we will
have to fill permanently after the partial grant dies. Rich Parete will check other
police agencies to see if they have similar roles.

Legislator Dart – This person is handicapped (deaf) and her limited
communication made her expert at internet trolling.

Legislator Provenzano – OK with hiring handicapped – especially with skills but
we will pay 100% of it next year.

Chairman Donaldson – Why not sunset it?

Legislator Lomita – Let's pass it and push it on for a true discussion in committee
and caucus.

Vote taken – adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 111 Reclassifying Engineer Aide Position To Senior Engineer Aide –
Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Gregorius, seconded by Legislator Dart.

Legislator Lomita – The person was working out of title. There was a budget amendment request in 2007 but was put off because the employee was assigned to MS4 duties which were not part of her regular job plus we needed a desk audit. Now that she has returned to normal duties, a desk audit warranted an upgrade.

Vote taken – adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 112 Establishing Capital Project No. 306 For The Construction Of A Salt Shed/Substation Located In The Town of New Paltz, On Libertyville Road – Amending The Capital Program 2008 – 2013 – Amending The 2008 Capital Project Fund – Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion offered by Legislator Cahill, seconded by Legislator Zimet.

Legislator Provenzano – Wished to make a “comment” that Kingston City Station on Wilber Avenue had all labor done in-house. Why spend \$1 million for a contractor. Then buy modular housing for the sub-station offices.

Legislator Cahill – The old New Paltz substation will be demolished as it is in bad shape plus there is a lot of site work to be done on Libertyville Road. Embarrassed with the current site plus we are polluting our neighbors.

Legislator Zimet – Upset about County property polluting property by Fairgrounds. Was originally against the Salt Shed, but when she saw the plans, changed her mind. She originally thought we could build on the Town of New Paltz Garage site and share space and costs but that will not work. They investigated many options so that we would not have to build the shed but now believes it is necessary.

Vote taken.

Resolution adopted 8-1

8 AYES

1 NO (Legislator Provenzano)

Resolution No. 114 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement For The Maintenance Of Facilities For The Ulster Performing Arts Center – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Legislature

Motion offered by Legislator Zimet, seconded by Legislator Cahill.
Adopted unanimously.

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Resolution No. 115 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With The Ulster County Community College Small Business Incubator For Social Services Offices – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion offered by Legislator Zimet, seconded by Legislator Noonan.
Adopted unanimously.

Legislator Zimet – informed Committee that this is a temporary stop-gap measure. We will have to bring it forward again in the Spring.

Resolution No. 116 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Renew The Drinking Water Enhancement (DWE) Program – Public Health

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.

Legislator Dart – What kind of “enhancement” does \$1.25 million buy? What are we adding to water?

Legislator Terpening – It is just a matter of setting criteria for the water.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 117 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement With The Marlboro Central School District To Use Licensed Information Known As The Ulster County Tax Collection System (Version 2 For Windows) – Information Services

Motion offered by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Noonan.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 118 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Submit Application And Assurances For HUD Community Development Block Grant Funds For The Year 2008 To The New York State Office for Small Cities (OSC)

Motion offered by Legislator Zimet, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 120 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – GPS Tracking System for Sex Offenders – Probation

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Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Zimet.
Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 122 Recognition Of Superior Officers Unit Consisting Of All Patrol
Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant(s), Deputy Sheriff Detective Lieutenant(s) And Deputy Sheriff
Captain(s) As Put Forth By The New York State Union Of Police Associations, Inc.

Motion offered to open for discussion by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Cahill.

Legislator Lomita – Prior to this, the six employees were not represented but would line up with whichever union contract they felt was more appealing.

Assistant County Attorney Havranek – If we do not recognize them, PERB will anyway.

Chairman Donaldson – Thought PERB limited these small units.

Legislator Zimet – This should have come to Criminal Justice Committee first, there could be conflicts.

Legislator Dart – Would rather not send it back to Committee, better to just not vote on it.

Vote eventually taken. Adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 123 Initiating Policies For Prudent Management Of 2008 Budget
Allocations

Motion offered by Legislator Lomita, seconded by Legislator Noonan.

Legislator Lomita – In a spirit of bi-partisanship, he and Legislator Noonan revised the resolution to have the Chairman of the Legislature responsible for deciding what is “essential” to the operation of the County, and not the department heads as previously drafted. The current resolution will be amended next week.

Chairman Donaldson – Requested a three person committee to resolve issues – himself, and Legislators Lomita and Noonan.

Legislator Lomita – A sub-committee of the Ways and Means Committee is being set up to review the effects of the State Budget on the County and will publish a plan.

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Vote taken – adopted unanimously.

Legislator Cahill requested that the four remaining resolutions memorializing the NYSAC resolutions be put off until next week since at that point it might be a moot issue with the State Budget adopted.

By consensus, Resolutions No. 124, No. 125, No. 126 and No. 127 were put to side.

Motion to adjourn offered by Legislator Gregorius, seconded by Legislator Lomita.
Meeting adjourned 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lomita, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee