

# COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Ways and Means Committee

DATE: September 2, 2009

TIME: 4:45 PM

PLACE: Library/Conference Room B  
Ulster County Office Building

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

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS ATTENDING: Legislator P. Terpening; Deputy Budget  
Director S. Ronga; Clerk of Legislature M.  
Carey; Deputy Clerk M. Dellay; Counsel D.  
Hepner; Comptroller E. Auerbach; County  
Executive M. Hein; Budget Director A. Smith;  
L. Cane; T. Kadgen; S. Van Sicklen; Deputy  
Clerk K. Spinozzi; UCCC President D. Katt; C.  
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## **1) PRESENTATION BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE MICHAEL HEIN**

The County Executive reported an \$8 million shortfall in sales tax revenue, and a \$4 million increase in NYS Employee Retirement contributions. DSS rolls continue to expand. The State is shifting its costs to the county taxpayers. We are getting \$430,000 less in DSS reimbursements. NYS is adding a state surcharge to our insurance premiums. Reimbursement for state readies will be reduced to zero. Probation reimbursements were cut \$58,000.

We have imposed a freeze on non-union salaries, offered an early retirement incentive, and cut mid-year contracts.

There is a \$2.1 million gap in the NYS budget, projected to increase to \$18.5 million in 2012.

The County Executive offered a late resolution calling upon the NYS Legislature to end cost shifting as a method of closing the State's budget gap. It will go to the Laws & Rules Committee for lateness. Legislator Cahill requested a breakdown of the cost shifts.

## **2) RESOLUTIONS**

No. 260 – Amending Capital Project No. 286 – Planning And Design For Water Acquisition And Distribution – Ulster County Community College Campus Renovations And Reconstruction Phase I Facilities Master Plan – Amending The 2009-2014 Capital Program And Amending The 2009 Capital Project Fund – Ulster County Community College

Resolution taken out of order.

Motion offered by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.

President Katt explained that the UCCC water supply is not in compliance with NYS law and there is no second source of water. The college hopes to connect to the new High Falls Water District, which takes its water from the NYC aqueduct. That would become the primary source.

Motion adopted.

Legislators Lomita and Provenzano held their votes.

No. 252 – Confirming Various Executive Appointments – Department Heads For The Following: Public Works, Information Services, Public Defender, Consumer Affairs, Veterans' Service, Residential Health Care Facilities, Emergency Communications/Emergency Management, Employment & Training, Tourism, Safety, and Insurance

Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Gregorius.

Legislator Cahill would like generic language added to the resolution to indicate that it was requested by the Executive.

Motion adopted unanimously.

No. 258 – Approving The Execution Of Various Contracts And Change Orders In The Amount Of \$50,000.00 Or In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County

Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Cummings.

Contract Manager Sarah Van Sicklen to look into contract with Rolling V. Bus Corp., at Legislator Noonan's request.

Motion adopted unanimously.

No. 259 – Requesting Transfer Of Funds From The Contingent Account For Inmate Medical Services – Amending The 2009 Ulster County Budget – Sheriff's (Corrections)

Motion offered by Legislator Dart, seconded by Legislator Donaldson.

Motion adopted.

Legislator Cummings opposed.

No. 261 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement And Any Amendments To The Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Prosecution Program (APP) – District Attorney

Motion offered by Legislator Cahill, seconded by Legislator Dart.

Motion adopted unanimously.

No. 262 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – District Attorney's Recruitment And Retention Program – District Attorney

Motion offered by Legislator Cahill, seconded by Legislator Dart.

Motion adopted unanimously.

No. 263 – Authorizing The Chairman To Execute An Agreement With The NYS Office Of Cyber Security And Critical Infrastructure Coordination Allowing Ulster County To Provide Funding For The Statewide Digital Orthoimagery Program – Department Of Information Services

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Donaldson.

Motion adopted unanimously.

No. 264 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program – Department Of Public Defender

Motion offered by Legislator Cahill, seconded by Legislator Dart.

Motion adopted unanimously.

No. 265 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Renew An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Health For The Early Intervention Program For The 2009-2010 Program Year – Amending The 2009 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services

Motion offered by Legislator Donaldson, seconded by Legislator Dart.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Legislator Dart; seconded by Legislator Donaldson.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lomita, Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee