

Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,150,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For Said County

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairwoman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Eve Walter, and Deputy Chair Heidi Haynes offer the following:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 527 dated and duly adopted on the date hereof, the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York has amended Capital Project No. 482 with regard to the upgrades to the Countywide Radio System for the Department of Emergency Communications/Management; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, on various dates did heretofore duly adopted bond resolutions authorizing the issuance of bonds of said County to pay costs of build-out of said capital project County-wide; and

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which regulations state will not have any significant adverse impact upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$3,150,000 bonds of said County to pay a new portion of the cost thereof; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Additional costs of the upgrade to the Countywide emergency communications radio system to achieve interoperability for radio coverage for the police, fire and EMS agencies, for the County of Ulster, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, a class of objects or purposes, in and for said County of Ulster, New York, are hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$3,150,000.00.

Section 2. (a) It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of said maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of \$3,150,000 bonds of said County hereby authorized for the issuance therefor; provided, however, that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for such class of objects or purposes, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar; and

(b) It is hereby further determined that previous phases of said capital project were authorized as follows:

i) by the issuance of the \$575,721 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted February 15, 2019;

ii) by the issuance of the \$477,385 additional bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted October 15, 2019;

iii) by the issuance of the \$8,475,000 additional bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted December 18, 2019; and

iv) by the issuance of an additional \$563,271 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted February 14, 2020;

Provided, however, that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for such class of objects or purposes as described therein, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to said resolutions shall be reduced dollar for dollar.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten years, pursuant to subdivision 90, based upon subdivisions 25 and 98 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations for the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 and Section 2(a) hereof.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of such County. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The faith and credit of said County of Ulster, New York, are hereby irrevocable pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper(s) of such County, together with a notice of the Clerk of the County Legislature in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.