

## **Housing & Transportation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** November 6, 2025 – 3:00 PM  
**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston  
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Collins  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist  
Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislators Clinton, McCollough (arrived 3:09PM), Stewart, Walls  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Legislators Corcoran, Harmon  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive James Amenta, Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Budget Director Ken Juras, DSS Commissioner Mike Iapoce, DSS Deputy Commissioner Rita Wood, DSS Director of Finance Elizabeth Provenzano, Director of Housing & Homelessness Laura Nordstrom, Kevin Smith, Ernie Hunt, Harrison Balduf, Helen Chase

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Complete content of the meeting can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Department heads under the committee's purview were in attendance to discuss the County Executive's Proposed 2026 Budget and Proposed 2026-2031 Capital Program as it pertained to their departments.

In order of appearance:

- Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) – Toni Roser, Director
- Department of Social Services – Mike Iapoce, Commissioner

The following questions were asked of each department:

- Did you make any requests that were not included in the Proposed Budget or Capital Program?
- Are there any new programs, projects or initiatives planned for 2026? Any being eliminated?
- Do you feel the Proposed 2026 Budget and, if applicable, Capital Program, for your department is right-sized, including staffing, for your needs/workload?

Department responses and committee discussion can be accessed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ts40PjKVrM&t=1191s>

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**Motion No. 1:** **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2025 Meeting**  
**Motion Made By:** Legislator Clinton  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Clinton, Collins, Stewart, Walls  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4

<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Minutes Approved</b>

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**Resolutions for the November 18, 2025 Session of the Legislature:**

**Resolution No. 451** - Authorizing The Removal Of The Railroad Bridge Over Basin Road On The Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor To Allow For The Movement Of Large Construction And Delivery Vehicles And Replacing It With An Active Transportation Bridge Connecting On The U&D Corridor East Of Basin Road With The Ashokan Rail Trail

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the removal of the existing railroad bridge at Basin Road and its replacement with an active transportation bridge by NYCDEP providing specific conditions outlined therein are satisfied, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute, on behalf of the County of Ulster, all agreements and documents necessary for the removal of the Basin Road railroad bridge located on the U&D Corridor.

<b>Motion No. 2</b>	<b>Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 451</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Stewart
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Walls

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	2
<b>Votes Against:</b>	3
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Motion to Postpone DEFEATED</b>

<b>Motion No. 3</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 451</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Clinton
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Walls

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	Legislator Stewart
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	4
<b>Votes Against:</b>	1
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 452** - Establishing A Policy Requiring Evaluation Of Surplus Or Idle County-Owned Real Property For Tiny Home Developments To Support Unhoused Persons

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes a Policy requiring that all surplus or idle real property owned by Ulster County be evaluated for its suitability for tiny home developments intended for the use and occupancy of unhoused residents of Ulster County, with a priority on addressing the needs of unhoused Ulster County veterans. This Resolution further directs the Director of Planning to develop a process to assess the feasibility of such developments, including site suitability, infrastructure needs, compliance with local zoning and building codes, the availability of grant funding from federal, state, and local sources and public-private partnerships with nonprofit organizations to minimize fiscal impacts and support the development and operation of tiny home communities.

<b>Motion No. 4</b>	<b>Moved to Amend Resolution</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Clinton
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Stewart

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Amended</b>

<b>Motion No. 5</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 452 As Amended</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Stewart
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 453** - Setting Minimum Habitability Standards For Emergency Housing Contracts And Establishing A Policy Requiring Transportation Access For Emergency Housing Facilities In Ulster County

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Minimum Habitability Standards that must be included as contract terms binding any facility or provider that contracts with the Ulster County Department of Social Services for emergency housing placements, and requires that such contract terms include, at a minimum, requirements pertaining to clean linens, regular pest control, safe drinking water, the completion of necessary repairs, and required disclosures upon placement. This Resolution further requires the Department of Social Services conduct inspections of contracted emergency housing facilities at least once per quarter to verify compliance with these standards.

<b>Motion No.</b>	<b>Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 453</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Walls
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Clinton

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Postponed</b>

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**Resolution No. 503** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2025, A Local Law Opting The County Of Ulster Into The Real Property Tax Exemption Under § 421-p Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law For Qualifying Multifamily Rental Housing In The City Of Kingston, To Be Held On Wednesday, December 3, 2025 At 6:05 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution sets a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2025, A Local Law Opting The County Of Ulster Into The Real Property Tax Exemption Under § 421-p Of The New York State Real Property Tax Law For Qualifying Multifamily Rental Housing In The City Of Kingston, to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:05 PM.

<b>Motion No.</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Resolution</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Clinton

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolution Adopted</b>

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**Resolution No. 504** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$407,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Approves the Execution of a contract in the amount of \$407,000 with Family of Woodstock for the Washbourne program for victims of domestic violence, for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 505** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Approves the Execution of a contract in the amount of \$400,000 with Family of Woodstock to provide any person in Ulster County who is living without shelter a safe and appropriate emergency shelter for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 506** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$162,600.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Approves the Execution of a contract in the amount of \$162,000 with Family of Woodstock for the operation of Family House for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

**Resolution No. 507** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Approves the Execution of a contract in the amount of \$2,400,000 with Family of Woodstock for the operation of the Darmstadt and Family Inn shelters for a term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

<b>Motion No.</b>	<b>Moved to Block Resolutions 504, 505, 506, 507</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator McCollough
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Clinton

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Resolutions Blocked</b>

<b>Motion No.</b>	<b>Moved to Adopt Blocked Resolutions</b>
<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Clinton
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator McCollough

<b>Voting in Favor:</b>	Legislators Clinton, Collins, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>Votes in Favor:</b>	5
<b>Votes Against:</b>	0

**Disposition:** **Resolution Nos. 504, 505, 506, 507 Adopted**

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**Resolution No. 275** - Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A “Rail With Trail” Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution Amends the "Rail with Trail" Policy to extend rail use as described therein, and to extend the Ashokan Rail Trail East in the direction of the City of Kingston to connect to the extended operating permit area, and at the point of connection, stating that Rail with Trail should co-exist, and designating a use to the Undesignated Section as stated therein.

**Disposition:** **No Action Taken**

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**Resolution No. 342** - Amending Resolution No. 275 Of 2014 As Amended, Establishing A Policy For A “Rail With Trail” Along The County-Owned Ulster And Delaware Railroad Corridor For Increased Available Railroad Operation

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution amends the "Rail with Trail" Policy to remove a segment requiring further investigation on a specific segment of the corridor and to require an increased available railroad segment to exist, co-located with public trail wherever feasible, in the segment between MP 8.33 and Basin Road at MP 10.01, and to require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to remove any segment of the railroad tracks.

**Disposition:** **No Action Taken**

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**New Business:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Stewart  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator McCollough  
**Votes in Favor:** 5  
**Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 4:46 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist  
**Approved:**