

**Housing & Transportation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 9, 2025 – 4:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th 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, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Greene, Kitchen, Litts, Nolan, Uchitelle, Deputy County Executive James Amenta, DSS Commissioner Mike Iapoe, DSS Deputy Commissioner Rita Wood, Director of Housing & Homelessness Laura Nordstrom, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Senior Planner Kai Lord-Farmer, DEP Water Supply Director of External Affairs John Milgrim, Ernie Hunt, Meg Carey, Harrison Balduf, Larry Roth, Craig Kelly, Karl Beard, Keisha Hoerrner, Nick Mercurio, Ella Ray Kondrat

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Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Chair Collins Recognized Planning Director Dennis Doyle and Senior Planner Kai Lord-Farmer to provide an update on Ulster County supported housing initiatives.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2025 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the October 21, 2025 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 371 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2025, A Local Law To Ensure The Safety Of Vulnerable Road Users In Ulster County.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 371**
Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 450 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$77,400.00 Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract in the amount of \$77.400 with Barton & Loguidice for a feasibility study on the development of the undesignated portion of the Ulster & Delaware Corridor.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 450**

Motion Made By: Legislator McCollough

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 451 – Authorizing The Removal Of The Railroad Bridge Over Basin Road On The Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor To Allow For The Construction Of Improvements Associated With New York City Department Of Environmental Protection Ashokan Century Project 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.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to Amend Resolution No. 451 As Presented**

Motion Made By: Legislator Harmon

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Amended as Presented**

Motion No. 5 **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 451**

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

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.

Motion No. 6 **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 452**

Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 8

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

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.

Motion No. 7 **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 453**

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls

Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	8
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 456 – Authorizing The Release Of \$3,150,000 From Assigned Fund Balance (Ulster County Housing Action Fund) To Provide Funding For Seven Housing Projects Recommended For Award In Round 2 Of The Housing Action Fund’s Annual Notice Of Funding Availability

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the release of \$3,150,000.00 funds from the Housing Action fund for the projects listed therein, and amends the Operating Budget accordingly.

Motion No. 8	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 456
Motion Made By:	Legislator McCollough
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	8
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 457 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary:

Motion No. 9	Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 457
Motion Made By:	Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor:	Legislators Clinton, Collins, Corcoran, Criswell, Harmon, McCollough, Stewart, Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	8
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

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**

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

Chair Criswell provided an overview of the UCAT Route Changes Listening Session and the concerns shared by the public.

Adjournment:

Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Harmon
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Legislative Support Specialist
Approved: November 6, 2025

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