

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:00 PM

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.
Members of the public may also attend at 79 Latham Circle, Saugerties, NY 12477.
Also available via Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR: 7:06 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Legislative Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL:

Present: 22

Absent: 1 (Lopez)

7:00 PM – CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:09 PM

On application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Housing Activities including housing rehabilitation and infrastructure in support of housing that benefits low-and -moderate-income persons

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:10 PM

Motioned by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle

7:05 PM – CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:10 PM

On application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for a Community Planning Grant to create the Ulster County Farmworker Housing Pilot Project

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:11 PM

Motioned by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Legislator Nolan

7:10 PM – CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:11 PM

On Project Accomplishments of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding: The Hudson House & Distillery

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:12 PM

Motioned by Legislator Litts, Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle

BIRTHDAYS:

Deputy Clerk/Finance Amber Feaster	August 10 th
Chair Peter Criswell	August 13 th
Legislative Administrative Assistant Lizvett Noriega	August 21 st
Legislator Joe Donaldson	August 29 th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Majority Leader Uchitelle motioned, Seconded by Legislator Sperry to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Clerk of the Legislature, Victoria Fabella	FOIL Response – Ashlyn Thoren
	FOIL Response – Jared Roemer, PVEDi
Majority Leader Uchitelle	Appointment Letter – Ulster County Ethics Board – John Degasperis
Republican Caucus	Letter to Red Hook Town Board opposing eminent domain proceedings re: Red Hook Boat Club
Ashlyn Thoren	FOIL Request - Septic system at 121 Perkinsville Rd., Highland, NY, parcel 95.2-4-16.
Catskill Watershed Corporation	Notice of Preliminary Decisions – August 6, 2025
Concerned Citizen (2)	Email - In support of the expansion of rail with trail
Concerned Citizen (1)	Email – Supporting rail expansion
Concerned Citizen (1)	Mail - Opposed to Landfill
Congressman Josh Riley	Response to Memorializing Letter re: Federal Elimination of LGBTQ Suicide Prevention Services
Historic Huguenot Street	Announcement – New Board Members; Former Members Become Trustees Emeriti

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council
(Hudson 7)

Hudson Valley Regional Council
Jared Roemer, PVEDi

La Voz

New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets

New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

New York State Dept. of State

New York State Dept. of Taxation & Finance

New York State Dept. of Transportation

Phil Erner

Ulster County Chamber of Commerce

Ulster County Community Services Board

Ulster County Comptroller's Office

Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2025

Meeting Agenda – August 13, 2025

Economic Development Digest (Update)

FOIL Request – info. on 915-917 NY
212, Saugerties, NY

Press Release - Annual La Guelaguetza
Celebration – August 3rd, 12:00 PM –
7:00 PM, Waryas Park

Email - Brad Geroux status inquiry - NY-
Sun NOI Submission - ELP Marlborough
Solar in the Town of Marlborough

Letter – Response to UC Legislature
comments on new regulations under 6
NYCRR Parts 360 and 363

Local Law 9 of 2025 Filing confirmation

List of Certified 2025 State Equalization
Rates

SAC Press Release – Stewart Airport
Loses Only International Carrier as Play
Airlines Exits

Email – Opposed to new bus hub, routes
and schedules

Ribbon Cutting – K.A. Builders Inc. –
Wednesday, July 23, 2025 @ 2:30 PM –
747 Route 28, Kingston

Ribbon Cutting – Advanced Audiology of
NY – Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 4:30
PM – 400 Aaron Court, Kingston

Meeting Minutes for April 14, May 13,
June 9 and July 14, 2025

Press Release – Ulster County Auction
Audit – Ulster County 2024 Tax Auction
Records High Proceeds, but Sees Lower
Gain as Surplus is Returned to Former
Owners Under Changing Legal
Landscape

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Comptroller's Office

Press Release – Ulster County Adult Use Cannabis Tax Collection Report

Press Release – Ulster County Action Audit – Audit Identifies Areas for Improved Internal Controls at Ulster County Community Action

Ulster County Department of Budget

FY2024 Budget Transfers

Ulster County Department of General Services

Non-Commodity Solicitations:

RFP-UC25-051 – Mental Health Crisis Intervention

Ulster County Department of General Services

RFB-UC25-145C – Electrical Equipment Installation at UCLEC Impound Yard

RFP-UC25-057 – Tourism Advertising

RFP-UC25-058 – Prelim. Engineering Reports for Water & Septic Infrastructure at Manufactured Home Parks

May 2025 Purchasing Report

June 2025 Purchasing Report

June 2025 Executed Contract List

Ulster County Department of Planning

Agenda for August 6th & Minutes for July 2nd Planning Board meetings

Ulster County Department of Personnel (21)

Civil Service Exams/Job Announcements

Ulster County Office of Employment and Training

Minutes for July 16th WDB meeting

Ulster County Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory

Agenda for July 22nd & Minutes for June 24th

Ulster County Veterans Services Agency

Wing Night – Elks Lodge #550 - July 25th & August 29th – 5:00 PM – 143 Hurley Ave, Kingston

Ride to Remember – July 27th @ 10:00 AM – Kickstand Up 11:00 Am – 24 Twin Maples Plaza, Saugerties

COMMUNICATIONS FROM (continued):

Ulster County Veterans Services Agency

Purple Heart Appreciation Day – August 9th @ 1:00 PM – National Purple Heart Hall of Honor – 374 Temple Hill Road Route 300, New Windsor

Annual Pork Roast & BBQ – August 17th from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Polish

Legion of American, Vets, Post 16 –16 Legion Road, Pine Island

Painting & Drawing in the Park Family Day – August 22nd from 10:00 Am – 2:00 PM – George Freer Memorial Beach – 100 Canal St, Port Ewen

Albany County Veterans Day Out – August 23rd from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM –

Ulster County Veterans Services Agency Stony Ford, Montgomery – 211 Route 416, Montgomery

Fall 2025 Employing U.S. Vets Virtual Conference – Thursday, October 9th from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Appointment Letter – Director of the Department of the Environment – Andrew Bicking

Appointment Letter – Ulster County Board of Ethics – John DeGasperis

Media Advisory – Help Shape the Future of Midtown Linear Park

Press Release – Ulster County Continues Community Engagement on Behavioral Health Needs Assessment With Public Listening Session

Press Release - Emergency Services Conduct Full-Scale Mass Casualty Training Drill in Ulster Park

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Press Release – Ulster County Legislature
Oks Transfer of Elizbeth Manor Property,
Supporting Plan for a New Affordable
Housing

Press Release – Ulster County Finance
Commissioner Roseann Daw to Depart;
Deputy Commissioner Max Cordella to
Serve as Acting Commissioner

Press Release – Ulster County Executive
Jen Metzger Announces \$586K in Grants
Awarded to 9 Ulster County Farms

Press Release – Ulster County Launches
Project SAFE to Enhance Emergency
Response For At-Risk Individuals

Press Release – Appoints Andy Bicking
as Director of the Department of the
Environment

Press Release – Announces Transition in
Chief Diversity Officer Role, Dina Suggs

Press Release – Ulster County
Recognizes 62 Firefighters at Graduation
Ceremony

Press Release – Ulster County to
Welcome Sojourner Truth Statue at
County Office Building with Special
Evening Program -August 15th @ 6:00
PM

Press Release Ulster County Welcomes
Sojourner Truth Statue with Powerful
Evening of Tribute and Reflection

Press Release – Ulster County and
Community Foundations Announces
Round 2 of Food Security Grant Program

Press Release – Ulster County Announces
UCAT Service Changes

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Press Release – Legislature Passes
County Executive’s Amendment to ADU
Tax Incentive Law Excluding Short-Term
Rentals from Tax Break

Press Release – Ulster County and
Partners Announce Housing Lottery
Opening for Golden Hill Apartments

Press Release – Ulster County Executive
Jen Metzger and County Comptroller
March Gallagher Respond to Data Breach
by Employee Benefits Administrator

Press Release (revised) – Ulster County
Executive Jen Metzger and County
Comptroller March Gallagher Respond to
Data Breach by Employee Benefits
Consultant

Statement from Ulster County Executive
Jen Metzger and Deputy Chair of the
Legislature Megan Sperry, Regarding the
Passing of Lauren Rejto

Statement from Ulster County Executive
Jen Metzger on the Public Service
Commission (PSC) Decision in the
Central Hudson Rate Case

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture

Energy, Environment & Sustainability

Health, Human Services & Human Rights

Housing & Transportation

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Laws and Rules, Government Services

Public Works, Capital Projects

Ways and Means

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chair Criswell granted Privilege of the Floor to Alan Macaluso, Director of Ulster County Department of Information Services, to highlight the work of the department including standards-based practices, services, support highlights and Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives.

Director Macaluso joined Ulster County in 2017, bringing over three decades of experience in global enterprise IT operations, systems, security, and automation. Previously, he served as Global Service Delivery Manager for Hewlett Packard Enterprise Cloud Services, where he led large-scale technology initiatives for diverse industries worldwide. In his role with Ulster County, Alan has prioritized transforming the department into a modern, forward-looking operation that enhances both government services and the broader community experience. He resides in Gardiner with his wife, Kelly, along with their two dogs, two cats, and seven chickens.

PUBLIC COMMENT (on Resolutions currently before the Legislature): There were six (10) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Amy Fradon, Woodstock – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
2. Joan Mandle, New Paltz – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
3. Liz DeNesnera, Olive – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
4. Steve Busch, Rochester – Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
5. Charlotte Adamis, Kingston - Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
6. Margot Leverett - Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
7. Laura Donovan - Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
8. Chris Griffin - Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, in regard to Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.

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9. Rachel Evans, Kingston - Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, regarding Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.
10. Allan Goldhammer - Spoke in support of Resolution No. 375, regarding Acting County Clerk, Taylor Bruck.

RESOLUTION NOS: 273, 327, 369, 370, 372 – 375, 377 – 400, 402 – 405; 178, 209, 225, 371 & 401 - POSTPONED; 245, 275 & 342 – NO ACTION TAKEN; 470 of 2024 & 356 – WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS; 376 – AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, HELD FOR SETEMBER SESSION

Resolution No. 178 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2025, A Local Law Providing For The Protection And Restoration Of The Esopus Creek, Rondout Creek And Wallkill River In Ulster County, And Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water And A Healthy And Productive Ecosystem, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 19, 2025 At 7:05 PM

Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 209 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Service Agreement With The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency – Department Of The Environment

Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 225 - Updating The Ulster County Pedestrian And Bicycle Policy

Postponed in Committee.

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

Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 401 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With CPR Associates For Public Defenders Office Space – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Postponed in Committee.

Resolution No. 245 – Calling For Enhanced Security Measures, Including Magnetometers And Airport-Style Screening, At the Ulster County Office Building During All Hours Of Public Access

No Action Taken in Committee.

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
No Action Taken in Committee.

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
No Action Taken in Committee.

Resolution No. 470 of 2024 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Thermoform Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:00 PM
Withdrawn by Sponsor

Resolution No. 356 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Kingston City School District To Provide One (1) Deputy Sheriff As School Resource Officer – Ulster County Sheriff
Withdrawn by Sponsor

Resolution No. 376 - Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), And Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, To Modify Various Sections In Relation To Provisions Governing Budget And Finance
AMENDED IN COMMITTEE, HELD FOR SETEMBER SESSION

	Consent
327	Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)

369	Confirming The Appointment Of Andrew Bicking As Director Of The Department Of Environment ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
372	Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County For Calendar Year 2026 – Department Of Tourism ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
373	Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Section C-42(A) Of The Ulster County Charter And Section A5-3(A) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect Recent Changes In State Public Health Law Regarding The Composition Requirements For Local Boards Of Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
374	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget In Relation To Grant Funding From The New York State Education Department, State Archives Division, Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF), And Creating Two Full-Time Archival Processing Technicians – County Clerk ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)

377	<p>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Amend Charter Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §C-110 And Administrative Code Article XXXIV Periodic Compensation Review Committee §A34-3</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
378	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The NY Connects Program With The New York State Office For The Aging – Office For The Aging</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
379	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services For The Multidisciplinary Team Child Advocacy Center Program And Amend The 2025 Budget – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
380	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services For The Multidisciplinary Team Child Advocacy Center Mobile Unit – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>

381	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Accept Allocation Of Funds From The New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance To Support Family-Centered Case Management Services – Department Of Social Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
382	Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code By Deleting Article XLI From Each (Youth Bureau), And Amending The Ulster County Charter And The Ulster County Administrative Code With Respect To Article XI (Department of Social Services), To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:00 PM ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
383	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports – Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
384	Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Enter Into An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Dutchess County Department Of Behavioral & Community Health - Department Of Mental Health ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)

385	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health For Funding The Lead Rental Registry Program – Department Of Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
386	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Drinking Water Enhancement Program – Department Of Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
387	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Westchester County Health Care Corporation D/B/A Westchester Medical Center and HealthAlliance Hospital Mary’s Avenue Campus – Ulster County Department Of Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
388	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$22,825.05, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Bonadio & Co. LLP – Department Of Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>

389	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Department Of Probation ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
390	Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Transfer Funds Within The Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management To Establish An Emergency Management Planning Specialist Position – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
391	Authorizing Submission Of A Grant Application To The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) For The Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Grant And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
392	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Understanding With The New York State Bridge Authority – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)

393	<p>Authorizing Chair Of The Legislature To Enter Into An Access Agreement With The Town Of Wawarsing For The Construction Of A Public Safety Radio Tower Located At 7284-7286 Route 209 On Lands Owned By The Town, And Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Construction Of Said Public Safety Radio Tower – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
394	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$222,150.00 Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
395	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$153,200.00 Entered Into By The County – Tectonic Engineering Consultants, Geologists & Land Surveyors, D.P.C. – Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
397	<p>Establishing Capital Project No. 738 - 2025 HVAC/Weatherization Project - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Litts) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>

399	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$273,400.00 Entered Into By The County – Collett Mechanical Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Litts) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
400	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$402,384.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson Valley Engineering Associates, P.C. – Department Of Public Works ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
402	Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Former Owner – Department Of Finance ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)
403	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$16,287.44, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Eaton Corporation – Department Of Information Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)

404	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$20,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Superior Telephones, Inc. – Department Of Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
	<p>Non- Consent</p>
273	<p>Opposing The Establishment Of A County-Wide Landfill Anywhere Within The Geographical Boundaries Of Ulster County, And Urging The Exploration Of Alternative Locations And Waste Management Solutions</p> <p>Legislator Hewitt motioned, seconded by Legislator Levine, to refer the Resolution back to the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>

370	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$194,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Department Of Environment</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 16 NOES: 6 (Noes: Legislators Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p> <p>Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Legislator Walls, to refer the Resolution back to the Ways and Means Committee.</p> <p>MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 8 NOES: 14 (Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
373	<p>Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Section C-42(A) Of The Ulster County Charter And Section A5-3(A) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect Recent Changes In State Public Health Law Regarding The Composition Requirements For Local Boards Of Health</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>

375	<p>Amending The 2025 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate Funds To Hire A Civil Rights Attorney – County Clerk</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 14 NOES: 8 (Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p> <p>Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Kitchen, to Postpone the Resolution for one month.</p> <p>MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 8 NOES: 14 (Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
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396	<p>Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2025, A Local Law Amending Chapter 185 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Establishing the Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For the Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 16, 2025 At 7:05 PM</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 22 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p> <p>Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Litts, to refer the Resolution back to the Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee.</p> <p>MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 8 NOES: 14 (Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Hansut, Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Maloney, Roberts, and Walls) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>
398 BOND	<p>Authorizing Heating, Ventilating, And Air Conditioning Weatherization Improvements At Certain County Buildings, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$600,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$600,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 21 NOES: 0 (1 Abstention: Legislator Litts) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>

	Late Resolution
405	<p>Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19 NOES: 3 (Noes: Legislators Maloney, Roberts, and Walls) (Absent: Legislator Lopez)</p>

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature): There were 5 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Erica Breckels, Ulster – Spoke on lack of Union Contract
2. Chris Allen, Saugerties – Spoke on Esopus Creek
3. Rosemary Quinn – Spoke against the new UCAT schedule
4. Tanya Garnent – Spoke against the new UCAT schedule and requested a transportation hub in the City of Kingston
5. James Cormodi – Spoke in support of sanctuary City and County designations, called for state and county legislation for non-cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and called for a “County for All” resolution to protect immigrant neighbors.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Sperry

Ronald D. Williams, Kingston
Brian Johnston, Marlboro
Leslie Wayne, Gardiner
Jodi Jenkins, Gardiner
Charles Finch, Kingston
Debra Marinucci, Rosendale
Michael John Colvert, Jr., Port Ewen
Richard H. Smith, Saugerties
Roger Edward Bonsteel, Kingston
Judy Dobroski, Marlboro
Ellen Rosen, Milton

Charles Baldwin, Marlboro
Mary Rose Corrigan, Marlboro
Frank K. Kosteczko, Gardiner
Thomas James Clare, Boiceville
John Quick, Kingston
Janet Schimmrich, Tillson
Jeannette Sauer, Saugerties
George Baxter, Kingston
Laurent Rejtő, Woodstock
Esther Mackey, Milton
George Heldcamp, Saugerties

CLOSING WORDS – Chair Criswell called upon Legislator Kathy Nolan, District 22, to offer closing words. Theme – Make a Will Month.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:11 PM
Motioned by Legislator Litts
Seconded by Majority Leader Uchitelle



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: On Resolutions Currently Before the Legislature

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
1. Amy Fradon ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Woodstock EMAIL: afradon@yahoo.com	Taylor Bruck legal defense
2. Joan MANOUE ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: New Paltz EMAIL: joanm@democracymatters.org	Taylor Bruck
3. Liz de NESNERA ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Olive EMAIL: Lizden@gmail.com	Taylor Bruck
4. STEVE BUSCH ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: ROCHESTER EMAIL: contact@stevebusch.com	Taylor Bruck
5. Charlotte Adamis ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Kingston EMAIL: Charlotteadamis@gmail.com	Taylor Bruck
6. Margot Leverett ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Kingston EMAIL: margotlev@gmail.com	Taylor Bruck

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	CONTACT	TOPIC(S) TO BE DISCUSSED
7. Laura Donovan ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Marlborough EMAIL:	375 375
8. Chris Griffin ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Phoenixia EMAIL:	375
9. Rachd Evans ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Kingston EMAIL: telerachel@proton.me	375
10. Christopher J. Robney ^{DID NOT SPEAK} Drobney	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Kingston EMAIL: CDrubney10025@gmail.com	375
11. Allan Goldhammer ✓	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Esopus EMAIL: lightblue@hrc.rr.com	375
12.	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	
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Charlotte Adams, long-time resident of Kingston, retired Kingston City School District librarian, mother of two young men, and member of Indivisible Ulster.

I came here tonight to say how proud I am to be a resident of a county where our clerk, Taylor Paxton, upholds the rule of law and protects the rights of our residents. And I want to thank all the elected officials who strive to do the same.

Regardless of your personal opinion about a woman's right to have control over her reproductive health, our state does uphold this right, including the right to an abortion. Our state's Shield Law also protects providers of reproductive health care against efforts to impose criminal and civil liability originating from outside our state. New York, thank God, is not Texas.

In the first full year after Texas banned abortion, maternal mortality in that state rose by 56%. Women not only lost the right to abortion, but the right to receive medically advanced and timely care for complications that can arise during pregnancy. It's the sole reason one young woman I met recently, left Texas. She could no longer live in fear. That woman is now a resident of Ulster County. She came here to be safe and I hope she will be.

I urge you to pass the resolution that will fund the County Clerk's legal defense against the Texas lawsuit. Not only do we need to do everything in our power to defend Taylor, but we need to stand up for the residents of Ulster County, our local values, and the choices that our voters have made. Choices that do not align with the agenda of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

I am Joan Mandle, a resident of New Paltz and a retired professor of Sociology and Women's Studies.

I am proud of Taylor Bruck as Acting Ulster County Clerk for rejecting the outrageous attempts of the Texas Attorney General, Ken Paxton, to interfere with and supersede New York State's Shield Law, and to impose a penalty of \$113, 219 on an Ulster County physician who prescribed an abortion-inducing drug via telehealth to a patient in Texas. It is important to understand that Paxton's action is part of a broader political attempt in our country to deny women the right to choose to end a pregnancy, a right that had been enshrined for nearly 50 years by the 1973 Supreme Court's decision in Roe vs. Wade.

I am here today to urge you to pass the resolution that will fund the County Clerk's legal defense against this Texas lawsuit. In so doing, you will join others who believe in standing up for the rule of law in New York State, for Taylor Bruck's brave rejection of an illegal demand, for the interests and rights of Ulster County residents, and for women in this country who deserve the right to abortion and reproductive health.

Public Be Heard/ Ulster County Legislature
Taylor Bruck/ County Clerk Legal Defense Funding
8/19/25
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Thank you to our Legislature for giving me the opportunity to speak and for your hard work on behalf of Ulster County. My name is Amy Fradon.

I strongly support the proposed funding for defense of our Acting Clerk and the office he leads. I am proud of our Shield Laws and proud of a County Clerk who strives to uphold our laws even when the topic is inflammatory. I am also proud of our doctors who only wish to give solid and appropriate medical care to their patients. They should always be protected and defended.

This past year I faced a life-threatening illness. If another state had intervened and claimed that my doctor could not prescribe the treatment I needed, I would not be here to share my views or ask for you to vote for this funding. Doctors MUST be protected and the government offices such as the County Clerk who preserve and protect our laws, deserve ~~this~~ robust defense as well.

This is and has become for Ulster County a national, political issue. It should not be. But because it is, the reserving of funds for Clerk Bruck's defense is of paramount import. This is not run of the mill, business as usual. Please vote to fund our County Clerk's defense. Law's matter and the courage to uphold them matters even more. This body represents us and voting yes is the right thing to do. Thank you.

First, let me thank you all for your dedication and service to our great county.

I have been resident of Ulster County for many years and a lifelong resident of New York State. I'm a long time member of Indivisible Ulster, and was a volunteer coach for Kingston Area Soccer League for ~~16~~¹⁴ years.

This is a thank you card to Taylor Bruck that was signed by more than ~~60~~⁷⁰ people at our Indivisible rally last Saturday.

[READ CARD TEXT]

Taylor is doing his job enforcing NYS Shield law, and we should support him with funding to defend against the Texas lawsuit.

I believe that by Texas interfering in a Texas resident's health care, they are violating HIPPA laws protecting patient privacy and also doctor patient confidentiality.

I sincerely hope that all of you here will stand up for Taylor and protect our New York State laws.

Thanks you



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: On Subjects *Not* Currently Before the Legislature

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

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1. Enice Breckels Breckels	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Ulster EMAIL: vivastella@gmail.com	Lack of Union Contract
2. Chris Allen	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Esopus creek
3. Rosemary Quinn	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL: rosemaryquinn@gmail.com	Bus Changes
4. Tanya Garment	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	Bus Changes
5. James ? Cormodi	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: Kingston EMAIL:	
6.	TOWN WHERE YOU RESIDE: EMAIL:	

✓ In support
of
Taylor
Bruck
Sarah
Wenk.

Fw: Taylor Bruck

From Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Date Tue 8/19/2025 9:38 AM

To Lizvett Noriega <lbo@co.ulster.ny.us>

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From: Sarah Wenk <smwenk2@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 7:57 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Taylor Bruck

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello, I'd like to submit this comment to the Legislature.

I am in complete support of County Clerk Taylor Bruck and his decisions regarding the sending of medications to Texas. I urge the legislature to stand behind him and give him all the support, legal and otherwise, that he needs.

These are perilous times, and those of us in states that still believe in freedom must stand for that ideal every time.

Thank you,

Sarah Wenk

Kingston

✓ ~~OP~~
In favor of Taylor
Clerk Bruck

Fw: Public Comment

From Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Date Tue 8/19/2025 11:39 AM

To Lizvett Noriega <lbos@co.ulster.ny.us>

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From: Timothy <timscottjr22@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 10:57 AM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Public Comment

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Chairman Criswell and Members of the Legislature,

I write today to express absolute support for Clerk Bruck and Resolution No. 375. I also wish to express absolute disapproval of those who have already voted to stab him (and the people of Ulster County) in the back and may very well vote to do so again tonight (Legislators Kovacs, Roberts, Hansut, and Kitchen). Why have we only heard an excuse for this disloyalty from Legislator Kovacs? Perhaps he pulled the shortest straw! I also would not put it past Attorney General Paxton to issue a threat to sitting legislators here (in which case, they ought to report any such instances rather than bow). Paxton is after all, engaging in predatory behavior and has an unhealthy obsession with pregnant women and others he deems inferior.

In normal times where "loyalty" actually meant something, I'd expect to see a unanimous vote to protect our citizens from that degenerate. Unfortunately, we don't live in normal times. I still urge a unanimous vote. Put your personal views aside and stop this nonsense now before it is too late!

Thank you,

Timothy J. Scott, Jr.

Saugerties, NY 12477



In favor
of
cancelling
Taylor
Bruck.
— Amy Moses

Fw: Comments regarding Taylor Bruck

From Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Date Tue 8/19/2025 1:26 PM

To Lizvett Noriega <lbnos@co.ulster.ny.us>

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From: amy moses <amo.architect@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 12:37 PM

To: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Comments regarding Taylor Bruck

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

To all Ulster County Legislators:

I wish to show my support for Taylor Bruck and to ask the full legislature to also show their support and vote on the Resolution to support Taylor's defense. I support the laws we have in place in NYS, I support Taylor in following these laws, I support a woman's choice to have an abortion.

I believe Taylor is doing the right thing. I cannot be there in person to say this - please show your support for voting in favor of the resolution.

Thank you.

Amy

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Amy Moses, RA

Cell: 845-687-3036



✓ Opposed to
UCAT
Rebecca
Flack.

Fw: UCAT Changes

From Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>

Date Tue 8/19/2025 6:09 PM

To Lizvett Noriega <lbos@co.ulster.ny.us>

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From: Rebecca Flack <rebflack@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2025 5:07 PM

To: exec <exec@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Victoria Ann Fabella <vfab@co.ulster.ny.us>; Abe Uchitelle <Abe.Uchitelle@co.ulster.ny.us>; Greg MCCollough <Greg.MCCollough@co.ulster.ny.us>; Peter Criswell <Peter.Criswell@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: UCAT Changes

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Ulster County government,

I'm writing with concerns about the upcoming UCAT changes.

Why is the bus hub moving from the Plaza to Developmepnt Court? This seems wildly out of touch with the needs of riders. Yes, DSS does need adequate bus service but having the bus hub there is inconvenient for riders. Buses need to be stopping uptown and/or at the plaza since so many businesses are in that area. Riders can not be expected (read: forced) to walk from the Hannahford with groceries and other belongings to DSS to get on a bus. The new traffic circle is a horrible intersection to navigate on foot or with a bike. This is an atrocious plan.

To quote a former colleague of yours, "*the City of Kingston needs to remain and retain a bus hub in a*

central part of the city. Development Court, while a destination for many county residents on weekdays, is out of the way and therefore unacceptable as a hub. Ulster County owns plenty of buildings and parking lots in the city which could serve as a transfer point, including the county office building uptown and the medical building in midtown". Phil Erner

I typically ride the EU bus from Kingston to the Accord area. I've been getting it on Hurley Ave across from the urgent care. With the route changing, I don't know where I would be able to get on the bus after it leaves Development Court. Essentially, what is the route these new buses will be traveling? Where can I find a map of the routes? The changed schedules don't provide the driving route/directions.

Also, with this change, I will be having to travel on two buses, hoping to not miss the CL at SUNY Ulster because the next bus isn't for another 90 minutes.

I have not studied all the other schedule changes but I know this isn't the way to make transit more accessible for riders. Yes, there are going to be more buses but the routes, destinations and times are not sufficient to create a robust, rider-focused, transit system. Public transportation needs to be easier and more convenient for riders, not harder. Life is hard enough, let's work to make public transit easier.

Please listen to bus riders and your constituents because we need a transit system that works for our communities.

Thank you,
Rebecca Flack