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UNIQUE EXPENSES DRIVE COUNTY'S \$5.5M SEPTEMBER SPENDING
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL CHARGEBACKS FOR 193 STUDENTS TOP \$83,000

KINGSTON, NY (October 18, 2014)... The September ULSTER COUNTY SPENDING TRACKER highlights several unique expenses reflected in the auditing of over \$5.5 million worth of payments made last month for bills from thirty-one departments or units of government.

While many of the expenditures were related to customary expenses necessary for the day-to-day function of county government, sizable payments were made for a handful of unique and atypical expenses.

NUMBERS TO WATCH:

College chargebacks, the fee paid when a county resident attends a community college other than SUNY ULSTER, totaling \$83,211.00 were paid to three (3) schools for the Summer Session as follows:

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| Columbia-Greene Community College | 23 students | \$18,443.99 |
| Dutchess Community College | 101 students | \$30,233.19 |
| Orange Community College | 69 students | \$34,544.50 |

Abatement and demolition of five homes in the Wawarsing Flood Remediation Buy Out Program for \$80,879.97 to Taylor Recycling.

STRIVE (The SUNY ULSTER Extension at Sophie Finn School) Payment for design, construction documents and bidding for the satellite campus for the county's community college to J. Paul Vosburgh Architect, PC for \$37,199.00 this month, making the total paid to date of \$415,566.60

Railroad Inspection and associated attorneys' fees totaling over \$20,000.00 with \$15,745.29 to Henningson Durham & Richardson PC for twenty-five miles of rail compliance and \$4300.50 to Keane & Beane PC for legal advice

The SEPTEMBER 2014 County Spending Tracker can be found at youreyesonulster.com.

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