

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 16, 2016 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Karen Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Richard A. Gerentine
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
ABSENT: Legislator Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Erica Guerin, Nicholas Pascal, Chris Ragucci, Vincent Altieri, Lieutenant Perry Soule, Teresa Pleva, Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum, Deputy Comptroller Evan Gallo, William Kendle, Deputy Budget Director Jamie Capucino, County Attorney Bea Havranek, Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Engel, Legislative Clerk Victoria Fabella

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Resolutions for the August 16, 2016 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 376 Creating Two Full Time Deputy Sheriff Positions And Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution creates two full time Deputy Sheriff Positions funded by grants.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 376**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion:

Legislator Gerentine gave a review of the discussions that occurred at the previous committee meeting. Sheriff Van Blarcum guaranteed to the committee that there would be no cost to the county. Legislator Bartels said she was happy to see the language but she felt there is a still a problem with how the legislature has a lack of information regarding sunset positions. The Deputy Budget director said their office supports the sheriff and the program but she stated they cannot say there will be no county cost. A discussion ensued on the topic. Legislator Bartels stated until the discussion is held on the broader policy regarding sunset positions she cannot support this.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: Legislator Bartels

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 378 Authorizing The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$420,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$420,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the bonding of Capital Project No. 481.

Motion No. 2: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 378**

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney asked what type of radio system the new system is. It was explained that it was going to stay within the same frequency as the current system.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 380 Authorizing Preliminary Engineering And Design For The Fire Training Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$152,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$152,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the bonding of Capital Project No. 482.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 380**

Motion By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Late Resolution No. 384 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Costanzi Crane, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Costanzi Crane, Inc.

Motion No. 4: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 384

Motion By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels asked how many additional days this contract is for. A discussion ensued and it was explained it was roughly 2.5 extra days.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Late Resolution No. 385 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Niagra Erecting, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Niagra Erecting, Inc.

Motion No. 5: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 385

Motion By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion:

Legislator Briggs asked why there are 2 cranes operating on the same bridge. It explained one was for the temporary bridge and one was for the permanent bridge. Legislator Belfiglio stating the footings on the old bridge were sinking and they had they bring the crane in to fix them.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Late Resolution No. 386 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Extension Agreement with GD Realty Kingston LLC For Office Space Currently Occupied By The Ulster County Family Court Located At 16 Lucas Avenue, Kingston, New York – Department of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the extension of the lease for the current Family Court building.

Motion No. 6: **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 386**

Motion By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion:

County Attorney Bea Havranek said that in the extension a termination clause has been agreed upon. She explained there is a 90 days termination clause that would go into effect after the first year. Legislator Bartels asked if that we had reasonable confidence we would be in the BRC in 2 years if it passes. It was explained that there is reasonable confidence that this is the case. A discussion on the increase in the rate ensued. Legislator Bartels asked how this compares to other rental rates in the area. Bea Havranek said this is a triple net lease and taxes are roughly \$100,000 a year. A discussion ensued on the topic within the committee.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maloney
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:52PM

Respectfully submitted: Donald J. Quesnell, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved: September 13, 2016