

Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget By Appropriating Funds For Certain Contract Agencies

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano, Rodriguez and Ronk)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Donald J. Gregorius offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County Executive developed the 2014 Ulster County Budget under unprecedented fiscal challenges caused by the New York State Assembly's failure to extend the County's authority to impose an additional 1% sales tax that has been in place for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the collection of sales tax is spread across all consumers, not only those that live in Ulster County, and is a way to offset the burden of property tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget was developed utilizing projections relevant to two different scenarios: Ulster County being granted authority to continue the additional 1% sales tax levy on February 1, 2014, or March 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the County's authority to collect the additional 1% sales tax expired on December 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Government desires to continue to provide essential services to its residents, some by utilizing various agencies that the County contracts with to provide the services; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide seamless services to residents, the County Executive developed sequestration, a unique budgetary tool which provides for a progression of spending cuts should Ulster County's 1% sales tax not be extended; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the 1% additional sales tax equals a loss of revenue to Ulster County of over \$22 million for fiscal year 2014; and

WHEREAS, to partially address the potential massive loss of revenue, the adopted 2014 Ulster County Budget sequestered \$820,980.00, the funding necessary to contract with agencies to provide various services to Ulster County residents and placed the funds in Contingency; and

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WHEREAS, the County is hopeful that its authority to levy the additional 1% sales tax will be reinstated by the New York State Senate and Assembly by February 1, 2014, in which event, no spending cuts associated with sequestration will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Government, in spite of the uncertainty present in the New York State Assembly, desires to continue to provide as many services as possible to its residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide services without interruption on January 1, 2014, it is necessary to transfer one-twelfth of the sequestered funds from Contingency to the relevant budgetary appropriation lines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2014 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

TRANSFER

<u>FROM</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1331-4541	Contract Agencies – Sequestration	\$51,560.00

<u>TO</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-3700-4658	Awareness Incorporated Program	\$ 417.00
A4-3700-4656	CASA	\$ 2,000.00
A4-2781-4831	Community Action Program	\$ 1,396.00
A4-3603-4875	Cornell Cooperative Ext. – Housing	\$ 3,833.00
A4-3603-4855	Cornell Cooperative Extension	\$22,206.00
A4-3300-4423	Dutchess County Arts Council	\$ 3,833.00
A4-3601-4852	Federated Sportsman's Club	\$ 208.00
A4-2865-4861	RSVP	\$ 625.00
A4-3602-4853	Soil & Water	\$ 7,625.00
A4-3700-4661	Supervised Visitation Program	\$ 1,667.00
A4-3200-4834	Ulster County Libraries	\$ 6,188.00
A4-3300-4838	UPAC	\$ 1,563.00

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RESOLVED, that by providing certain services through the Department of Social Services the County is entitled to Federal Aid for the month of January in the amount of \$8,892.00 that is not otherwise budgeted, therefore the 2014 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A3-2600-4610	FA, Social Services Admin	\$8,892.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event Ulster County's authority to levy the additional 1% sales tax is enacted by the New York State Legislature by February 1, 2014, then the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to transfer the balance of the sequestered funds designated to pay the various contract agencies for their services into the appropriate budget lines; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event Ulster County's authority to levy the additional 1% sales tax is not enacted by the New York State Legislature by March 1, 2014, then all of the contracts whose funds are sequestered shall be cancelled pursuant to the terms of each contract;

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 12 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Briggs, Fabiano,
Harris, Lopez, Maio, John Parete, Robert Parete,
Provenzano, Roberts, and Wawro)

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on December 10, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$68,415.00 – ADDITIONAL 2014 APPROPRIATIONS

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 17th Day of December, 2013, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 20th Day of December in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
20th Day of December, 2013.

Approved by the County Executive this
_____ Day of December, 2013.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Michael P. Hein, County Executive