

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME : July 15, 2015, 4:30pm

LOCATION : Ulster County Community College, College Lounge, Vanderlyn Building, Room 203,
Stone Ridge, New York

CHAIRMAN : David B. Donaldson, Chairman – Present

RECORDER : Natasha Tagliafierro, Assistant, SUNY, Ulster County Community College

LEGISLATORS

PRESENT : Legs. Donald Gregorius, Leg. Mary Wawro, Leg. John Parete

OTHERS

PRESENT : Donald Katt, President, SUNY Ulster County Community College; W. John Dunn, Interim Dean of Administration, SUNY Ulster County Community College, Amy Winters, Coordinator of Accounting General Accounting/Bursar, SUNY Ulster County Community College

QUORUM : Yes

A QUORUM BEING PRESENT CHAIRMAN DONALDSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:35 PM AND TOOK ATTENDANCE, Leg. Craig Lopez was not present.

ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Reported by: Donald Katt

Reported: Leg. Donaldson advised that the resolution was for the County Legislature to authorize the County Executive to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with the College for the new Kingston Center. President Donald Katt said the \$80,000.00 was added to the lease to cover the cost of the County to maintain the grounds and the infrastructure of the building. President Katt advised that the College would like to explore taking on this responsibility, it's not a definite, but the College would like room for further discussion. Leg. Donaldson advised maybe this change is something that should be added before the Committee passes the resolution. Leg. Donaldson advised that the College has the ability to maintain the building and would be able to do it for less.

Leg. Gregorius said this is still in negotiations; we just need to give the College and the County the ability to enter into the contract and discussion can ensue about the \$80,000. Leg. Gregorius said it states a lease agreement, but doesn't point out the exact lease agreement.

Leg. Donaldson said the lease says \$200,000. President Katt advised that the College was asked to accept an annual escalation of 2%. Leg. Donaldson said he has concern. Leg Donaldson said he would have a meeting to resolve this by next Tuesday, this way the Committee can get answers so we can pass this resolution. Leg Donaldson said the bond rate doesn't even change, and \$80,000 is absurd.

Leg. Donaldson asked Chris Ragucci ,the Legislative Attorney ,about the original \$120,000 agreement, and how the proposed lease could be changed regarding the \$80,000 maintenance charge. Leg. Parete said he always worries that these financial shortfalls are always calculated into student tuition increases. He said the responsibility of this is on the County and the College and the County is not giving any more and neither is the state. Leg Parete said this is the stuff that shouldn't be allowed.

Leg Gregorius said Dutchess CC is raising their tuition rate; no one wants to do that. Leg. Parete said I don't want overruns and excesses. Leg. Gregorius said there are other revenue streams that can be tapped into.

Leg. Donaldson said any increase in rental charges has to be passed by the Legislature. Leg Donaldson said the College is looking at an increase of 2% each year. Leg Donaldson said the bond rate doesn't even change, and \$80,000 is absurd, He said the Committee will deal with this next week.

Resolution: No. 280 for the July 15, 2015 session of the Legislature.

Motion # 1- Resolution # 280

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Ulster County Community College For The SUNY Ulster Extension Center Located at 94 Mary's Avenue In The City Of Kingston- Department of Public Works(Building And Grounds).

Motion Made: Leg. Parete

Seconded: Leg Gregorius

Voice Vote: Yes

In Favor: 0

Opposed: 0

Disposition: The motion was placed on hold, Resolution #280 unanimously placed on hold.

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Reported By: None

Resolution : No. 274 for the July 15, 2015 session of the Legislature.

Motion # 2- Resolution # 274

Text of Motion: Amending The New York State Office Of Family Services 2015 Resource Allocation Plan, Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget-Youth Board

Motion Made: Leg Gregorius

Seconded: Leg. Wawro

Voice Vote: Yes

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Disposition: The motion passed, Resolution #274 unanimously approved.

Motion #3 to Approve Minutes:

Text of Motion: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee of June 10, 2015.

Motion made: Leg. Lopez

Seconded: Leg. Wawro

Voice Vote: Yes

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Disposition: The motions to approve the minutes of this Committee of June 10, 2015 were unanimously approved

OFFICE OF THE AGING

Reported By: None

Resolution: No. 275 for the July 15, 2015 session of the Legislature.

Motion # 4- Resolution # 275

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurance For The Expansion And Enhancement Of Existing NY Connects Programs With The New York State Office For the Aging- Office for the Aging.

Motion Made: Leg. Wawro

Seconded: Leg. Gregorius

Voice Vote: Yes

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Disposition: The motion passed, Resolution #275 unanimously approved

FAMILY OF WOODSTOCK

Reported by: None

Resolution: No. 285 for the July 15, 2015 session of the Legislature.

Motion # 5- Resolution # 285

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Family Of Woodstock-Youth Bureau

Motion Made:Leg. Gregorius

Seconded: Leg Parete

Voice Vote: Yes

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Disposition: The motion passed, Resolution #285 approved, Leg. Wawro abstained

FAMILY OF WOODSTOCK

Reported by: None

Resolution: No. 286 for the July 15, 2015 session of the Legislature.

Motion # 6- Resolution # 286

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Family Of Woodstock- Youth Bureau

Motion Made: Leg.Gregorius

Seconded: Leg. Parete

Voice Vote: Yes

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Disposition: The motion passed, Resolution #286 approved, Leg. Wawro abstained

Motion #4- TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leg. Gregorius and seconded by Leg. Parete and Chairman Donaldson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 4:55pm.

Dated the 15th day of July, 2015

Natasha Tagliaferro, Recorder
Minutes approved on August 11, 2015