

## **Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** February 13, 2018 – 5:15  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig  
V. Lopez (arrived at 5:29), James F. Maloney, and Joseph  
Maloney  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Manna Jo Greene, Dean Fabiano, and Kathy  
Nolan; Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel; Ken  
Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Burt Gulnick,  
Commissioner of Finance; Suzanne Holt, Director of  
Economic Development, John Morrow, Ulster County  
Industrial Development Agency, Tom Kadgen, League of  
Women Voters, Jennifer Clark and Marie Bing, County  
Attorney; Tim Weidemann, Economic Development; Evan  
Gallo, Deputy Comptroller; Mike Freer, Undersheriff;  
Wallace Fulford, Sheriff's Office; Abram Morklewicz,  
Sheriff's Office; Dennie Doyle, Director of Planning;  
Laurence Dewitt, Resident

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### **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM**

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Chairman Gerentine welcomed Suzanne Holt, Director of Economic Development.

Director Holt thanked the Committee for their time, expressing that being responsive to the Legislature's requests and questions is important to her. Director Holt explained that Legislator Rodriguez had previously requested a copy of all communications relating to the Landmark Project and that Legislator Maloney (Joseph) had requested a copy of all of the applications received by the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) within the past 5 years and all of the incentives provided by the Agency within this time frame, amongst other information. Director Holt emphasized that her team worked together to fulfill these requests as quickly as possible, stressing that the timeline in which her team was able to accomplish these tasks was reasonable and well within the timeframe allowed by the Freedom Of Information Act, additionally noting that each page supplied required review to ensure that no confidential information was disclosed. Director Holt explained that a memorandum addressed to Legislator

Joseph Maloney has been provided to each Committee member, which included her business card if any questions exist.

The documentation provided by the Director will be held by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and made available for Legislators to review if they choose to do so.

Director Holt informed the Committee that five (5) years of information is not readily available within her office, but that information is available on the New York State Authorities Budget Office (ABO) website for anyone who would like to access it or who is looking for specific information to serve an immediate need.

Further, Director Holt stressed that the purpose of the IDA is to incentivize projects which grow economic development, create jobs, and increase taxes, and that the Agency is upheld to objective criteria, providing Committee members with an explanation of the PILOT Point calculator utilized, as well as an explanation of how a PILOT works.

Director Holt introduced John Morrow, Chairman of the Ulster County IDA.

Mr. Morrow stressed that the UCIDA works very hard with school districts, local municipalities, and the Legislature to try to ensure that each community receives as much tax money as possible. Mr. Morrow offered to answer any questions that the Legislature may have and ensured members of the Legislature that answers will be provided to their satisfaction.

Chairman Gerentine asked if there were any questions regarding the materials brought before the Committee.

Legislator Maloney (Joseph) said that he didn't feel the information he was able to find on the ABO website would realistically provide what he wanted, but praised the summary table included in Director Holt's memorandum addressed to him. Legislator Maloney (Joseph) emphasized that he is concerned about the UCIDA's due diligence in comparison to the private sector, mentioning that the Legislature appoints members of the UCIDA.

Mr. Morrow replied that he appreciates the comments, recognizing that communication, the perception of the UCIDA, and understanding the UCIDA's charge are issues that currently exist. Moreover, Mr. Morrow emphasized that the UCIDA does not give away money but rather spreads taxes out over a designated period of time, thus providing new businesses with the opportunity to gain an understanding what their taxes are going to be while giving them time to prepare and budget for these payments.

Chairman Gerentine stressed that the UCIDA has a job to do and that the Legislature's purview does not involve the UCIDA's negotiations.

Legislator James Maloney thanked Director Holt and Mr. Morrow for attending the Committee meeting. Legislator Maloney (James) said that, as the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, he understands what the UCIDA does, the communities they deal with that do want development and those that do not. Legislator Maloney (James) noted that most people do not

understand PILOTs, explaining that a PILOT is not a giveaway, but rather a stabilization of taxes which allows individuals and businesses to come to this County and grow. Legislator Maloney (Joseph) explained that if the County doesn't provide incentive for businesses, individuals may choose to locate their businesses somewhere else that does in order to get the most incentives possible.

Legislator Archer emphasized the importance of strengthening the lines of communication to better understand the Agency.

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**Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 14 – 2018 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to pay to the Mid-Hudson Library System the sum of \$79,250.00 for the Ulster County Libraries Program; directs the Mid-Hudson Library System to render a verified account of disbursements, including a list of the distribution; and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of the Mid-Hudson Library System during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 15 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2018 Appropriation – Legislature**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00 with Family of Woodstock, Inc. for providing supervised visitation of non-custodial parents with their children as assigned by the Ulster County Family Court, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of Family of Woodstock, Inc. during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 16 -** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement For The Maintenance Of Facilities For The Ulster Performing Arts Center – Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$18,750.00 for the maintenance of facilities for UPAC, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of UPAC during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 22 -** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2018 Appropriation - Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$10,000.00 towards administrative costs associated with providing counseling services to at risk youth, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of Awareness, Inc. during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 30 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County –Town & County Bridge and Rail Inc. – Department Of Public Works

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Town & County Bridge and Rail, Inc. for an additional \$10,000.00, making the contract total \$90,000.00, to exercise the second and final option to extend the term of agreement for shotcrete repair services from March 31, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels inquired of the reason why the increase in funding is necessary when current contractual expenditures equal \$34,860. Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, explained that the Department anticipates roughly \$55,000 in expenditures during 2018 to cover the projects that the department has lined up.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 34 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency – Department Of Planning**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency in the amount of \$52,500.00 in revenue dollars, for administrative services to be provided by the County’s Office of Economic Development.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 7: To postpone Resolution No. 35 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Inc. – Department Of Planning**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000.00 for marketing, education, and support services.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** Committee members agreed that the intent of the prior meeting was to postpone the Resolution a second time to be discussed at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting. Legislator Archer explained that a meeting is to be set up to discuss the Economic Development Alliance, Inc.’s intentions and plans for this funding. Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, agreed to the meeting, assuring members that this delay would not result in any issues.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Postponed

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**Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 37 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc.– Department Of Social Services**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Family of Woodstock, Inc. in the amount of \$99,511.49, making the total contract costs \$1,648,511.49, to increase the not-to-exceed amount for shelter and related services for homeless individuals and families at its Darmstadt and Family Inn from November 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels explained that she would like to discuss the issue of contractual, or otherwise, expenditures not being accessible via the County financial system due to the use of State accounting software which imports batches into the County’s software, stating that this proposes a challenge for the task of trust and verify. Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, emphasized that this Resolution is the result of an anomaly, which could not be planned for or anticipated. Legislator Bartels expressed interest in a follow up conversation to discuss whether there are enough providers within the County to serve the County’s needs when such anomalies do occur.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 40 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement And Any Amendments Thereto, With The City Of Kingston For Hazardous-Materials Response Services – Emergency Management**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a five year agreement with the City of Kingston, beginning August 19, 2017 to extend hazardous materials response services for \$75,000.00 (\$15,000.00 annually for a period of five years).

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels asked if a new contract would be written for this agreement, highlighting that the current contract is very specific to the past. Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, confirmed that a new contract was not created.

Further, Legislator Bartels expressed desire to work with the Legislative Office to ensure Legislative information packets include information such as when the original contract began, how many amendments have been approved, and the dates of these agreements.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 52 -** Establishing Capital Project No. 517 - Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles – Department of Public Works (Central Garage)

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 517 for the purchase of replacement of County vehicles during the year 2018 and amends the 2018 Ulster County Capital Fund to increase revenues from serial bond proceeds and expenditures in the amount of \$717,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney (Joseph)

**Discussion:** Legislator Bartels confirmed that mileage of the included Sheriff's vehicles was received but emphasized that this issue extends beyond these specific vehicles, stating that she would be reaching out to various departments regarding vehicle policies. Moreover, Legislator Bartels stated that she would appreciate reporting her findings back to the Ways & Means Committee at a later date. Chairman Gerentine confirmed with present personnel that the Sheriff's Department would be amenable to such discussions.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 53 -** Authorizing The Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$717,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$717,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the purchase of County Fleet Vehicles, as proposed in Capital Project No. 517, and authorizes the issuance of \$717,000.00 bonds to pay for the cost thereof.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 55 -** Authorizing The Purchase Of Highway And Bridge Equipment For Construction And Maintenance Purposes, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,424,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,424,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the purchase of Highway and Bridge Equipment for construction and maintenance purposes, as proposed in Capital Project No. 518, and authorizes the issuance of \$2,424,000.00 bonds to pay the cost thereof.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 62 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church – Department Of Social Services**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church to increase the contract for the warming center by \$30,000.00, making the contract total \$95,000.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:**

**Resolutions for March Introduction:**

**Resolution No. 17 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) For The 2018 Appropriation – Legislature**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$38,950.00 with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for maintenance and operation, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Resolution No. 18 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson For The 2018 Appropriation – Legislature**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$77,500.00 with Arts Mid-Hudson to work in partnership with Ulster County, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of Arts Mid-Hudson during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Resolution No. 19** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2018 Appropriation - Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement in the amount of \$21,750.00 with Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. for providing services which grants are made by the Federal Office of Community Services, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Resolution No. 20** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2018 Appropriations- Legislature

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to pay \$350,000.00, in quarterly installments, to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County, and allows the County Comptroller and/or all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to view the books, papers, records, and premises of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County during the period that this resolution is being used or applied.

**Discussion:** None

**Resolution No. 10** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2018, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax), To Update The Tax Law's Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 At 6:10 PM

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:10 PM regarding Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2018, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax), To Update The Tax Law's Application To Short-Term And Vacation Rentals.

**Discussion:** Chairman Gerentine informed Committee Members that Resolution No. 10 was postponed in Laws and Rules on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> but that every Committee member has been provided copies of letters which were received from local businesses regarding the Resolution. Chairman Gerentine urged Committee Members to have discussions with these local businesses prior to the Resolution's appearance in the Committee.

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**Old Business:**

Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, informed Committee Members that a cost-benefit analysis had been completed upon Committee request for bringing the road painting contract in-house. Mr. Gulnick explained that six (6) new positions would be necessary, which would cost the County roughly \$350,000.00 annually, in addition to other costs such as equipment and storage.

A brief discussion took place regarding Road Shoulder Capital Projects.

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Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

**Adjournment**

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| <b>Motion Made By:</b>        | Legislator Petit   |
| <b>Motion Seconded By:</b>    | Legislator Bartels |
| <b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b> | 7                  |
| <b>No. of Votes Against:</b>  | 0                  |

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| <b>Time:</b> | 5:53 PM |
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| <b>Respectfully submitted:</b> | Amber Feaster  |
| <b>Minutes Approved:</b>       | March 13, 2018 |