

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 22, 2017 – 5:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo and Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Thomas J. Briggs, Chris Allen, Tracey Bartels
Carl Belfiglio, Mary Beth Maio, James F. Maloney and
Legislative Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. (5:37 to 5:39)
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Jennifer Schwartz Berky and Manna Jo Greene;
Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum; Ulster County District Attorney Holley Carnright; Sylvia Wohlfahrt,
Director of Ulster County Information Services; Bur Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance; Marie F.
Bing, Kristin A. Guamaer; Robert Fisher, Ulster County Attorney’s Office; Tom Kadgen, UC League
of Women Voters; Thomas Wanning, Ulster People

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To Approve Resolution No. 81 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Awareness, Inc. For The 2017 Appropriation – Legislature

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Resolution Summary: This resolution would authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with Awareness, Inc. for up to \$10,000 to offset administrative costs associated with providing counseling services to at risk youth with certain standard stipulations.

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio mentioned that there was some question about the the vendor providing required documents and suggested that the committee approve the resolution and let the County Attorney contract management staff work out the details.

Legislator Bartels asked for some details of the issues.

Chairman Gerentine asked Legislative Chairman Ronk to give a quick overview of the meeting with the vendor. Chairman Ronk gave some general information and offered to share more details in an executive session if the issues cannot be resolved. Chairman Ronk left before the vote was taken.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 94 - Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Dedicate County Bridge Number 169, Also Known As The Sawkill School Bridge, On County Road 10 (Sawkill Road) Over The Sawkill Creek Located In The Town Of Ulster, New York In Memory Of Chief Anthony E. Cruise

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Resolution Summary: This resolution would dedicate County Bridge No. 169 also known as the Sawkill School Bridge on County Road 10 (Sawkill Road) in the Town of Ulster in memory of Late Chief Anthony E Cruise pursuant to the county policy established by Resolution No. 370 of October 21, 2014.

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 109 - 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 – IBM– Department Of Information Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Resolution Summary: This resolution would authorize the execution of a contract amendment for professional services on behalf of the Ulster County Department of Information with IBM that will cause the aggregate contract amount to exceed \$50,000.

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio said the questions he had at the last meeting has since been answered by Ms. Wohlfahrt. He discussed his concerns about maintaining “old” 2006 equipment and the fact that the county is “stuck” paying this contract until the equipment can be

phased out and replaced. He suggested that more modern equipment would be much less expensive to purchase and maintain.

The committee had a discussion about the “ballpark” cost comparison to replace and maintain new equipment and how this equipment is used.

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve LATE Resolution No. 136 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services Funding Of A Director Of Projects Of The Intimate Partner Violence Initiative- District Attorney’s Office

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Resolution Summary: This resolution would authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to fund a Director of Projects for the Intimate Partner Violence Initiative within the office of the Ulster County District Attorney.

Discussion: Chairman Gerentine asked for details of how the county ensures that if or when funding ends the position is “sun-setted”.

Mr. Carnright discussed how his office envisions this program working to using available data to identify and prevent domestic violence. He explained that such programs have been successful in other areas. This budget neutral two year program will allow his office to work closely with the Probation Department, Social Services and other departments and agencies. After two years they will analyze outcomes to see if the program proves successful in Ulster County and at that point determine if it is worthwhile to continue funding.

Legislator Bartels suggested the District Attorney’s office come back to the legislature with an update after one year.

Mr. Carnright welcomed that suggestion and invited members of the Legislature to join him when he announces the program to the public.

The committee discussed the repeating nature of domestic violence and the ability of data to predict individuals who may need additional support so programs can intercede and offer better protection to victims. This program is focused on the offenders and breaking the cycle of abuse.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Briggs, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 124 - Authorizing The Construction Of A Memorial To The Ulster County Poorhouse At The County Fairgrounds, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$100,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$100,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Resolution Summary: This resolution would establish Capital Project No. 484 for the landscaping and construction of a Poorhouse Memorial at the Ulster County Fairgrounds and authorizes the issuance of \$100,000 in Bonds to cover the cost.

Discussion: Legislator Briggs questioned the details of this project and felt that the money could be used for better purposes.

Legislator Belfiglio noted the irony of selling the Golden Hill Nursing Home and then building a memorial to honor it.

Legislator Bartels said she hoped the project would come in at a lower cost than was projected.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio and Maloney
Voting Against: Briggs
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 126 - Authorizing The Construction Of Improvements To The County's Golden Hill Facility Water Tower, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$640,640.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$640,640.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Resolution Summary: This resolution would establish Capital Project No. 465 for the landscaping and construction of improvements to the Water Tower at Golden Hill and authorizes the issuance of \$640,640 in Bonds to cover the cost.

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 128 - Authorizing The Realignment And Reconstruction Of The Intersection At New Paltz Road And South Chodikee Lake Road In The Town Of Lloyd, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$320,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$320,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Resolution Summary: This resolution would establish Capital Project No. 501 for improvements to the intersection of New Paltz Road and South Chodikee Lane Road and authorizes the issuance of \$320,000 in Bonds to cover the cost.

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 130 - Authorizing The Reconstruction Of The Public Works Administration Building, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$148,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$148,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Resolution Summary: This resolution would establish Capital Project No. 502 for reconstruction of the Public Works Administration Building for the Department of Public Works and authorizes the issuance of \$148,000 in Bonds to cover the cost.

Discussion: The committee had a brief discussion about the history of the building.

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve LATE Resolution No. 137 - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Apply For And Accept Section 5311 Federal And State Funding Under The Terms Of An Existing Continuing Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation For Operating Assistance And The Purchase Of Four Low Floor Medium Duty Buses For Fiscal Years 2017/2018- Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Resolution Summary: This resolution would authorize the County Executive to apply for accept Federal and State funding under the terms of an existing agreement with the NYS DOT for the purchase and operation of four medium duty busses.

Discussion: None

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

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business, hearing none

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Fawn Tantillo, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: April 11, 2017