MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2014
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:  Led by Chairman John R. Parete

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones and refrain from texting for the duration of Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.
ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator Briggs)

BIRTHDAYS:

District No. 23 Majority Leader, Don Gregorius April 19th, Legislative Counsel Chris Ragucci April 6th.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Chairman John Parete
Appointment Letter, Ways and Means Committee Deputy Chairman, Tracey Bartels
UC Legislative News Press Release, Health Insurance Open Enrollment Deadline
UC Legislature Girl Scout Press Release
Power Grid Issues in the Hudson Valley Part II, Forum
Independent Accountant’s Report Year Ending 12/31/12
Focus on Veterans Update
Energy Costs Update
3 Emails In Support of Rails
Letter, Parental Escort Policy
Behavior Codes, FAQS
Civil Service Exam Announcements
Thank You Note
The Carnright Family
The Naccarato Family
The Rudge Family
COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

C&S Companies
UC Commissioner of Finance

Ulstercountyalive.com
UC Attorney

UC Community Action

UCRRA
Cornell University Cooperative Extension

NYSAC

Eileen Baul
Elizabeth Shults Berardi
The Senate State of NY, John Bonacic, Senator
Central Hudson
Glenn Dobbs, Community Services Board &
Mental Health Sub-Committee
Town of Denning, Town Clerk

UC Legislative Counsel
Catskill Watershed Corporation

Town of New Paltz, Town Clerk
Ulster County Fire Advisory Board

The Senate State of NY, James L. Seward, Senator
UC Human Rights Commission

Town of Shandaken, Town Clerk
UC Community Services Board

Advances Brochure, Winter 2014
Federal Drawdown UCAT Grant#NY-90-X682-00
Letter, 2013 (CAFR)
TRENDING Brochure for April 2014
Letter, Powers & Duties Audit Committee, Legislature, County Executive
Invitation, 50 Yrs. Fighting Poverty To Opportunity
Meeting Agenda, Minutes
Recycling Program Update – March 2014
Legislative Report, Spring 2014
48th Annual County Finance School
Registration Form
Letter to Town of Rochester
Letter, Safe Sober Living
In Receipt of Resolution No. 83
Energy Bulletin, March 2014
Resignation Letter, April 4, 2014
Resolution No. 32 of 2014, US Postal Service
Letter Supporting Mike Vaia Town Rep for UC Planning Board
Letter to UC Comptroller
Notice of Preliminary Decisions April 2, 2014
Resolution US Postal Service
EMS Coordinator Report, 3/26/14 &
Meeting Minutes, 3/26/14
In Receipt of Resolution No. 83
Meeting Minutes, November 7, 2013 & December 6, 2013
Support of Resolution No. 68-14
Meeting Minutes March 10, 2014
COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Ulster BOCES

Kick Butts Day, Student Comment Cards

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter, Appointment & Nominating
Acting Director & Director Office of the Aging, Kelly McMullen

ANNUAL REPORTS:        DATE:

UC Sheriff’s Office                  2013 Annual Report
UC Soil & Water Conservation District               2013 Annual Report
July 1-September 30, 2013
October 1-December 31, 2013

COMMITTEE REPORTS:       DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit            March 4, 2014
Energy and Environment                     March 17, 2014
Law Enforcement and Public Safety               March 12, 2014
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services             March 4, 2014
                                        March 17, 2014
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services       March 5, 2014
Public Health and Social Services               March 10, 2014
Public Works and Capital Projects             March 6, 2014
Ways and Means                                 March 12, 2014
                                        March 18, 2014
PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman John R. Parete called upon Legislator Kenneth Wishnick, District No. 17, to present a Pride of Ulster County Award to Jennifer Halpern, in recognition of her service with the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), for Ulster County.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Chairman John R. Parete granted Privilege of the Floor to Butch Dener. Mr. Dener presented information regarding April’s Organ Donor Month. He was joined by former Orange County Executive Ed Diana, and local artist Charles Lyonhart, who spoke about their personal experiences as organ recipients.

Chairman John R. Parete called upon Legislator David B. Donaldson, Chairman of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee, and Legislator Craig V. Lopez, Chairman of the Public Health and Social Services Committee, who presented a Proclamation to Butch Dener, on behalf of the Ulster County Legislature, declaring the month of April Organ Donor Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were (6) speakers at tonight’s meeting and (16) people watching the online webcasting.

1. Mike Treanor: Mr. Treanor, owner of the Nevele Resort, thanked the Legislature for their consideration, support and is working hard for the casino to become a reality at the Nevele.

2. Tyler Carell: Mr. Carell spoke in support of the Polar Express Railroad.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONT’D.

4. Peter Fluchere CMRR: Mr. Fluchere spoke in support of the Railroad events for the fall and holiday seasons, Peanuts and the Polar Express. Mr. Fluchere also provided a flyer of events to all Legislators. Mr. Fluchere respectfully requested that the Legislature have a dialogue with the County Executive to better understand the need for railroad related events to continue in Ulster County.

5. Mr. Nicholas (Santa Claus): Mr. Nicholas (volunteers as Santa Claus on the Polar Express train ride during the holiday season) spoke in favor of the Railroad Events – Polar Express.

6. Mike Wendel: Mr. Wendel discussed his plight regarding his home as part of the Greater Catskill Remediation Bill (Wawarsing Flood Buyout).

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period for tonight’s Session can be heard on the Legislative website.

RESOLUTION NOS:

Motion by Majority Leader Donald Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk to move Resolutions Nos. 123 into the Non-Concent Agenda. All in favor.

Motion by Majority Leader Donald Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk to move Late Resolutions Nos. 148, 149 & 150 into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Resolution Nos. 54.1, 114, 116-122, 125-150 were adopted unanimously as part of the Consent Agenda.

First Reading

54.1 Amending The Rules Of Order To Require Participation On Standing Committees

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
Consent

114  Supporting The Passage Of New York State Senate Bill 3812B And Assembly Bill A7713A, An Act To Amend The State Tax Law To Permanently Authorize Certain Counties, Cities And School Districts To Impose Up To A Four Percent Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

115  Appointing And Reappointing Members To the Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board Of Directors

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(Abstaining: Legislator David Donalson)
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

116  Establishing The Legal Work Week For The Clerk Of The Legislative Board Regular Pay Positions

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

117  Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Environmental Management Council

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

118  Confirming The Appointment Of Dorraine Whitney As Insurance Officer

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
119 Creating One Full Time Position And Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – County Attorney’s Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

120 Confirming The Appointment Of Marc Rider As Director of Purchasing

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

121 Confirming The Appointment Of Lisa Berger As Director Of The Department Of Employment And Training

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

122 Confirming The Appointment Of Sheree Cross As Personnel Director

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

123 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2014, A Local Law Applying The Salary Revisions of Resolution No. 69 Of 2014 To All County Officers Serving For Fixed Terms

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 21  NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Kevin Roberts)
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

125 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Fish And Wildlife Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
126 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Board Of Ethics

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

127 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Alliance Medical Alert – Office For The Aging

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

128 Confirming Re-Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

129 Confirming Re-Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

130 Authorizing A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of The Ulster County Community College For The Year 2014 - 2015 To Be Held On Wednesday, June 11, 2014 At 6:30 PM

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

131 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension – Department Of Social Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
132 Confirming Re-Appointment To The Ulster County Board of Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

133 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease With Lily Lake, LLC For Space To Be Used As A Coordinated Children’s Services Mental Health Clinic – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

136 Establishing Capital Project No. 408 - Purchase Of Highway Equipment — Department of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

138 Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget - Appropriating Unexpended Grant Funds From The New York State Office Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Anti-Terrorism Funds – Ulster County Sheriff’s Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

139 Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept A Bid For A Parcel Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:  AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
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140 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – VHB Engineering Surveying And Landscape Architecture, P.C. – Planning Department

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

141 Urging The New York State Legislature To Pass Legislation Amending The General Municipal Law And Vehicle And Traffic Law To Authorize Ulster County To Regulate The Registration And Licensing Of Taxicabs, Limousines And Livery Vehicles

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

142 Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget - Appropriating Unexpended Grant Funds From The New York State Department Of State – Department Of Tourism

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

143 Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Receive Grant Funding From The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Green Infrastructure Elements Utilized In The STRIVE Project – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus – Department Of Planning

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

146 Commemorating The 44th Anniversary Of Earth Day On April 22, 2014

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
Supporting The Passage Of New York State Senate Bill 06417 And Assembly Bill 08740, An Act To Amend The Election Law, In Relation To The Reimbursement To Counties And The City of New York Of The Costs Associated With Administering Primary Elections

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

Non-Consent

Denying Use Of The County Seal Or Any Other Ulster County Identification With Regard To The New York Safe Act

Legislator Greene motioned, seconded by Legislator Bartels, to strike from the first RESOLVED the phrases, “the name or” and “or any of its officers, letterheads or address.”

Legislator Ronk offered a friendly amendment to strike from the first RESOLVED only the words “the name or” and “or address.” Legislator Greene consented.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

Establishing Capital Project No. 404 – Purchase Of Central Auto Vehicles – Department of Public Works (Central Auto)

Legislator Gregorius motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to strike the words “pickup truck” in the fourth WHEREAS.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
135 BOND  Authorizing The Purchase Of Vehicles For Various County Departments In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At An Aggregate Maximum Estimated Cost Of $305,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of $305,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

LONG ROLL
AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

137 BOND  Authorizing The Purchase Of Highway And Bridge Equipment For Construction And Maintenance Purposes, For The Department Of Public Works Of The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of $1,321,200.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of $1,321,200.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

LONG ROLL
AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

144  Supporting The License Approval And Operation Of A Casino At The Former Nevele Grande Hotel And Country Club In The Town Of Wawarsing

AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

145 BOND  Authorizing The Acquisition Of Land For Flood Remediation, Open Space, Wetlands, Or Recreational Purposes, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of $6,558,566.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of $6,558,566.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

LONG ROLL
AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)
Late Resolutions

Leader Donald Gregorius, seconded by Minority Leader Kenneth Ronk to move Late Resolutions Nos. 148, 149 & 150 into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

148 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LM Sessler Excavating And Wrecking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

149 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New Century Construction, LLC – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

150 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Briggs)

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Ella Panesa, Town of Kingston, NY
Robert A. Slater, Kingston, NY
Carol H. Downer, Kingston, NY
Berry Stainback, Saugerties, NY
Homer R. VanVoorhis, Saugerties, NY
Paul W. Seyfarth, Kingston, NY

Donald O. Anderson, Bradenton, FL
George F. Moxham Jr., Ulster Park, NY
Douglas R. Blair, Saugerties, NY
Anna C. Haines, Saugerties, NY
Margaret E. Seyfarth, Kingston, NY
Myron Boice Jr., High Falls, NY
MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF CONT’D.

John V. Sweeney, Kingston, NY  Katharine Dean Cordts, Kingston, NY
Ursula J. Henry, Lake Katrine, NY  Juanita A. DeGraff, Lake Katrine, NY
James H. Mergendahl Jr., New Paltz, NY  Jeffrey J. Otis, Pine Bush, NY
James M. Smiseth, Stone Ridge, NY  Audrey J. Carpino, Kingston, NY
Robert E. Rushforth, New Paltz, NY  Anna T. Pardini, Kingston, NY
Grace M. Cahill, Saugerties, NY  William Kozack, Stone Ridge, NY
Harry E. Teetsel Jr., Kingston, NY  Eileen V. Baggot, Kingston, NY
Joseph Trapani, Highland, NY  Nicholas Tozzi, New Paltz, NY
Marion M. Kells, Gardiner, NY  Alice M. Banks, Kingston, NY
Richard M. Patterson, Saugerties, NY  Jane Smith, Claryville, NY
Raymond Acevedo, Plattekill, NY  Anne J. Kasnowski, Town of Ulster
Norma T. Cardona, Wallkill, NY  Humberto Lens, Wallkill, NY

Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Gregorius to adjourn. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED:  8:28 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 12 Noon.