

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: November 13, 2019 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Woodstock Community Center, 56 Rock City Rd. Woodstock, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman James Delaune
RECORDER: Jamie Capuano, Vice President for Administrative Services, SUNY Ulster
PRESENT: Legislators Haynes, Collins, Donaldson, and Wawro
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Marc Rider Deputy County Executive,
Nina Dawson, OFA Director
Susan Koppenhaver, Director Office for the Aging
Jamie Capuano VP Administrative Services SUNY Ulster,
Frank Reggero Veteran Services Agency
Kathy Nolan, Ulster County Legislator
Jonathan Heppner, Ulster County Legislator

Deputy Chair Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Wawro, and Collins
Voting Against: 0
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Vice President for Administrative Services, Jamie Capuano provided an update on SUNY Ulster. Vice President Capuano indicated that the College was on track to meet and potentially exceed its enrollment targets for the year. Ms. Capuano discussed the successes of the athletic programs and indicated that, through recruitment efforts, many of the student athletes are from out of county jurisdictions. She went on to explain that absent these recruitment efforts, it is likely that these students wouldn't attend SUNY Ulster. She also summarized the many capital projects that are currently underway and indicated that they are proceeding on track for completion prior to winter weather.

Chairman Delaune asked Vice President Capuano to summarize what is happening with the Environmental Studies program at SUNY Ulster. Chairman Delaune indicated that the Legislature has been heard that the program might be canceled. Vice President Capuano stated that the program is currently under program review due to low enrollment. She went on to explain that the College follows a standardized academic program review process and that the College evaluates the program and develops potential ideas to alter or change the program to make it more successful. Chairman Delaune requested a follow-up meeting with the College to discuss this program.

Chairman Delaune asked Nina Dawson, Director for the Youth Bureau and Director for the Human Rights Commission to walk the Committee through her budget presentation. Ms. Dawson outlined the programs and services offered by the Youth Department and the work of the Human Rights Commission. Ms. Dawson explained that the Youth Department allocates State funds to local municipalities for youth services, and she explained that she is actively working to ensure that more youth have opportunities to youth employment services during the summer months. Ms. Dawson went on to outline the services that Human Rights Commission offers to Ulster County residents. She explained that the Commission was involved in several higher-profile human rights cases this year and that the Commission was established to protect Ulster County residents. Chairman Delaune requested that Ms. Dawson outline changes to her position included in the County Executive's budget. Ms. Dawson explained that she is currently part-time in both departments, making one full time FTE. Under the Executive Budget proposal, these two positions would be separated and a full time employee would be responsible for each area. She went on to explain that over the past year, the Commission has experienced an increase in the number of referrals and that she has focused on increasing program offerings to youth through the Youth Bureau. Chairman Delaune thanked Ms. Dawson for her presentation.

Chairman Delaune introduced Ms. Koppenhaver, Director of the Office for the Aging. Ms. Koppenhaver thanked the Legislature for her recent confirmation of her appointment as the Director for the Office for the Aging. She went on to explain the programs offered by the department and explained that the Office has been very successful in engaging with Ulster County seniors and that her team has done an amazing job in developing new programs and offerings for county residents. Legislator Donaldson requested additional information about the current status of the Meals on Wheels program. Deputy County Executive Rider requested that they discuss this at a later time. Legislator Donaldson agreed and indicated that he would be requesting an Executive Session at the next meeting of the legislature to discuss this issue. Ms. Koppenhaver went on to explain some of the new program offerings that her team has developed, including the development by Interim County Executive Reiter of new meeting space for seniors. This space is located in a remolded conference room in the Business Resource Center in the Town of Ulster. The Office for the Aging has been using this space to provide seniors with access to additional services and to provide a dedicated space for seniors. Chairman Delaune requested that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee be held in the new location. Chairman Delaune thanked Ms. Koppenhaver for her presentation.

Chairman Delaune introduced Frank Reggero, Interim Director of the Veteran Services Agency. Mr. Reggero outlined programs offered by the Veteran Services Agency and outlined several new revenue sources that have reduced the County share of the Agency. Mr. Reggero explained that by the Agency receives additional State aid through Social Services and that through changes to revenue streams for the Indigent Burial services; the County is slated to receive additional State Aid resources. Mr. Reggero went on to explain the services provided to area Veterans and how these Veterans value these services.

Resolutions for November 13, 2019, Session:

Resolution No. 465 – Amending Capital Project No. 466 – Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) – SUNY Ulster, Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster And Approving The Amended Work Order With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) To Provide Construction And Construction Management Services For The Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) Project, Capital Project No. 466 SUNY Ulster – Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 466 – Gym Wall Repair (Replacement) and amends a work order approved for such project.

Discussion:

None

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Haynes, Collins and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Motion No. 2 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 465**

Resolution No. 467 – Amending Capital Project No. 469 – SUNY Ulster Water Supply Extension And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 469 SUNY Ulster Water Supply Extension project to provide funding for construction of such project.

Discussion:

Legislator Donaldson stated that he was pleased to see this project advance.

Motion By: Legislator Collins

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Haynes, Collins and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 469 – Amending Capital Project No. 485 – Water Storage Tank Replacement – SUNY Ulster And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 485 – SUNY Ulster Water Storage Tank Replacement based on bids received for the construction of such project.

Discussion:

None

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Haynes, Collins and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Resolution No. 505 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis LLP – Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract for Liscum McCormack VanVoorhis LLP related to SUNY Ulster’s Facility Master Plan project.

Discussion:

None

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Wawro

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Haynes, Collins and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Resolution No. 506 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arold Construction Co., Inc. – Ulster County Community College.

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract for Arold Construction Co. Inc. for the water tank replacement project.

Discussion:

None

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Haynes, Collins and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Resolution No. 507 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Merritt Construction, Inc. – Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract for Merritt Construction Inc. for the construction of the water line project.

Discussion:

None

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting In Favor: Legislators Delaune, Donaldson, Haynes, Collins and Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Old Business – None

New Business- The Committee discussed the budget requests. They indicated that they support Arts Mid-Hudson but that funding should be used for programs – not administrative expenses. The Committee summarized Cornell Cooperative Extensions program or Hazardous Mitigation program. Assistant County Executive summarized the County’s funding for Cornell Cooperative in the Executive Budget, indicating that Cornell is working with the County on a culvert assessment grant. The Committee supported the requested funding. The Committee summarized the budget request for the CASA Program and the Committee supported the budget request to increase the funding for the CASA program. The Committee summarized the budget request for the Libraries Association and indicated that they were happy to hear from residents who used the resources that the Libraries are providing and supported the funding request from the Libraries Association. The Committee summarized the budget request from the Mohonk Preserve to fund a program to bring additional school students to the Preserve for educational opportunities and recommended that this program be expanded in later years to include more school districts. The Committee discussed programs offered by Samadhi and requested that Deputy County Executive, Marc Rider summarize procurement procedures. Deputy County Executive Rider explained that this would need to be competitively bid. The Committee recommended that funding be allocated to “Substance Abuse Programming” and requested that the Purchasing Department work with the Committee to draft an RFP for these services.

Chairman Delaune asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jamie Capuano, Vice President for Administrative Services, SUNY Ulster

Minutes Approved: TBD, 2019