

## ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME** : March 10, 2015, 5:00pm  
**LOCATION** : Ulster County Community College, St. John Business Seminar Room, George Clinton Hall, Room 118, Stone Ridge, New York  
**CHAIRMAN** : David B. Donaldson, Chairman – Present  
**RECORDER** : Natasha Tagliafierro, Assistant, SUNY, Ulster Co. Community College  
**LEGISLATORS PRESENT** : Legs. Donald Gregorius, Leg. John Parete, Leg. Craig Lopez and Leg. Manna Jo Greene  
**OTHERS PRESENT** : Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration, SUNY Ulster Co. Community College; Lee Reidy, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension; Kelly McMullen, Director, Office of the Aging; Linda Marston-Rein, Exec. Director, & Eva Madalengoitia, Director, Arts Mid-Hudson; Michael Lamoree, Director, Community Action; Amy Drayer, Executive Director, & Sharon Zepel, Board Chair, CASA; Julie Dempsey, President, & Margaret Menard, Director, UC Library Association; Theresa Brundaige, Aide to Leg. Lopez and Kenneth Crannell, Deputy Ulster County Executive  
**QUORUM** : Yes

**A QUORUM BEING PRESENT CHAIRMAN DONALDSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:04 PM AND TOOK ATTENDANCE. LEG. WAWRO WAS NOT PRESENT.**

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#### OFFICE OF THE AGING

**Reported by** : Kelly McMullen, Director

**Report** : Health Alliance Medical alert has 20,000 life line program discounts for life line alert for seniors. Currently they have 209 clients on a wait list. Leg. Gregorius said what creates the wait list? Kelly McCullen said money from the state, currently it's at \$147,810. There was a meals on wheels issue, Kenneth Crannell said this issue was before Christmas when the home delivered meals service in Clifton Park sold and had a new owner as of December 18th and notice was given but the contract was not signed till a few days before New Year's Eve. Bid packages were sent out and six vendors have responded. We are looking to split up services for the best price and to keep the human contact. Kenneth Crannell advised that this way seniors would have the choice to receive frozen meals, hot meals or groceries. Since seniors need to be home from 11am-1pm to receive the grocery option they all have their advantages. The last vendor, it wasn't his main business and the price kept going up. The wait list was up to 73 and is now at 43. The cost of the frozen meals is also lower.

**Resolution** : No. 119 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

#### Motion # 1 - Resolution#119:

**Text of Motion:** Approving the Execution of a Contract Amendment in Excess of \$50,000 Entered Into by the County- Health Alliance Medical Alert- Office of the Aging

**Motion Made:** Leg. Gregorius

**Seconded:** Leg Lopez

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

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**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #119 unanimously approved.

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### **CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE**

**Reported by:** Howard Baul, CSEA

**Report** : Howard Baul, Labor Specialist for CSEA, spoke about personnel actions in regard to CSEA positions being replaced by OPAP positions on the Ulster County Community College Campus. Employees are being taken from one position and being placed in another. There has been no communication sent back to CSEA about a request they made in August 2014. CSEA doesn't want to go to litigation based on the Taylor Law, but will if they have to. The request is for job descriptions, titles, salaries as well as what positions individuals were in and what they were changed to. Mr. Baul said that a second request was sent out today, March 10, 2015. Mr. Baul went on to say that it was his opinion that the College has taken a stand to eliminate CSEA from the College. Leg. Gregorius asked do we as a committee get involved in employee issues? Leg. Donaldson said that was an interesting question, since the county does fund the College a certain amount of money. Leg. Gregorius said we do give money, but that is done in the budget process, we don't get involved in these types of issues. Leg. Donaldson, said the committee will keep an eye on this issue. Leg. Gregorius said the right thing to do is work together and figure it out and at a minimum provide CSEA the documentation that they have requested. Leg. Donaldson said he will speak to President Katt tomorrow.

**Resolution:** None

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### **ARTS MID-HUDSON**

**Reported by :** Linda Marston Rein Exec. Director & Eve Madalengoitia, Director

**Report** : The Arts Mid-Hudson creates a cultural buzz, post programs free to parents and kids to get them more involved in the culture that we have in Ulster County. Leg. Gregorius asked what about training sessions? Linda advised that they want to create technical assistance in writing proposals and reviewing them before they are sent out. Leg. Donaldson we were able to get some more dollars into the arts this year since they were cut a few years ago.

**Resolution** : No. 99 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

#### **Motion# 2- Resolution#99**

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson For The 2015 Appropriation- Legislature.

**Motion Made:** Leg.Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #99 unanimously approved.

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## **BARDAVON**

**Reported by:** None

**Resolution** : No. 100 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

### **Motion# 3- Resolution #100**

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement For The Maintenance Of Facilities For The Ulster Performing Arts Center For The 2015 Appropriation-Legislature.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Gregorius

**Seconded:** Leg. Lopez

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #100 unanimously approved.

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## **COMMUNITY ACTION**

**Reported by:** Michael Lamoree, Director

**Reported** : That meals on wheels is 1 of 6 programs used for meals for community action. The goal was to get some increased allocations to help redesign food distribution, 18,000 pounds of food, 6 food banks and 8 senior housing units are currently being served. We are looking to expand the fleet and create 4-5 central locations, to help get food to those who need it.

There is a change in names referred to in the Resolution in the Ways & Means, Leg. Jeanette was Provenzano removed and Leg. Richard Parete was added.

**Resolution** : No. 101 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

### **Motion# 4- Resolution #101**

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2015 Appropriation-Legislature.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #101 unanimously approved.

Leg. Lopez asked how many people does 18,000 pounds of food feed? Michael Lamoree said about 300+. It comes out to enough food to fit into a tractor trailer and a box truck. We also are offering yogurt in beet, carrot and sweet potato flavors. It's the first time that many individuals are experiencing these new healthy foods.

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## **CASA**

**Reported by:** Amy Drayer, Executive Director, Sharon Zepel Board Chair

**Reported :** Amy said she is the new Executive Director and has only been on the job a few weeks. She was a teacher previously from Saugerties and taught there. She has her Masters in Education. CASA is about adoption to good families and reunification with original families. This involves DSS, the court system, Rupco and Family of Woodstock. All children deserve a good home, a good life.

**Resolution :** No. 102 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

### **Motion# 5- Resolution #102**

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) For The 2015 Appropriation- Legislature.

**Motion Made:** Leg.Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #102 unanimously approved.

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## **FAMILY OF WOODSTOCK**

**Reported by:** None

**Resolution :** No. 103 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

### **Motion# 6- Resolution #103**

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc. For Supervised Visitation Program For The 2015 Appropriation- Legislature.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Gregorius

**Seconded:** Leg. Lopez

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #103 unanimously approved.

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## **UC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**Reported by:** Julie Dempsey, President, Margaret Menard, Director

**Reported** : Julie reported E-books have been successful; we are currently the only County doing this. A new idea is to have a new mobile application so that the public can visit the library online and type in their library card number and have access. The County met its goal and gave \$190,000 or \$1.00 per resident. Although the tutor.com didn't take off because individuals were interested in actually meeting with the tutors. Since it was not successful we can now use those funds for a different program that would be used.

**Resolution** : No. 104 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

**Motion# 7- Resolution #104**

**Text of Motion:** Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

**Motion Made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #104 unanimously approved.

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**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ULSTER COUNTY**

**Reported by:** Lee Reidy, Executive Director

**Reported** : Lee reported Cornell has added a lot of new programs with goats, chickens, free range chickens, small grain, and looking into the grains that are needed to make alcohol. The report on the apple trees is good but the grapes we have to wait and see since we had such a cold winter. Programs that continued into the winter were safe serve, a food service program. Also we worked on a mentor program in Ellenville with children in the STEM program with robots, rockets and one on one with high school children to keep their interest in science. We have a new website [www.ulster.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.ulster.cce.cornell.edu). We also have a new contract with DEP for a 5 year position to fund in- County environmental coordination for the Ashokan Basin. We would love for you to come by and visit us. Leg. Donaldson said we will schedule the May committee meeting to be held at Cornell the second Tuesday of the month.

**Resolution** : No. 105 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

**Motion# 8- Resolution #105**

**Text of Motion:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For The 2015 Appropriation- Legislature.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #105 unanimously approved.

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**Motion # 9 to Approve Minutes:**

**Text of Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee of December 3, 2014.

**Motion Made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion to approve the minutes of this committee of December 3, 2014 were unanimously approved.

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**ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Reported by:** Mark Komdat, Dean of Administration

**Reported** : Reported on some current events, and that spring enrollment is down about 25 FTE from our goal, summer continues to keep pace with last year and we will keep the committee updated. OPAP (Organization of Professional Administrative Personnel) is currently in mediation, the second mediation session will be held on April 14. We have one sticking point that we have to get past to get an agreement. Leg. Donaldson asked if this was a State union or a local one. Dean Komdat said it is a local union. He added that CSEA is under a County-negotiated agreement, and that our four –year faculty contract was approved by the legislature in December 2014. Work on the Kelder farmhouse interior will hopefully begin on April 1st; there is a resolution before the committee tonight. The exterior work is about 95% complete. The College attorney is working on the eminent domain to get the property easement that is necessary for the waterline project, but it is a long process. The Kingston Center (the former Sophie Finn School) completion date is expected to be August 1, 2015, discussion has begun about the logistics of the move from the BRC to the new Kingston Center.

**Resolution** : No. 97 for the March 10, 2015 session of the Legislature

**Motion# 10- Resolution #97**

**Text of Motion:** Approving the Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Daniel J. Nichols d/b/a Nichols Construction-UCCC

**Motion Made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Gregorius

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #97 unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued from Leg. Donaldson asking if funds from the sale of the President's residence were being used, Dean Komdat said yes, they are. Leg. Parete asked were events ever held there before? Dean Komdat said yes, there were a lot of events held there. Leg. Parete said I wish we were told that. Leg. Donaldson asked are there classrooms? Dean Komdat said we can't afford to do the second floor now. That would have added extra classrooms but the renovated modular does have classrooms. Dean Komdat said the plan was not only to have a reception/conference space but to also have a space that would be energy efficient. Leg. Manna Jo Greene asked what is energy efficient in the Kelder Renovation?

Dean Komdat replied double pane windows, new roof, new soffits, extra insulation, everything was taken down to the studs, furnace is propane which is high efficiency, new doors, and thermal wrap was also used.

Leg. Dave Donaldson updated the committee on the Colleges Presidential Search will meet 3/12/15, and we do have candidates of some interest, I can't get too into it, but the applications and resumes were great, about 12-13, so far no history or background check. We will miss President Katt's face; he has been at the school for many years, Dean Komdat replied 47 years.

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**MOTION #11 - 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 6:10pm.

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

Natasha Tagliaferro, Recorder

Minutes approved on April 13, 2015

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