

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 14, 2014 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, Sixth Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
ABSENT: Legislator Briggs, and Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Chairman Parete, Legislators Archer, Donaldson, Gregorius, Allen and Wishnick, Legislative Counsel Weiner, Ragucci and Guerin, County Attorneys Bea Havranek, Jonathan Engel, Roland Bloomer and Susan Plonski, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Director of Finance Burt Gulnick, County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, I.S. asst. Direct Allen Panzer, Clerk Victoria A. Fabella

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:14 PM**

MOTION NO. 1 **Approving the Minutes of April 9, 2014 and April 15, 2014**

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2014 and April 15, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: April 9, 2014 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
April 15, 2014 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: April 9, 2014 Minutes – 6; April 15, 2014 Minutes - 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 156 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 156 - Confirming The Appointment Of Kelly McMullen As Director Of The Office For The Aging

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3 Resolution No. 157 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 157 - Calling On The Ulster County Senate And Assembly Delegation To Introduce And Ensure The Passage Of State Legislation To Require The State To Take Over The Total Expenses Associated With Conducting Elections

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: Legislator Provenzano talk about being surprised and happy about receiving email from NYSAC about month of May and mandate relief campaign. It was exactly what she talk to legislator Ronk about; the reason for the resolution is to raise awareness and of the mandates of the State of New York. The email sent that the message is simple that the counties can freeze or lower property taxes if the state takes on more fiscal responsibility of the programs. She was aware of the efforts in the past of the state to try and take over the cost of elections. She went on to say whether it is the town or county it is the same taxpayer's pocket. She stated she is trying to make an effort in a small way to point out the mandated programs that are put on us. Legislator Rodriguez asked to be added as a cosponsor. Legislator Gerentine stated perhaps we should memorialize what the counties who came up with the proposal are doing. Legislator Provenzano went on to say what they are doing are not specific. Legislator Belfiglio asked about

the process of this the state taking over elections. Ken Cranell stated that this is not an unfunded mandated quoting back to when he worked with the state. Law was passed under the premise it was already in town budget. Legislator Provenzano went on to say she brought it up because it has come up before and she believes it will come up again.

Motion made: Motion to hold until the following weeks meeting 5/20/14
Made by: Legislator Rodriguez
Seconded by: Legislator Provenzano
In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed until 5/20/14

Motion No. 4 Resolution No. 158 - May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 158** - Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: none

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5**Resolutions No. 159 – May 20, 2014**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 159** - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2014 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 10 of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code for the County of Ulster, State of New York) To Require Cost Benefit Analysis As Part Of The Financial Impact On Resolutions Approving The Execution Of Private Contracts And Private Contract Amendments In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County For Public Services) To Be Held On Tuesday, June 17, 2014 At 7:00 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: A discussion ensued talking points included the following:

- Legislator Provenzano would like to know more about what this is
- Legislative Chair Parete said it is to get more info on contracts with an analysis for both the public and legislature.
- Ken Cornell said this is very broadly worded proposal and his office is prepared with facts and figures.
- Susan Plonski said she doesn't know what a "private" contract is in terms of the county; the attorney's agreed that all county contracts in essence are public contracts.
- Cappy Weiner proposed this work would already be done gave example of Golden Hill
- The way the Resolution is "taken" was disagreed upon
- Legislative Chair Parete says he feels we should see the analysis and every contract should have analysis done we just want to see it. "no more guess work"
- Legislature Rodriguez state the language needs to be corrected and we should hold off.
- Cappy Weiner said some of the questions the resolution asks can be answered without an analysis. i.e. environmental impact
- Legislature Bartels and others agreed they like the idea but wondered what would we have to analyze according to the resolution
- Bea posed the question what would the cost of the cost benefit analysis be?
- Legislature Belfiglio and Provenzano discussed the process of Golden Hill
- Legislature Gerentine said no one is questioning the need just the terminology is written in a way that makes the vehicle moveable.

- Legislative Chair Parete stated this discussion wouldn't happen if it didn't have heart.
- Ken Wishnick talked about the manpower to accomplish this
- Ken Cranell stated that this administration prides itself off of the ability to balance the budget.

Motion made: Motion to hold until the following weeks meeting 5/20/14
Made by: Legislator Bartels
Seconded by: Legislator Maio
In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed until 5/20/14

Motion No. 6 Resolutions No. 160 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 160 -** Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2014 (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Update The Term Of Membership To The Environmental Management Council) To Be Held On Tuesday, June 17, 2014 At 7:05 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7 Resolutions No. 161 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 161** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Independent Home Care Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8 Resolutions No. 163 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 163** - Appropriating Funds From An Insurance Recovery For The Repair Of An Ulster County Area Transit Bus - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 9 Resolutions No. 165 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 165** - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) – Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget- Department Of Planning

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10 Resolutions No. 166 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 166** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of State For Funding To Conduct A Brownfield Opportunity Area Study, Step 1 – Amending The 2014- 2019 Capital Program And Establishing Capital Project No. 409- Brownfield Opportunity Area Study- Department Of Planning

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 11 Resolutions No. 167 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 167** - Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2014 Resource Allocation Plan - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – Youth Bureau

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

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12 Resolutions No. 168 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 168** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature And/Or The Ulster County Executive To Enter Into A Contract of Sale With The Kingston City School District For The Purchase Of The Sophie Finn Elementary School And Accompanying Real Estate – Department of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 13 Resolutions No. 169 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 150** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease With Ulster Savings Bank For Space To Be Used By The Board Of Elections – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

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

Discussion: Legislature Bartels asked how long we have been at this location.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 14 Resolutions No. 170 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 170** - Establishing Capital Project No. 410 Reconstruction Of Various Roads In Ulster County – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislature Bartels asked how roads are standardized. Ken Crannell and Burt Gulnick said they would follow up with her.

Amended: New text was added to the resolution

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 15 Resolutions No. 172 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 172** - Establishing Capital Projects Nos. 411 and 412 For Replacement/Reconstruction Of Various County Bridges And Box Culverts – 2014 Bridge Replacement Program – Highways And Bridges

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 16 Resolutions No. 176 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 176** - Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 17 Resolutions No. 177 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 177** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Two Parcels Of County-Owned Property Acquired Pursuant to Article 11 Of the Real Property Tax Law For Unpaid Taxes To The Town of Saugerties – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: Bea stated this was a parcel property where taxes were not paid was accessed as vacant. Legislative council found out property had a well that was servicing residents in the area. Owner never charged a fee for water. County does not want to be in the business of owning a well. Town wanted to acquire it.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 18 Resolutions No. 178 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 178** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Schoharie

County To Provide Micrographics Services And For Microfilm Processing And Duplication –
County Clerk

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: Legislature Bartels asked about why there is a don not exceed amount also if this is profitable. Legislature Gerentine asked the Fiscal Analyst Donald Quesnell to look into this.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 19 Resolutions No. 179 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 179** - Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Refund The Purchase Price Of A Parcel Of Real Property Previously Sold At Public Auction – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Provenzano

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 20 Resolutions No. 180 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 180** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Two Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property Previously Owned By The Lower Esopus River Watch, Inc. To The Town Of Rosendale – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Bea stated this was acquired pursuant to a court order. These two pieces are important to the town of Rosendale it will help them with drainage and potentially a park.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 21 Resolutions No. 181 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 181 - Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of 300 Flatbush Avenue And Approximately 7.53 Acres Of Vacant Land In The Town Of Ulster To The Ulster County Development Corporation, A Local Development Corporation**

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 22 Resolutions No. 182 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 182 - Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held On June 17, 2014 At 7:15 PM And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning**

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 23 LATE - Resolutions No. 186 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 186** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Drescher & Malecki LLP– Legislature

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Gerentine stated this contract was done through the audit committee and was able to be negotiated at a lower price.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 24 Resolution No. 185 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 185** - Establishing A Financial Records Access Policy

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

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio said this resolution makes sense. The legislator routinely makes decisions which would require us to have access to records. Ken Crannell stated the routinely gave these reports to the legislature and they would stop printing them now.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 25 Resolutions No. 162 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 162** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette Inc. d/b/a New Castle Communications – Department Of Information Services

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

Discussion: Legislator Maio explained how it was postponed in Economic Development Committee. The commissioner of information services said this resolution cancels a majority of Verizon lines coming into the county and replacing them with a new system. A savings of \$90,000.00 dollars a year was quoted. It was asked of what happens if the power goes out. It was explained there is a backup in order.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 26 Resolutions No. 174 – May 20, 2014

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 174** - Establishing Capital Project No. 413 Voice Over IP Phone System Implementation – Department Of Information Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: none.

Amended: Resolution Dollar amount was amended.
Motion Made By: Legislator Provenzano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Bartels, Belfiglio, Maio, Provenzano and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

New Business

Old Business

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm.

Dated the 15th day of May, 2014
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: June 11, 2014