

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 12, 2015 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB
PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Gerentine, Chairman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell
PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius(@5:20), Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio(@5:15),Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Greene, Ronk, Wishnick, Legislative Counsel Weiner, Ragucci, Guerin County Attorneys Jonathan Engel, Clinton Johnson, Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive Bob Sudlow, Joe Eriole, Daniel Torres, Alicia Demarco, Andy Kossover, Suzanne Holt, Pat Doxsey, Victoria Fabella

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM**

Motion No. 1: Approving the Minutes of July 15, 2015, July 15, 2015 Joint Meeting and July 21, 2015.

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve the Minutes of July 15, 2015, July 15, 2015 Joint Meeting and July 21, 2015.

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: July 15, 2015 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
July 15, 2015 Joint Meeting Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
July 21, 2015 Minutes - Legislators Gerentine, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: July 15, 2015 Minutes – 7
July 15, 2015 Joint Meeting Minutes - 7
July 21, 2015 Minutes – 7

No. of Votes Against 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 315 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 315 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Ulster Savings Bank For Office Space For The Public Defender’s Office - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: Andy Kossover spoke regarding the lease, and the increase in cost. He stated it was due to the additional family court judge. He gave an explanation regarding the security problem and how they need to get back up town.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 271 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 271 – August 18, 2015 - Appropriating Funds From The District Attorney Forfeiture Reserve Account - Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County District Attorney’s Office

Motion Made By: Legislator R. Parete
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4: Resolution No. 300-302 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Motion to Block the Following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 300 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 301 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rolling V Bus Corp – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 302 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Arthur F. Mulligan Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5: Resolution No. 300-302 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve The Previously Blocked Resolutions.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 303 – August 18, 2015**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 303 – August 18, 2015 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children’s Home Of Poughkeepsie NY, Inc. – Department Of Social Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Legislator Belfiglio spoke regarding the contract. He stated he was in contact with Ken Crannell, and that the contracts for Foster Care have doubled. He asked where the contracts have been billed out of. Ken Crannell said this is not due to an increase in number but a realignment of people. He went on to say these are very expensive clients due to varying reasons. Ken Crannell said this amendment was budgeted for. Legislator Bartels asked if the \$900,000 is an increase in the not-to-exceed amount. It was explained that it was. Ken Crannell verified again that this has been budgeted for. Legislator Belfiglio said what concerns him is that the contracts have doubled. Legislator Bartels said Ken has stated money is going down elsewhere. Don Quesnell asked if there was going to be an inter fund transfer for this. Ken Crannell said there would not be this is budgeted for in the current budget. Legislator Gerentine verified with everyone that the money is in our current budget. Legislator Belfiglio stated that the contract amendment for this amount implies you didn’t expect this expense. Legislator Allen asked Ken Crannell based on these contract amounts if there is any cushion room left. Ken Crannell stated we are within expected expenses.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 304-312 – August 18, 2015**

Text of Motion: Motion to Block the Following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 304 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 305 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Multi County Community Development Corporation – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 306 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc – Department Of Social Services

Resolution No. 307 – August 18, 2015 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc – Department Of Probation

Resolution No. 308 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Drinking Water Enhancement Program – Department Of Health

Resolution No. 309 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The United States Geological Survey To Continue The Joint Funding Agreement For Water Resources Investigations – Department of Health

Resolution No. 310 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Expand Public Transit Service Between Ulster And Dutchess County (LINK) – Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution No. 311 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Call A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For An Application To The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 312 – August 18, 2015 - 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 2015 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Planning

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8: Resolution No. 304-312 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Approving The Previously Blocked Resolutions

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 9: Resolution No. 313– August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 313 – August 18, 2015 -** Confirming Ulster County’s Intention To Join A Network and Internet Bandwidth Consortium And Authorizing Ulster BOCES To Act On Ulster County’s Behalf For The Purpose Of Securing A Bid For Internet Bandwidth – Department Of Information Services

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Maloney asked how many towns asked to be involved. Bob Sudlow stated 4 towns have requested to be involved. Legislator Bartels asked how we reached out to the towns. Ken Crannell said it was BOCES who was heading this. Legislator Maloney said it is not too late. Legislator Archer said what towns

have requested to be involved. Bob Sudlow said Ulster, Saugerties, New Paltz, and he couldn't remember the last but it was 4 of the bigger ones.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10: Resolution No. 314 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Postpone Resolution No. 314 – August 18, 2015 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance To Implement The Recommendations Of The Ellenville Million Committee - Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning

Motion Made By: Legislator Briggs
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Gerentine spoke stating that he feels that no one has a problem with the intent but that which agencies are receiving funds is in questions. He gave Suzanne Holt the floor to explain the contract. Suzanne Holt gave an explanation over the process, the committee, and how a report was given to help determine how money would be spent. Legislator Bartels stated she felt the financial impact for the resolution should be \$1 million dollars and that the Legislatures oversight stops as soon as this is passed. She went on to say that no one questions the need of Ellenville but she wanted the details regarding what the million is going to. A discussion ensued on the details of the program. Legislator Gerentine motioned to postpone the resolution until the 18th.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed until August 18th

Motion No. 11: Resolution No. 316 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 316 – August 18, 2015 -**
Establishing Capital Project Nos. 392 through 402
HVAC/Weatherization Project – Various County Buildings –
Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio,
Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12: Resolution No. 318 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 318 – August 18, 2015 -**
Authorizing The Commissioner of Finance To Accept The New
York State Department Of Environmental Conservation's Offer To
Purchase A Parcel Of County-Owned Real Property In The Town
Of Lloyd And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County
Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Allen

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio,
Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 13: Resolution No. 319 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 319 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Properties For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcels – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Allen

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 14: Resolution No. 320 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 320 – August 18, 2015 - Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance

Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 15: Resolution No. 321 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 321 – August 18, 2015 -** Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13,1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes

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

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 9

No. of Votes Against 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 16: Resolution No. 322 – August 18, 2015

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Postpone Resolution No. 322 – August 18, 2015 -** Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Employed By The County Of Ulster That Work A Minimum of Seventeen Hours Per Calendar Week, Or Thirty-Four Hours Per Pay Period

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Briggs

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked for a financial impact on this resolution. Legislator J. Parete said they have asked for this information 3 separate time prior to this meeting. Legislator Gerentine said he has called Ken Crannell asking for the information and has not received it yet. Ken Crannell stated he has the information and would tell the committee. He said no full time employees are affected by this and as of January 1, 2016 only 6 part time employees will make 14.72 an hour. Legislator Bartels asked what would happen to the part time summer employees. It was explained seasonal employees are not included under the definition in the resolution. A discussion ensued on the implications of adopting this.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Gerentine, Gregorius, Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, R. Parete, J. Parete
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	9
No. of Votes Against	0
Disposition:	Postponed 1 month

New Business

- Bob Sudlow asked that more time be given to discuss the Court House as it is an important topic and the remaining time does not do this topic justice. He asked that a subcommittee be established to discuss this topic. He said the Legislative body has to decide where this is going to go. Legislator J. Parete stated a year ago a subcommittee was established and they were told to buzz off. The committee has decided to have a special committee of the Ways & Means committee an hour before the first committee meeting in September.
- Legislator R. Parete brought up the legality of the vote in Orange County regarding the transfer of the Nursing Home. He recommended we revisit the sale of our nursing home. Legislator Gerentine asked Clinton Johnson to have something to present at the committee at the next meeting.
- Legislator Gerentine brought up the submission of the RRA's budget to the Legislative body. He asked Legislator J. Parete to write a letter to the RRA requesting it. Legislator J. Parete agreed to.
- Legislator Gerentine brought up the O'Connor Davies Report and stated he disagrees with some of the outcomes. He sighted the inconsistencies in time sheets. Legislator Belfiglio stated everyone should be on the biometric time clocks. Deputy Comptroller Joe Eriole said the issue with the biometric system is that the system is still having problems with some of the functions and they want to make sure it works before they go county wide. He said all of the comments in the report regarding time keeping issues would not be addressed by the biometric time clock.

Old Business

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Maio, seconded by Legislator Allen and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Dated the 20th day of August, 2015
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
Minutes Approved On: September 9, 2015