

## **Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 17, 2018 – 5:30  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Richard Gerentine, Chairman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Amber Feaster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Laura Petit, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Craig  
V. Lopez, James F. Maloney, and Joseph Maloney  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Julius Collins, David Donaldson, Manna Jo Greene,  
Heidi Haynes, Jonathan Heppner, Kathy Nolan, Hector  
Rodriguez, and Brian Woltman; Fawn Tantillo, Confidential  
Secretary to the Legislative Chairman; Kyle Barnett, Legislative  
Counsel; Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive; Burt Gulnick,  
Commissioner of Finance; Dr. Carol Smith, Commissioner of  
Health and Mental Health; Kristin Carney, Deputy Director of  
Health Admin; Jennifer Clark and Marie Bing, County Attorney;  
Elliot Auerbach, Comptroller; Evan Gallo, Alicia DeMarco, and  
Randy Boughton, Office of the Comptroller; Patricia Doxsey,  
Daily Freeman

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 141** – Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$392,480.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Slope Stabilization On Various County Roads, In And For Said County

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$392,480.00 in bonds for amendments authorized for Capital Project No. 475 – Slope Analysis & Stabilization.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney,  
and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 143** – Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$262,397.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Installation Of Shoulders Along Route 299, In And For Said County

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$262,397.00 in bonds for amendments authorized for Capital Project No. 488 – Installation Of Shoulders Along Route 299, Towns Of New Paltz And Gardiner – Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Not On The State Highway System.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 146** – Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$425,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$425,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$425,000.00 in bonds for Capital Project No. 525 – Reconstruction Of Various Roads In Ulster County.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 147 – Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to accept specified payments for the included parcels from the parcel owners, and authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to make, execute, and deliver to the owner making payment, a quitclaim deed conveying the interest of the County in the parcel.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Bartels  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney (James)

**Discussion:** Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, confirmed that the Resolution is correct and has been properly verified.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 131 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Westchester Medical Center – Department Of Health**

**Resolution Summary:** This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Westchester Medical Center to extend the term of agreement from April 30, 2018 through April 30, 2021 for postmortem laboratory testing, forensic pathology, histology, and diener services for \$450,700.00.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** Deputy County Executive, Ken Crannell, explained that the County had a long-term relationship with an individual who declined to continue the contract with the County due to an increased workload; upon notification, the County published a Request For Proposal (RFP), which resulted in an interim contract with an individual who then started working with Westchester Medical, which led to the current contract. Further, Ken Crannell explained the benefits of this contract. Discussion pursued concerning the various methods utilized to calculate the cost per autopsy which vary between the Office of the Comptroller's report and the County Executive's report. Alicia DeMarco, Director of Internal Audit Control, emphasized that the intent of the

Comptroller's report is to highlight the increase in costs of autopsy-related services over the past few years and to ask that the County Executive and the Legislature research the matter by conducting an analysis to confirm that the costs are in line with industry standards and an in-house alternative would not be more affordable. Ken Crannell emphasized the improvements in autopsy-related services that are directly correlated to the contract in question, stating that the bulk of Departmental increases were due to increased staffing which was required to provide 24/7 coverage and to handle additional workload. Discussion pursued on the available options the County has pertaining to the contract's contents.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

**Motion No. 6: To invite the County Executive's Office and the Office of the Comptroller to the upcoming meeting of the Ways & Means Committee for further evaluation and discussion of autopsy-related costs**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (Joseph)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:** Chairman Gerentine suggested continuing the discussion and evaluation at the next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee. Legislator Nolan requested inclusion of the Public Health Committee. Committee members were in agreement.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** 2019 Budget Analysis – Contract Extension with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLP

**Motion No. 7: To exercise the last option to extend contract with PFK O'Connor Davies, LLC for analysis of the 2019 Executive Recommended Budget**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lopez

**Discussion:** Committee members asked if there were any other options, discussing the RFP process and timeline. Legislator Archer asked if Committee members were happy with the current contract. Chairman Gerentine confirmed satisfaction with the contract, stating that the Organization is very accommodating.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Lopez, and James Maloney  
**Voting Against:** Legislators Petit, Archer, Bartels, and Joseph Maloney  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 4  
**Disposition:** Defeated

**Motion No. 8: To create a new Request For Proposal (RFP) for the 2019 Executive Recommended Budget Analysis**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney (James)  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, James Maloney, and Joseph Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Approved

**New Business (Continued):** Deputy County Executive, Ken Crannell, informed Committee members that the Committee will see a Resolution in the upcoming month for additional staffing to meet the health and safety needs of the Department of Social Services. Chairman Gerentine requested that the funding for the included positions does not come from Contingency. Ken Crannell agreed to be prepared to discuss this Resolution in detail. Legislator Archer requested the information two weeks in advance of the upcoming Ways & Means Committee meeting in order to provide Committee members with an adequate amount of time for evaluation of the materials.

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**Old Business:** None

Chairman Gerentine asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

### **Adjournment**

<b>Motion Made By:</b>	Legislator Bartels
<b>Motion Seconded By:</b>	Legislator Archer
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	7
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0

<b>Time:</b>	6:13 PM
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<b>Respectfully submitted:</b>	Amber Feaster
<b>Minutes Approved:</b>	May 8, 2018