

## Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** August 20, 2019 – 5:30  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building,  
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Lynn Archer, Chairwoman  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Natalie Kelder  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Richard Gerentine (5:33), Mary Beth Maio,  
Joseph Maloney, Laura Petit, Hector Rodriguez, and Ken  
Ronk  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Dean Fabiano and Kathy Nolan; David Gordon,  
Legislative Counsel; Nick Pascale, Minority Counsel; Marc  
Rider, Deputy County Executive; John Quigley, Deputy  
Commissioner of Elections; Tom Kadgen, League of Women  
Voters

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM**

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**Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 15** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 10, 2019 At 6:00 PM

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**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney requested to postpone this for another month.

**Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 15** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 10, 2019 At 6:00 PM

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**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maloney  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney, Petit, Rodriguez, and Ronk

**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. 366** – Authorizing Preliminary Engineering/Design Expenses In Connection With Infrastructure Improvements To The Ulster County Fairgrounds, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$90,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$90,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$90,000.00 bonds for County Fair Ground Improvements to upgrade the septic, gray water, domestic water, and water storage systems.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Petit

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney, Petit, Rodriguez, and Ronk

**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. 369** – Authorizing The Construction Of Improvements To Creekside Drive In The Town Of Shandaken, In And For The County Of

Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$360,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$360,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the issuance of \$360,000.00 bonds for Creekside Drive Road Settlement professional services and materials.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Petit  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Gerentine

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maio, Maloney, Petit, Rodriguez, and Ronk

**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. 376** – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Board Of Elections For Expenses Related To The Purchase Of Equipment And Services Necessary For Early Voting In Ulster County And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Board Of Elections

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Board of Elections to accept reimbursement of \$223,991.00 for the purchase of Electronic Pool Books and other Early Voting materials.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Ronk  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:** Legislator Gerentine questioned what happens if the County does not receive this money the following year.

John Quigley, Deputy Commissioner of Elections, stated that they are anticipating approximately \$70,000 in additional annual expenses for maintenance. John Quigley also explained that they are doing everything to minimize the long-term impact by maximizing what the grant money is being spent on.

Legislator Ronk noted that the Electronic Poll Book will eventually become mandatory, and it is likely that funding will no longer be offered for it.

Legislator Rodriguez echoed Legislator Ronk and added that this is an investment to make it more accessible for residents to vote.

Legislator Maloney commented that if the State of New York removed the ‘reason requirement’ for an absentee ballot, you would have nearly free early voting.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Maio, Maloney, Petit, Rodriguez, and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Gerentine  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 377** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – KNOWiNK, LLC D/B/A KNOWiNK – Board Of Elections

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with KNOWiNK LLC to provide software, hardware, maintenance, support and training for Poll Pad and Poll Print tablet based electronic ballot system.

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Maio, Maloney, Petit, Rodriguez, and Ronk  
**Voting Against:** Legislator Gerentine  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 1  
**Disposition:** Approved

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**New Business:** Chairwoman Archer distributed the proposed budget schedule and indicated that Department Heads will attend the standing meetings as was done last year.

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**Old Business:**

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Chairman Archer asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Ronk

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 5:41 PM

**Respectfully submitted:** Natalie Kelder  
**Minutes Approved:** September 10, 2019