

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 7, 2018 – 5:00
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th 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, Mary Beth Maio, and James F. Maloney
ABSENT: Legislator Joseph Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Julius Collins; Nicholas Pascale, Legislative Counsel;
Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive; Jennifer Clark and Marie
Bing, County Attorney; Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman

- **Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM**
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Motion No. 1: To approve the Minutes of July 9, 2018, July 10, 2018 and July 17, 2018

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney
(James)
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 322 – Establishing New Fees For Parking At The County Office Building

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adjusts the fees to park in the parking lot at the Ulster
County Office Building from \$0.75/1st hour plus \$0.35/additional hour to a maximum of \$3.00 to
\$1.00/1st hour plus \$0.50 for each additional hour to a maximum of \$5.00, effective September 4,
2018.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Legislator Bartels confirmed that no fee is charged to park at the Courthouse. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, explained that it would cost the County more money than it would make to charge for parking at the Courthouse but that the County building is able to cover its costs. Legislator Bartels expressed concern over the availability of parking at the Court for individuals doing business at the facility, requesting an analysis of what the County building costs and if people parking in the Court lot are using the parking lot for purposes related to the Court or if they're going to a nearby facility. Legislator Archer inquired if the County Building's parking lot is intended to be utilized by individuals conducting business within the County Building or if it's intended for anyone regardless of where they are doing business and if it is possible to designate the lot for County-building use only. Marc Rider confirmed that the lot is currently a municipal lot. The Committee requested an analysis of where people are doing business when they park within the County building lot. Discussion pursued on the availability of parking at the aforementioned facilities.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To discuss Resolution No. 325 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Netsmart Technologies, Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Netsmart Technologies, Inc to extend the term of agreement for an additional year through July 31, 2019 for home care software maintenance for an additional \$24,075.60, making the contract total \$533,583.03.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked if the Resolution was seen by the Public Health and Social Services Committee. Legislator James Maloney confirmed that the contract pertains to software and is not required to be seen by the Committee. Legislator Bartels asked if an analysis has been performed on how frequently maintenance calls are made. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, agreed to follow up with this information.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 326 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. from August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023 for land records software and implementation services for \$435,500.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked if this contract is implementing a fee component or if this is a new service, stating that if the contract results in charging the public for what is currently a free service there should be a debate on the matter. Further, Legislator Bartels emphasized that the services in discussion are about freedom of information, access to information, and transparency in government, and that she wants to understand the conditions of the contract in full.

Motion No. 5: To postpone Resolution No. 326 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Info Quick Solutions, Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Info Quick Solutions, Inc. from August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2023 for land records software and implementation services for \$435,500.00.

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

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 327 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Computer Professionals International Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Computer Professionals International, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount due to an increased need for professional technical services and after hours support coverage from May 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for an additional \$45,000.00, making the contract total \$365,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Legislator Bartels asked what technical professional services the contract covers. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, explained that the contract is for a software consultant that provides support for all matters beyond the whelm of the Ulster County help desk and that it is based off a State Contract. Further, Marc Ride confirmed that the term “foreign business” means foreign to New York State.

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

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 328 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette, Inc. D/B/A Newcastle Communications – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment with Gioia P. Ambrette, Inc D/B/A Newcastle Communications to extend the term of agreement for an additional year through October 21, 2019 for maintenance services of County’s Voice-over-Internet-Protocol for an additional \$141,848.79, making the contract total \$400,482.87.

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Legislator Bartels confirmed that this contract is for the Voice Over Internet Protocol. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, explained that this contract amendment is to extend services for

phones which the County owns in order to extend their useful life to get the most usage out of them possible. Moreover, Marc Rider stated that the County plans to go out to bid to see if it makes sense to move to a cloud-based system which would require the purchase of brand new phones.

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

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 338 – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Alcoholism And Substance Abuse Services For Workforce Cost Of Living Adjustments– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves a contract amendment and amendment to the 2018 Ulster County Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) of increased funding for Workforce Cost of Living Adjustments as per OASAS State Aid letters.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion: Legislator Petit explained that she is voting “no” on this Resolution due to its inclusion of Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS).

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)
Voting Against: Legislator Petit
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 339 – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supported Housing And Vital Access– Department Of Mental Health

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes a contract amendment and amendment to the 2018 Ulster County Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) of increased funding for Supported Housing and Vital Access as per OMH State Aid letters.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion: Legislator Petit explained that she is voting “no” on this Resolution due to its inclusion of RSS.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

Voting Against: Legislator Petit

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 340 – Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2018 Resource Allocation Plan – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This Resolution approves the Ulster County Youth Bureau’s 2018 Resource Allocation Plan in the amount of \$266,192.00 in order to qualify for reimbursement from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 341 – Amending the 2018 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging For The Medicare Improvements for Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) – Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This Resolution amends the 2018 Ulster County Budget upon receipt of notification from the New York State Office for the Aging of funding for the 2017-18 Federal Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Program in the amount of \$2,988.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

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

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 342 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Defense Program – Ulster County Public Defender

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of Ulster County’s participation in the New York Aid to Defense Project for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (James)

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

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 343 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Division Of Criminal Justice Services Grant – Amending The 2018 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to accept a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of hard case tourniquets for each member to wear on their duty belts, and amends the 2018 Ulster County Budget accordingly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

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

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 345 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey The Poor Farm Reservoir Property, Tax Map No. 86.1-1-41, To The City Of New York Without Consideration Pursuant To Section 72-h Of The New York State General Municipal Law – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to convey the included property in fee to the City of New York without consideration, excepting only that the City of New York shall pay all costs associated with or required for said conveyance, with all rights reserved within the deed.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, explained that the included property is located near the Mohonk Preserve and the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) aqueduct, that the property was historically used as a water supply for the Poorhouse and more recently for the Fair Grounds, and that a few years ago the County had a water system put in for the Fair Grounds so the property is no longer in use. Further, Marc Rider expressed that the property is considered a liability for the County and that the DEP has requested the land. Legislator James Maloney inquired of a stone structure on the property. Marie Bing, Esq., Assistant County Attorney, stated that a dam was built on the property but that it was destroyed because people were using the pond as a swimming hole and liability became a concern so the structure may be remnants of the dam. Legislator Petit said that the Town and Village of New Paltz have been looking for water sources, asking if the County has approached these municipalities to see if they were interested in it. Marc Rider answered that since dam has been removed from the property he's not sure that it is much of a water source and that the DEP only wants the property because of its location in relation to the DEP's aqueduct. Legislator Archer asked if anyone has spoken to New Paltz. Marc Rider answered that he is not aware of any discussions with these municipalities. Legislator Bartels noted that some of Mohonk Preserve's trails are on the property, asking why the County feels it's necessary to complete this transaction. Marc Rider said that the County does not want the liability associated

with the property. Marie Bing, Esq. noted that there is a prior resolution which has already conveyed the property to the DEP (Res No. 246 of 2016), that the agreement was discussed thoroughly with Mohonk and that Monhonk did approve the deed as is. Marc Rider emphasized that the rights are reserved to Mohonk and since the property has been up for public auction in the past Mohonk has had the opportunity to purchase it and has chosen not to. Legislator Bartels asked when the property was up for public auction and if it has it been analyzed to see if it is of historic significance. Marie Bing, Esq. confirmed that the property has been analyzed. Legislator Bartels asked to see the letter confirming this. Marie Bing, Esq. agreed to follow up with the Committee to distribute the information being requested for review prior to the next meeting.

Motion No. 15: To postpone Resolution No. 345 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey The Poor Farm Reservoir Property, Tax Map No. 86.1-1-41, To The City Of New York Without Consideration Pursuant To Section 72-h Of The New York State General Municipal Law – Department Of Public Works

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Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gerentine, Petit, Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, and Maloney (James)

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

New Business: None

Old Business:

Commissioner of Finance Response to Finance and Budget Departments Staffing Levels

Discussion: Chairman Gerentine informed the Committee that discussion on this topic will take place at the September 12, 2018 Committee

meeting with Burt Gulnick, Commissioner of Finance, and Lisa Cutten, Director of ACE, present.

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

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:35 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster

Minutes Approved: September 12, 2018