

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 15, 2019 – 4:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder & Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Richard Gerentine, David B. Donaldson, Mary
Beth Maio Joseph Maloney, and Laura Petit
ABSENT: Legislator Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Manna Jo Greene and Kathy Nolan; Legislative
Counsel, David Gordon; Deputy County Executive, Marc Rider;
Deputy County Executive, John Milgrim; Commissioner of
Finance, Burt Gulnick; Director of Innovation, Timothy
Weidemann; Deputy Commissioner of the Board of Elections,
Jennifer Fuentes; Penny Coleman, Ulster People; Dave
Thompson, League of Women Voters

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM**
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Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick spoke from 4:35 PM to 4:41 PM providing an overview of Real Property, including the volume of work being produced out of the Department, a description of what revenues are recorded, and the reasons behind increases in appropriations, answering any Committee questions.

Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick spoke from 4:41 PM to 4:42 PM providing a review of the Budget Department, including staffing and appropriations, answering any Committee questions.

Commissioner of Finance, Burt Gulnick spoke from 4:42 PM to 4:54 PM providing a line item review of the Finance Department, including changes to staffing, revenues, and appropriations, a description of the financial analyst position which was relocated from the ACE division to the Finance division, and an overview of the Department's role in servicing the County's financial software, answering any Committee questions. Additionally, Mr. Gulnick noted a new Capital Project in the 2020 Executive Recommended Capital Improvement Program for a new tax software.

Director of Innovation, Timothy Weidemann spoke from 4:54 PM to 5:20 PM providing a description of the department, an overview the Department’s mission and purpose, and a line item review of appropriations, answering any Committee questions. Further discussion pursued on the Ulster 2040 Working Group on Economic, Community, and Workforce Development, including the group’s members, meetings, purpose, and relationship with the Innovation Department.

Deputy County Executive, Marc Rider spoke from 5:20 PM to 5:37 PM providing a description of specific positions and their relationship with the department, an explanation of a raise given to an Assistant Deputy County Executive in the current year and recommended to continue in 2020, and a line item review of appropriations, answering any Committee questions.

Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 424 – Authorizing Purchase Of Buses, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,745,480.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,745,480.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$1,745,480.00 of bonds for amendments to Capital Project No. 529 for the purchase of two (2) 26’ cutaway buses to accommodate the expansion of service into the City of Kingston, three (3) 35’ transit buses to replace three (3) buses which have reached the end of their useful life, and associated spare bus parts.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 429 – Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$477,385.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For Said County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$477,385.00 of bonds for amendments to the 2019 Capital Fund Budget to account for the full amount of a grant which was not expended in the 2017 operating budget which can be applied to the “County Wide Radio System” project.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 434 – Authorizing Safety Roof Improvements To The Kingston Center At Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, 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 of bonds for Capital Project No. 522 for the roof at the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster, located at 94 Mary’s Avenue in Kingston, which is in need of safety platform and railing for OSHA compliance.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 436 – Authorizing Improvements To The Heating Ventilating And Air-Conditioning Systems At The County Information Services Building, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$74,600.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$74,600.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$74,600.00 of bonds Capital Project No. 549 for the replacement of the HVAC unit for the building housing the Department of Information Services at 25 S. Manor in Kingston.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: None

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Gerentine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:39 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster
Minutes Approved: November 12, 2019