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## **Legislative Chairman David B. Donaldson Announces The Webcasting Of Monthly Meetings Live**

KINGSTON - The Ulster County Legislature will begin live webcasting of its regular month meetings beginning with the session this Wednesday, September 10th.

There will be no direct cost to County taxpayers as the funding is being provided by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, D-Kingston, through the not-for-profit Statewide Media Project, Inc.

“We are thrilled to be able to bring live coverage of our County government directly to residents of the county, who might not otherwise be able to attend our meetings,” said County Legislature Chairman David Donaldson. “As a public official and an educator, I can attest to the worth of placing a complete and open spotlight on our local government. I look forward to receiving feedback from our residents about the issues we deliberate as they watch them unfold live on the Internet.”

“Bringing local government deliberations into the homes of the people of our communities is, in effect, creating the Electronic Town Square. In this modern world, the core concepts of representative democracy are best served when the public has a window on the processes of government and our elected officials carry out the peoples' business in the open,” said Cahill. “That is why I support CSPAN for our Federal government, gavel-to-gavel coverage of the State Legislature and now the webcasting of the Ulster County Legislature.”

“The Statewide Media Project, Inc., is on the cutting edge of providing direct access to the halls of power, of keeping the public informed and bringing government out in the open. I am proud to help move this ambitious project forward,” said Cahill.

The live coverage will be available by logging onto [www.co.ulster.ny.us](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us). The meeting begins at 7 PM.

Technical support for the webcasts is being provided by Total Webcasting of New Paltz.