ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MARY BETH MAIO, Majority Leader
HECTOR S. RODRIGUEZ, Minority Leader
VICTORIA A. FABELLA, Clerk

MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN:  7:10 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Girl Scout Gold Award honoree Ashley Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance.  Ashley is a member of Troop 60383 from Gardiner, New York who was recognized at the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Gold Award Ceremony at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel on March 11, 2017.  One of Ashley’s many projects included renovating rooms at People’s Place in Kingston used for private consultation.

Chairman Kenneth Ronk called upon Legislator Tracey Bartels, District No. 16, to present Ashley with a Pride of Ulster County Award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST SESSION THEME:    Farm to Table Awareness Month. From Ulster County Farms to Your Table.

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Session.
MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: Present: 22 Absent: 1 (Legislator John Parete)

Note: Legislator John Parete arrived at 7:26 PM.

BIRTHDAYS:

Fiscal Analyst, Amber Feaster, August 10th
Legislator, Mary Wawro, August 20th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Chairman

Ulster Prevention Board Appt. Inquiry
Revolving Loan Fund Committee Re-Appointments, Legislator’s Hector Rodriguez, Richard Gerentine & James Maloney, Randall Leverette, Ward Todd, Danny Savona, Alice Rea Kurman-Dostrubal Term Expires 12/31/17
Revolving Loan Fund Committee Thank You Letters, Daniel Johnson, Sean Verney Appointment UC Human Rights Commission, Jeff Rindler Expires 12/31/17
Special Oversight Family Court Renovation Committee Request for Information

UC Legislator Herbert Litts III
COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

NYSAC
Assemblyman, Peter D. Lopez
UC Regional Chamber of Commerce
Leroy Hogan

Angelina Vail-Bouros
NYS Assoc. County Coroners & Med. Examiners

UC Dept. of Finance
UC Planning Department
CMRR Ernest Hunt
UCAT- Dir. of Transportation Carol Hargrove
UC Tourism
The Jeffrey Lee Family
Cornell University Cooperative Ext.
Town of Shandaken, Supervisor R. Stanley

The Jane Prusak Family
Don Tallerman, Dragon Search Founder
Judy Tallerman, Senate Garage Owner
Julia Farr, Kingston Land Trust
City of Kingston, Mayor Steven Noble,
Onteora Central School Dist., Sup.Victoria McLaren
Bread Alone, Nels Leader
Hotel Dylan, Paul Covello
Town of Woodstock, Supervisor Bill McKenna
Meg Carey, Glenford NY
Central Hudson
UC Personnel Department
Hudson Hall
James Halloran
Timothy Temple
UC DPW, Interim Comm. Thomas Jackson

County News
HITS Endurance, John Eickman
The Tesoriero Law Firm
Burke, Miele, Golden & Naughton, LLP

Fall Seminar, 9/13-9/15/2017
Funding, Unit Mgmt. Plan Belleayre
Ribbon Cutting Papi’s Pizza & Wings 8/1
(3) Email, Repair of Rails Inquiry
Peekamoose Blue Hole Trailhead Concerns
Hostile Letter
Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) Training
UCCC Student Survey
Ashokan Trail Easement Documents
Ashokan Trail Easement
Federal Drawdown ECHO Project
Trending, August Calendar 2017
Thank You Note
Brochure, Ulster Current
14th Annual Shandaken Day 8/19/17
Resolution Support For Bridge Naming
Thank You Note
(8) U&D Corridor (ART) Development

In Support of Catskill Mtn. Railroad
Publication, July 2017
Civil Service Examination Announcements
2017 Season Brochure
Email, Mobile Fire Simulator Story
UC Directory Request
Culvert Replmt. DeWitt Mills Rd., Town of Rosendale, 8/7/17 Closure
Vol. 49, No. 15 & 16
Letter Of Support Ashokan Rail Trail
FOIL Request & Response
FOIL Request & Response
COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Villa Veritas Foundation, Inc.
NYS Department of Labor
ProAct Inc.
Shadowland Stages, Ellenville
NYS Department of Taxation & Finance
Town of Olive Clerk, Dawn Giuditta
Gateway Community Industries

UC Clerk, Nina Postupack

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

UC Corporate Compliance Minutes 5/31
Clarification Appointment Letter
Department Public Works, Thomas Jackson
Press Release, UCAT Top 2% FTA Ranking
Budgetary Transfers, July 2017
County-Wide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan
Press Release, Shared Services Tax Plan
Reappointment OFA Advisory Council, Susan C. Koppenhaver Term Expires 6/30/2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS:        DATE:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit                          July 12, 2017
Government Efficiency and Review                                                  July 17, 2017
Law Enforcement and Public Safety                                                July 6, 2017
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services                                            July 17, 2017
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services                            July 10, 2017
July 18, 2017
Public Health and Social Services                                               July 3, 2017
Public Works and Capital Projects                                                July 5, 2017
Ways and Means                                                                July 11, 2017
                                      July 18, 2017
PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were (25) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. **Jeff Rindler, Kingston**: Mr. Rindler is the Exec. Director of the LGBTQ Center in Kingston who spoke out against Resolution Nos. 340 – Adopting The Principles of 446.13 Of The New York Code Of Rules And Regulations As The Policy Of Ulster County and 322 – Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2016, (A Local Law Prohibiting Discrimination On The Basis Of Gender Identity At Places Of Public Accommodation, Resort Or Amusement.) Mr. Rindler anticipated comprehensive legislation would be put forth.

2. **Bill Ford, Kingston**: Mr. Ford asked the legislature for their help by contacting their local historians - suggesting a backup speaker and invited each legislator to attend his weekly radio program “Speak Out” on WKNY, 1490 AM, at 10AM on Saturdays.

3. **Joseph Stoeckler, Jr.**: Mr. Stoeckler a former UC Legislator and current Village Manager of Ellenville spoke in support of Resolution No. 294.

4. **Nick Mercurio**: Mr. Mercurio spoke in support of Resolution No. 327.

5. **Julia Farr, Kingston**: Ms. Farr spoke in support of Resolution No. 327.

6. **Abe Uchitelle, Kingston**: Mr. Uchitelle is President of Dragon Search and on the Board of Directors of Kingston Land Trust who spoke in support of Resolution No. 327.

7. **Scott McIntosh, Kingston**: Mr. McIntosh spoke in support of Resolution No. 327 without amendment.

8. **Laura S. Cunningham**: Ms. Cunningham opposes the proposed county fire training center be built in her community of Cottekill and provided additional petition signatures submitted for the record last month.

9. **Clare Flemming**: Ms. Flemming spoke in opposition of the proposed county fire training center being built in Cottekill.

10. **Peter Fluchere, Marlborough**: Mr. Fluchere with Catskill Mtn. RR supports Resolution No. 327 as amended to include tracks to the Glenford Dike.

11. **Mary Grehl, Shokan**: Ms. Grehl supports Resolution No. 327 as amended.
12. Ray Grehl, Shokan: Mr. Grehl supports Resolution No. 327 as amended.

13. Steve Rice, Accord: Mr. Rice is in his fifth year as Chairman of the Trails Advisory Committee who supported Res. 488 of 2015, however does not support Res. 327 as amended.


15. Angelina Bouros, Kingston: Ms. Bouros a resident and taxpayer of Ulster County spoke in favor of liberty and justice for all.

16. Dermot McQuinnen: Mr. McQuinnen spoke in favor of Resolution No. 327 having safe bike and pedestrian trails.

17. Lou Cariola, New Paltz: Mr. Cariola asked for a reduction in the speed limit on Rte. 299 west of the Carmine Liberta Bridge to the Butterville Rd/Albany Post Rd. intersection at Rte. 299 in the Town of New Paltz, a distance of 2.2 miles due to numerous accidents.


21. Lee Kalish, Kingston: Mr. Kalish spoke in support of not spending more time debating - move forward with the Ashokan trail.

22. Kevin Smith, Bearsville: Mr. Smith thanked everyone for their hard work and spoke in support of Resolution No. 327 as amended.

23. Denise Fryburg, Cottekill: Ms. Fryburg spoke in opposition of the proposed county fire training center being built in Cottekill.


25. Thomas Wanning, New Paltz: Mr. Wanning spoke in memory of Heather Hair and supports comprehensive campaign finance reform.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

**Resolution No. 223** – Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster
*DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 281** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2017, The Ulster County Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform And Accountability Law
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 320** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2016, (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter Section C-101A And The Ulster County Administrative Code Section A 30-2A, To Amend The Powers And Duties Of The Ulster County Human Rights Commission)
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 321** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2016, (A Local Law Establishing A Comprehensive Ulster County Human Rights Law)
*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 322** – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2016, (A Local Law Prohibiting Discrimination On The Basis Of Gender Identity At Places Of Public Accommodation, Resort Or Amusement)
*WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR*

**Resolution No. 340** – Adopting The Principles Of 446.13 Of The New York Code Of Rules And Regulations As The Policy Of Ulster County
*WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR*

A motion was made by Majority Leader Maio, seconded by Minority Leader Rodriguez to move Resolution Nos. 342, 343 and 344 out of the Late Resolution Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. Minority Leader Rodriguez noted Resolution No. 342 being the appointment for Commissioner of Elections, Ashley Dittus. All in favor.
Consent

287  Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Catskill Watershed Corporation—Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0

318  Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Community College – Department Of Social Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22          NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Lapp)

319  Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of $50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc. D/B/A Relph Benefit Advisors – Department Of Personnel

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0

323  Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2017, (A Local Law Repealing The Wireless Communications Surcharge Authorized By Article Six Of The County Law Of The State Of New York; And Imposing The Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant To The Authority Of Tax Law § 186-G)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0
Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0

Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0

Confirming Reappointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Board Of Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0

Amending Capital Project No. 451- Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 (PIN 8761.21) - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications and Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf of Ulster County With the New York State Department of Transportation For Funding Construction and Construction Inspection Phase And – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget - Department of Planning

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23          NOES: 0
Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget To Accept Funding From The New York State Children’s Alliance To Support The Family and Child Advocacy Center – Department Of Social Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 21 O’Neil Street, City Of Kingston, County Of Ulster, For Use As A Child And Family Advocacy Center And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute, On Behalf Of Ulster County, Any And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Amending Capital Project No. 474 – Reconstruction of Various Parking Lots – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Properties To The Original Owners – Department Of Finance

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Authorizing The Commissioner Of Finance To Accept Bids For Parcels Of County-Owned Real Property For Private Sale And Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Such Parcel – Department Of Finance

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0
338  Amending Resolution No. 286 Of 1968, Adopted February 13, 1969, Imposing Taxes On Sales And Uses Of Tangible Personal Property And Of Certain Services And On Occupancy Of Hotel Rooms And On Amusement Charges, Pursuant To Article 29 Of The Tax Law Of The State Of New York, As Amended On Various Occasions To Increase The Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes  

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:     23              NOES:     0

339  Amending the 2017 Ulster County Budget to Reinstate Sequestration Funding Due to Reinstatement of Ulster County’s 1% Temporary Sales Tax – Department of Finance  

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:     23              NOES:     0

342  Appointing – Commissioner Of Elections  

MOVED TO CONSENT

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:     23              NOES:     0

343  Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)  

MOVED TO CONSENT

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:     23              NOES:     0
Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5339(B) Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

MOVED TO CONSENT

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Non-Consent

Requiring The Payment Of A Living Wage To Employees Of Contractors And Sub-Contractors That Provide Services To The County Of Ulster

DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE

Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising

Legislator Maloney motioned, seconded by Legislator Donaldson, to strike Section C. 2. (n) of the Ulster County Bus Advertising Policy.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0
Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2017, (A Local Law To Provide For The Collection Of Village Real Property Taxes)

Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez, to refer the Resolution back to the Ways and Means Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Donaldson, J. Parete and R. Parete)

REFERRED BACK TO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 18 Of 2016, (A Local Law Prohibiting Discrimination On The Basis Of Gender Identity At Places Of Public Accommodation, Resort Or Amusement)

Legislator Belfiglio motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk, to amend the Local Law as indicated in bold and strikethrough font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 12 NOES: 11
(Noes: Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Briggs, Delaune, Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, Loughran, J. Parete and Rodriguez)

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR
Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute The Ashokan Trail Easement With The City Of New York

Legislator Greene motioned, seconded by Legislator Donaldson, to insert an additional WHEREAS (placed as 6th WHEREAS) and RESOLVED (placed as 3rd RESOLVED) to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, maximizing the public benefits of the Ulster County-owned U&D Railroad Corridor includes the highest and best combination of rail and trail; and

RESOLVED, that the final design of the Ashokan Rail Trail include leaving the existing railroad tracks operable within the U&D Corridor from MP 10 to MP 11.1, and be it further”

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 5 NOES: 18
(AYES: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, J. Parete, R. Parete, and Wawro)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Authorizing The Construction Of The Hudson Valley Rail Trail West (Phase 4), In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of $1,734,069.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of $1,734,069.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0
Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional $45,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Reconstruction Of Various Parking Lots, In And For Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Establishing Capital Project No. 509, Roof Replacement Program – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget – Department of Public Works (Building and Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Authorizing The Replacement Of Roofs At County Buildings In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of $1,580,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of $1,580,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 23  NOES: 0

Adopting The Principles Of §446.13 Of The New York Code Of Rules And Regulations As The Policy Of Ulster County

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Late Resolutions

Appointing – Commissioner Of Elections

MOVED TO CONSENT
Supporting A Grant Application To The NYS Department Of Transportation To Apply, Accept And Administer Public Transportation Modernization And Enhancement Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Capital Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

MOVED TO CONSENT

Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5339(B) Funding For Bus & Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

MOVED TO CONSENT

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Tracey Bartels.

Daniel J. Vignogna Jr., New Paltz, NY
Wallace Hoag, Pine Bush, NY
Shawn M. Saguid, Saugerties, NY
Albert N. Becker, New Paltz, NY
Gisela Wagner, Gardiner, NY
Julia A. DeFazio, Marlboro, NY
Janet G. Koch, Kingston, NY
Albert Kirk, Phoenicia, NY
John Hober, Hurley, NY
Anna Antonelli, Newburgh, NY
Rev. Roger G. Rosenkranse, Town of Ulster, NY
Richard McGuire, New Paltz, NY
Louis M. Vetter, Pine Bush, NY
Eliezer Riquelme, Newburgh, NY
Frank M. Brown, Napanoch, NY
Vivian G. Moskowitz, New Paltz, NY
Kira M. Sass, Ponte Vedra, FL
Catherine E. Becker, New Paltz, NY
Jennie E. Blaha, St. Remy, NY
Father John Nelson, Woodstock, NY
Helen Pierpoint, Stone Ridge, NY
Yolanda DiMeo, Andover, MA 100yr
Margaret C. Matthews, Saugerties, NY 103yr
Elizabeth Coombs, Kingston, NY
Dr. Bruce Hottum, Glenford, NY
Robert E. Ferrigan, Kingston, NY
Frederick Van Nostrand Sr., New Paltz, NY
Florence Tantillo Brevetti, Kingston, NY
Eddineth Monroy, New Windsor, NY
Justin “Terri” Conley, Kingston, NY
Motion by Legislator Herbert Litts, III seconded by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez to adjourn Legislative Session. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 12 Noon.