

Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget By Transferring And Appropriating Sequestered Funds From Contingency Into Various County Departments

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Richard Parete, and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, offers the following:

WHEREAS, the County Executive developed the 2014 Ulster County Budget under unprecedented fiscal challenges caused by the New York State Assembly's failure to extend the County's authority to impose an additional 1% sales tax that has been in place for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the collection of sales tax is spread across all consumers, not only those that live in Ulster County, and is a way to offset the burden of property tax payers; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Budget was developed utilizing projections relevant to two different scenarios: Ulster County being granted authority to continue the additional 1% sales tax levy on February 1, 2014, or March 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the County's authority to collect the additional 1% sales tax expired on December 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide seamless services to residents, the County Executive developed sequestration, a unique budgetary tool which provides for a progression of spending cuts should Ulster County's 1% sales tax not be extended; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the 1% additional sales tax equals a loss of revenue to Ulster County of over \$22 million for fiscal year 2014; and

WHEREAS, to partially address the potential massive loss of revenue, the adopted 2014 Ulster County Budget sequestered \$1,164,706.00, the funding necessary for various County departments to continue to provide services at their current levels, as well as management salary adjustments, and placed the funds in Contingency; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of Ulster County managers who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit have remained unchanged since 2009 and it is appropriate to increase salaries by 2% effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, the County has now been granted the authority by the New York State Legislature to continue the 1% additional sales tax rate, effective February 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 392 dated December 17, 2013, the Ulster County Legislature authorized the transfer of sequestered funds from contingency to cover the costs of services performed by contract agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to transfer the balance of the sequestered funds from the Contingency account and appropriate the funds to the appropriate budget lines of the various County department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2014 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

TRANSFER

<u>FROM</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1331-4545	Public Works	\$274,786.00
A4-1331-4544	Sheriff	\$494,305.00
A4-1331-4548	Public Transportation	\$ 35,300.00
A4-1331-4549	Municipal Dues	\$ 32,451.00
A4-1331-4543	Personnel Adjustments	\$327,864.00

<u>TO</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
various budget lines	Public Works	\$274,786.00
	Sheriff	\$494,305.00
	Public Transportation	\$ 35,300.00
	Municipal Dues	\$ 32,451.00
	Personnel Adjustments	\$327,864.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to make any and all budget adjustments necessary to transfer and appropriate the sequestered funds from contingency into the appropriate budget lines of the various County departments; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that a 2% salary adjustment for managers not represented by a collective bargaining unit effective and retroactive to January 1, 2014 is hereby approved,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Archer, Donaldson and Fabiano)

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on February 12, 2014

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$1,164,706.00 – ADDITIONAL 2014 APPROPRIATIONS

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 18th Day of February, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 20th Day of February in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
20th Day of February, 2014.

Approved by the County Executive this
21st Day of February, 2014.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive