



Sullivan County

County Legislature

Meeting Minutes - Final

Chairman Nadia Rajsz
Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello
Legislator Matt McPhillips
Legislator Brian McPhillips
Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.
Legislator Catherine Scott
Legislator Luis Alvarez
Legislator Amanda Ward
Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo

Thursday, November 21, 2024

10:30 AM

Government Center

Full Board

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Rajsz called the Full Board Meeting to order at 11:18AM.

Roll Call of Legislators

Present: Chairman Nadia Rajsz
Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello
District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips
District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott
District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone Jr.
District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward
District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo
District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez

Absent: District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips

Public Comment

1. Ken Walter made a public comment.
2. Star Hesse made a public comment.
3. Lou Setren made a public comment.

Communications

AnnMarie Martin read the communications at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

Records Destruction Notifications in accordance with LGS-01 filed by the following departments:

Human Resources dated October 7th

County Clerk dated October 7th

DFS Children's Services and CAC (formerly FVRT) dated October 9th

OFA and RSVP dated October 9th

Child Support dated October 10 and November 8th

DFS Accounting/Special Investigations and Contracts dated October 17th

DFS Foster Care/Preventive Services dated October 11 and November 8th

DMV dated October 15th

DFS CPS/APS and HEAP dated October 23 and November 12th

Temporary Assistance/SNAP, Medicare and Child Care Units dated October 28 and November 13th

Probation Department dated November 1st

DFS Foster Care dated November 1st

DPW dated November 6th

Adult Care Center dated November 7th

County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency, Sullivan County Funding Corporation and Sullivan County Infrastructure Local Development Corporation's adopted budgets for fiscal year 2025 filed by Jennifer Flad, Executive Director.

Sullivan County Municipal Report 2024 filed by Acting Deputy County Manager Michelle Huck on November 1, 2024.

Letter from NYSDOT requesting Sullivan County's input for the New York State Transportation Master Plan 2050

Resolutions

1. Authorize a modification of Resolution No. 339-24 adopted on July 25, 2024 [ID-6894](#)
Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul
Brian McPhillips moved resolutions #1-#23 in a block, seconded by Joseph Perrello, all in favor 8-0.
A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Absent: McPhillips
Enactment No: 552-24
2. Authorizes award and execution of an agreement with Metropolitan Urban Design Workshop to develop a comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The new Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will compliment the Sullivan County Coordinated Transportation Plan by identifying ways to augment use of public transportation options through opportunities to connect more effectively by walking or cycling. [ID-6901](#)
A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Absent: McPhillips
Enactment No: 553-24
3. Accept 2nd highest bidder from September 11, 2024 Real Property Auction [ID-6904](#)
A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Absent: McPhillips
Enactment No: 554-24
4. Authorize County Treasurer to issue Certificate of Withdrawal [ID-6905](#)
A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
Absent: McPhillips
Enactment No: 555-24

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5. Resolution to amend Resolution 38-23 which authorized the acceptance of grant funding from New York State Department of Transportation for the New Terminal Building [ID-6910](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 556-24

6. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute a modification agreement with EMCOR Services Betlem for Full Service Preventative Maintenance for HVAC-R at Sheriff Admin/Jail [ID-6911](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 557-24

7. Correct the 2024 Tax Roll of the Town of Fallsburg for Tax Map #20.-1-35.1 [ID-6914](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 558-24

8. Correct the 2024 Tax Roll of the Town of Neversink for Tax Map #25.-1-30 [ID-6915](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 559-24

9. To Modify the 2024 Budget [ID-6918](#)

Attachments: [October 31 2024 Resolution Needed](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 560-24

10. Authorize County Manager to Enter into a Contract Amendment with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services [ID-6920](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 561-24

11. Resolution to authorize the County Manager to execute a modification agreement with EMI Guide Rail, LLC. to complete additional construction services that can be completed with previously allocated funding, as a result of aggressive bid pricing [ID-6921](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 562-24

12. TO AUTHORIZE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THOMSON REUTERS FOR CONTINUED USE OF "CLEAR" RESEARCH PRODUCTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. [ID-6923](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 563-24

13. To amend Resolution No. 540-24 to remove the cap of \$30,000 per month for the double time for Correction Officers working overtime between September 19, 2024 and January 31, 2025. [ID-6938](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 564-24

14. Authorize the use of the DPW Fuel Supply Truck [ID-6931](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 565-24

15. Abolish the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board and its By-Laws and Rules of Order [ID-6941](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 566-24

16. To accept grant funding from the NYS Assembly for renovation and upgrade [ID-6916](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 567-24

17. To modify the contract between Dispute Resolution Center and the DSS [ID-6917](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 568-24

18. To authorize the Department of Social Services to accept a cash donation [ID-6881](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 569-24

- 19.** To enter into agreement with a Medical Assistance program for Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) services [ID-6883](#)
- A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
- Absent:** McPhillips
- Enactment No: 570-24
- 20.** To enter into an agreement with Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS) [ID-6899](#)
- A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
- Absent:** McPhillips
- Enactment No: 571-24
- 21.** Accept and/or Reject Bids made at the November 20, 2024 Public Auction [ID-6958](#)
- A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
- Absent:** McPhillips
- Enactment No: 572-24
- 22.** To participate in the Daffodil Project [ID-6959](#)
- A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
- Absent:** McPhillips
- Enactment No: 573-24
- 23.** To Enter into an Agreement with NACCHO to accept grant funds to support MRC [ID-6908](#)
- A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Joseph Perrello, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez
- Absent:** McPhillips
- Enactment No: 574-24
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24. Enact Proposed Local Law 9 of 2024 entitled “Amend Local Law 2 of 2022” [ID-6909](#)

Attachments: [LOCAL LAW to Reinsert Articles A8A, A9, and A10 of Admin Code Sullivan County Administrative Code Articles VIII to Article X](#)

Moved by Catherine Scott, seconded by Luis Alvarez, put to a Roll Call vote, resolution carried 8-0.

A motion was made by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, seconded by District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 575-24

25. To execute an agreement with the Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie. [ID-6922](#)

Brian McPhillips moved Resolutions #25-#40 in a block seconded by Catherine Scott, all in favor 8-0.

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 576-24

26. Authorize contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for purchase of tasers and accessories [ID-6929](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 577-24

27. RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CANCEL UNENFORCEABLE TAXES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON PARCELS PURSUANT TO §558 OF THE NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

[ID-6930](#)

WHEREAS, property located in the Town of Fallsburg designated on the Sullivan County Real Property Tax Map as Fallsburg 28.-1-45 is a parcel owned by Parvis Industries Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Parvis Parcel”), which has been wholly exempt pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1138 since 2001 due to an environmental hazard on the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Parvis Parcel has been exempt pursuant to RPTL §1138 since 2001 and no taxes are generated on the parcel other than a small capital charge for sewer which the County Treasurer regularly cancels and charges back to the Town of Fallsburg pursuant to a Certificate of Prospective Cancellation filed with the Sullivan County Clerk in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Town of Fallsburg caused the improvement(s) on the Parvis Parcel to be demolished and thereafter levied a demolition fee of \$46,449.50 onto the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Treasurer believes that it is in the best interest of the County to cancel the demolition fee together with penalties and interest due and owing on the Parvis Parcel since the same would be considered unenforceable pursuant to §558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is so authorized to cancel the demolition fee, penalties and interest assessed to the Parvis Parcel noted above pursuant to Section 558 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

Attachments: [Parvis2023Bill.pdf](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 578-24

28. Modify Resolution No. 550-24 to reflect the correct SBL in the Village of Liberty

[ID-6932](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 579-24

29. Award a contract to Birchwood Archaeological Service, Inc. to perform a cultural resources survey for the development of the Callicoon Park. [ID-6933](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 580-24

30. Set public hearing for 12/19/24 at 10:20AM “Imposing a Mortgage Recording Tax” ..end [ID-6934](#)

Attachments: [mortgage tax local law](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 581-24

31. Schedule dates for Public Hearings on the County Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 [ID-6936](#)

Attachments: [2025budgetpublichearingnotice](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 582-24

32. Resolution introduced by the Executive Committee to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sullivan County Community College to provide adult education and training. [ID-6939](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 583-24

33. Authorize modification of Youth Bureau Funding Program to remove and re-allocate funds. [ID-6940](#)

Sponsors: Office for the Aging and Deoul

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 584-24

34. Authorize contract with J. Chad Professional Training, LLC, DBA Tall Cop Says Stop [ID-6943](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 585-24

35. CARES HMIS is identified by the NYS Balance of State Continuum of Care as the HMIS lead. [ID-6944](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 586-24

36. Set the Salary of Assistant District Attorney positions in the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office [ID-6950](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajs, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 587-24

37. Amend Resolution No. 414-18 regarding Firstlight [ID-6953](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 588-24

38. Amend Resolution No. 520-24 regarding Firstlight [ID-6954](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 589-24

39. Enter into a 1 year modified extension with IESI contract [ID-6955](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 590-24

40. Authorizing the Revision of Section 620.1 of the Solid Waste Management Rules to take effect on January 1, 2025. [ID-6956](#)

Attachments: [Attachment 2nd edition SWMR effective January 1st, 2025 with markup](#)

A motion was made by District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, seconded by District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Rajsz, Perrello, McPhillips, Scott, Salomone, Ward, Blosser-Bernardo, and Alvarez

Absent: McPhillips

Enactment No: 591-24

Recognition of Legislators

Chair Rajsz stated Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Announcements from Chair

Adjournment or Close

There being no further business, Catherine Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Nicholas Salomone. The Full Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.