

BUDGET, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 5:50 p.m.

Committee Chair Lawler called the committee to order at p.m.

PRESENT: 11 ATKINS, CASWELL, DARROW, JOHNSON, LAWLER, METZGER,
MUNN, POLASEK, REDL, RHODES, VALDÉS SMITH

ABSENT: 1 BRENDLI

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

None

Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items

None

Resolutions considered out of numerical order will be placed in numerical order for fluidity

2026046 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CORRECT TAX ROLL AND TO ORDER THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A CORRECTED TAX BILL (APPLICANT: INNISFREE FOUNDATION, INC.)

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026047 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CORRECT TAX ROLL AND TO ORDER THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A CORRECTED TAX BILL (APPLICANT: INNISFREE FOUNDATION, INC.)

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026048 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CORRECT TAX ROLL AND TO ORDER THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A CORRECTED TAX BILL (APPLICANT: HERB REDL LLC)

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

At this time, Legislator Redl received permission from the Committee Chair to abstain, and removed himself from the chamber for the remainder of the discussion of the question.

Discussion: None.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

Legislator Redl re-entered the chamber.

2026049 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CORRECT TAX ROLL AND TO ORDER THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A CORRECTED TAX BILL (APPLICANT: ENID GORIS AND FRANCIS X. IRIZARRY)

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Legislator Kaul was recognized by the Committee Chair, noted the discrepancy was significant and asked for explanation about the discrepancy. Director Weiss explained that the parcel had been re-levied by the Town of Poughkeepsie and the issue is being corrected in the municipality's system.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026050 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO CORRECT TAX ROLL AND TO ORDER THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A CORRECTED TAX BILL (APPLICANT: CARY INSTITUTE OF ECOSYSTEM STUDIES INC.)

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026051 AUTHORIZING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK READINESS GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026052 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING LEGISLATIVE INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND DIRECTING A FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Legislator Redl spoke about the need for tax relief for 100 percent disabled veterans and the need for due diligence and thorough thought in providing said relief.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026053 RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, ELECTING A CENTS PER GALLON RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES ON MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL, IN LIEU OF THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF SUCH TAXES, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: Assistant Majority Leader Munn said the measure has been done before in 2022 after COVID when gas prices spiked at the pump. He said the chaos in the Middle East is cause for similar action now.

Legislature Chair Valdes Smith spoke in favor of the Resolution and the need to provide relief.

Legislator Caswell spoke in favor of the principle of the Resolution but spoke about the impact to the budget, and asked if the sponsors had any solution to the budgetary concern.

Assistant Majority Leader Munn replied to Legislator Caswell's concern, providing information about budgetary impact and asserting that the shortfall will be covered by tax revenue received before the Resolution takes effect due to the current high price of gas.

Legislator Shah was recognized and spoke in favor of the Resolution, offering comments about the need to mitigate pain at the pump and the need to ensure the County does not benefit from the situation in the Middle East and the war in Iran.

Minority Leader Polasek asked about the waiver application process. Assistant Majority Leader Munn explained the process through the State Department of Taxation and Finance.

The Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Lawler adjourned the Committee meeting at 6:35 p.m.