

**STATE OF NEW YORK
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM
OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION**

**Recommendation of the First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge
Re: Capital Plan Amendment Submitted by Ulster County**

SUMMARY

Ulster County (“County”) submitted a capital plan amendment regarding two capital improvement projects: the courthouse fascia and exterior repairs and roof replacement project to address preserving the historic building envelope, restoring aging roof systems, and correcting site deficiencies and the courthouse parking lot drainage project to address undersized catch basins and drainage systems. Both projects were both completed in 2023.

BACKGROUND

The courts in the County are located at 285 Wall Street in Kingston. The Ulster County Courthouse is a structure on the National Register of Historic Places and a contributing member of the Kingston Stockade District.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The courthouse fascia, exterior repairs, and roof replacement project included the full roof replacement (shingles/membrane); lining and coating built-in gutters, replacing downspouts, leaders, and EPDM lining; removal and replacement of rotted wood eaves, rakes, soffits, and trim; comprehensive restoration of the Cupola (pilasters, cornices, and dentils); abatement and painting of all exterior surfaces; window sash removal and restoration; replacement of single-pane windows; masonry repointing; installation of a new steel entry canopy; and reconstruction of the northwest exterior stairs. The project was designed by Lothrop Associates and constructed by Milcon Construction Corp. The project was completed on December 15, 2023.

The courthouse parking lot drainage project included the installation of six dry wells and new piping to expand the existing system; backfilling, grading, and re-striping of the parking lot pavement. The project was completed on May 15, 2023 by Mid-Hudson Construction Management, Inc.

BUDGET/FINANCING

The courthouse fascia, exterior repairs, and roof replacement project was bonded for \$6,115,000. The courthouse parking lot drainage project was bonded for \$182,600. The County is seeking state interest aid on the bonds to fund these project costs.

RECOMMENDATION

The Third Judicial District, OCA, and the Executive Office have reviewed the County’s

plans and are satisfied with the capital work that has been completed. First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Norman St. George, acting in his official capacity as designated by the Chief Administrative Judge, recommends that the Board approve this capital plan amendment.