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Ulster County Comptroller Opens the Books Wider Than Ever with Expanded Payment and Contract Dashboard

Kingston, NY (March 10, 2026) -- Ulster County residents now have unprecedented access to how their tax dollars are spent.

Today, the Ulster County Comptroller's Office released updated data for the [Ulster County Payment and Contract Dashboard](#), a public tool that tracks county contracts, vendors, and payments. For the first time ever, the Dashboard includes payments made through New York State's Welfare Management System (WMS) bringing a major category of County spending into public view.

The expanded Dashboard now covers nearly all active contracts and payments from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025, giving residents a clearer picture of who the County does business with and how public funds flow into the community. In 2025 alone, Ulster County paid \$359,055,050 million to 1,943 vendors, including \$29.47 million paid through WMS. With this addition of WMS data, the public can now see more information about County payments to vendors. For example, Family of Woodstock received \$6,857,891 in payments during 2025, \$3,101,011 million of which was paid through WMS and these payments were not previously visible to the public.

WMS is the state's centralized system for administering public assistance programs, and many County vendors are paid through it. With this update, residents can see at a high level how critical social services are funded, while personal identities of benefit recipients and certain vendors (such as foster parents) remain protected.

The dashboard now contains payments made to New York State Department of Health for Ulster County's weekly Medicaid share which was \$37.6 million in 2025 and \$132.8 million over the last four years.

Other confidential information remains appropriately shielded, including sensitive law enforcement contracts. Information about County payroll is available separately through the Comptroller's [Public Payroll Dashboard](#), which will be updated with 2025 data in the coming months.

The Vendor and Contract Dashboard also continues to provide significant transparency by providing direct access to contract documents. The public can view PDFs of County contracts and amendments with just a few clicks, eliminating the need to file time-consuming Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests to obtain records that are already public.

“My office has been sharing payment data for several years as part of our commitment to transparency and accountability,” said **Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher**. “Over the last year, we have been expanding the Comptroller’s Office oversight of WMS payments and sharing this data publicly is part of that effort. The people of Ulster County deserve to see where their money goes. By adding Welfare Management System data for the first time, we’re showing not just how government operates—but how vital County services directly support our residents every day.”

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