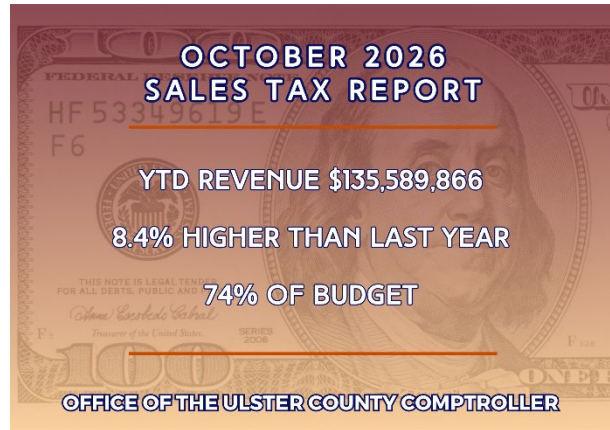




October 15, 2026

Revenues:

During the month of September, the Comptroller's Office approved 5 revenue contracts totaling more than \$807,000. As of the end of September, the County's books reflect \$274.5 million in revenues, representing approximately 39% of the amended budget. Delays in recording journal entries also affect the accuracy of the County's current financial position relative to its budgeted revenues.



A detailed listing of the revenues and expenditures of the County through the most recently reconciled period, May 2026, is attached to this report. Some DSS federal and state aid revenues may not yet be recorded.

Sales Tax:

The County received our final August 2026 sales tax payment this week of \$4,065,474, bringing year-to-date sales tax revenue to 135,589,866. This puts the County \$10.5 million or 8.4% ahead of where we were at this time one year ago. Total payments received to date represent 74% of the adopted 2026 budget for our largest revenue. The County is currently on track to exceed the 2026 budgeted amount of \$182,500,000. The 2027 Executive Operating Budget anticipates \$200,000,000 of sales tax revenues, an increase of 9.6% over the 2026 budget.

Investment Earnings:

The County has earned \$4.3 million in interest through September 30, 2026. This represents 66% of the \$6.5 million budgeted for this revenue.

We continue to recommend that the County move the \$41,449,308 invested in NYCLASS at the end of September to the company's "Prime" account. The average monthly rate for September of 2026 in the Prime account was 3.789% vs. the 3.638% that the County is currently earning from the regular NYCLASS account.

Occupancy Tax:

The 2026 budget anticipates occupancy tax revenues of \$8,688,000. This is an increase of 37.9% over the 2025 budgeted amount, and slightly under 2025 actual collections. The County has collected \$6,673,070 for occupancy tax, making up 77% of revenues budgeted for 2026. We

anticipate that the County will recognize more than the amount budgeted, as tax returns for the fall months are due on December 20th.

Adult-Use Cannabis Products Tax:

The County has received adult-use cannabis tax payments for 2026 sales totaling \$588,962 and will recognize 25% or \$147,240 of this amount as revenue. The remaining 441,721 will be paid to the Towns and Villages that host the businesses. County earnings to date represent 67% of the \$220,000 budgeted for 2026. We anticipate two more significant quarterly payments that will contribute to 2026 revenues and are currently projecting that the County will earn revenues in excess of the amount budgeted.

Expenditures:

As of the end of September, the County's books reflect \$246.8 million in expenditures, representing approximately 37% of the amended budget. However, due to delays in recording payroll & other journal entries, we do not have a complete picture of the County's current financial position relative to the budget.

A listing of the revenues and expenditures of the County through the most recently reconciled period, May 2026, is attached to this report.

Cash and Bank Reconciliations

At the end of September 2026, the County had approximately \$224 million deposited across all bank and investment accounts. The County maintains funds in several financial institutions that earn varying rates of interest. Most of these funds are held at the Bank of Greene County (BOGC). As of the end of September, approximately \$162 million, or 72% of the County's total funds, were deposited with BOGC.

The Comptroller's office has received bank reconciliations through the month of May 2026. This delay is a serious internal control deficiency and is in violation of the County's adopted bank reconciliation policy.

Delays in Accounting Procedures:

Payroll journal entries have not been recorded to the County's general ledger for the months of June, July, August, September, and October so far. These delays in postings prevent timely bank reconciliations, a critical internal control. The last bank reconciliation we have been provided with was for May of 2026.

The following departments need to request budget modifications from the budget department so that the finance department can record the June 5, 2026, payroll:

- District Attorney – Overtime pay for discovery unit \$1,191.92.
- Purchasing – Overtime pay \$29.70.
- DPW Buildings and Grounds Administration – Out of Title pay \$214.55, and Meal Allowances \$465.
- Emergency services – Retirement VDC \$350.72.
- Safety Inspection – Part Time Pay \$1,953.98.
- Mental Health – Conferences \$2,094.99
- UCAT Bus Operations – Overtime Pay \$19,396.34.
- DSS – Overtime Pay \$11,095.36.
- General Fund Employee benefits - separation pay \$3,577.68

We reported essentially the same information last month, several budgetary issues with this journal entry have been addressed, but new issues have come up with it as well.

iPark Financial Status:

iPark failed to make two required mortgage payments due January 2 and January 10, 2026, bringing the total mortgage arrears to \$6,563,860. iPark also failed to pay general town, county and special district taxes due January 31, 2026, bringing the total tax arrears to \$3,116,730 including interest and penalties as of October 1, 2026. The total combined sums owed to taxpayers between mortgage and tax delinquencies are now \$9,680,590. The first installment of Kingston City School taxes come due on October 15, 2026, with the total amount of \$858,340 due on December 15.

Claims & Contract Approval:

Through September 2026, the Comptroller's office has reviewed and approved 21,345 invoices for payment, totaling \$180 million. The Comptroller's office also reviewed and approved 936 wire transfers totaling \$165 million. During the month, the Comptroller's Office also approved 63 contractual agreements, including contracts, amendments, and memoranda of understanding (MOUs), resulting in \$12 million in future financial obligations spanning multiple fiscal years.

Independent Audit Report

The County's 2025 external audit has been completed, and the single audit filed on time with the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. We thank the County's external audit firm, PKF O'Connor Davies, and the County Department of Finance for their hard work in meeting this deadline.

Current Financial Data

Unfortunately, due to the delays in recording journal entries mentioned above, the County's financial records are only reconciled through May of 2026. We believe this to be a serious internal control deficiency, as it is now October. That said, the Comptroller's office will be providing the Ways and Means committee with the following financial data as a part of our monthly reporting going forward. While adjustments to the data presented may occur (for example to move funds between revenue and expenditure lines or make accrual adjustments to address timing of revenue and expenditure) we believe that once the bank accounts are reconciled, the records are largely complete. As such, please find the following financial data through May of 2026.

Revenues by Category Through May 31, 2026			
Category	2026 Transactions	2026 Adopted Budget	% of 2026 Adopted Budget
Non-Property Tax Items (incl. Sales Tax)*	\$ 53,084,990	\$ 193,451,900	27.4%
State Aid	17,646,471	78,501,508	22.5%
Real Property Taxes	74,028,225	73,028,225	101.4%
Federal Aid	11,862,580	37,920,105	31.3%
Other Financing Sources (incl. Fund Balance)	-	37,199,727	0.0%
Interfund Revenues	2,999,784	31,693,226	9.5%
Departmental Income	2,944,121	9,677,524	30.4%
Intergovernmental Charges	5,819,635	8,462,501	68.8%
Use of Money and Property	2,916,158	7,634,833	38.2%
Real Property Tax Items	2,508,664	5,123,949	49.0%
Miscellaneous Local Sources	110,995	5,053,051	2.2%
Interfund Transfers In	-	3,812,555	0.0%
Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss	1,108,740	3,316,858	33.4%
Licenses and Permits	305,639	619,422	49.3%
Fines and Forfeitures	201,608	504,417	40.0%
Grand Total	\$ 175,537,610	\$ 495,999,801	35.4%

Expenditures by Category Through May 31, 2026			
Category	2026 Transactions	2026 Adopted Budget	% of 2026 Adopted Budget
Contractual Expenses	\$ 78,810,439	\$ 277,113,807	28.4%
Personnel Services	46,142,337	126,449,165	36.5%
Employee Benefits	6,764,955	63,691,128	10.6%
Debt Service	1,940,605	23,745,278	8.2%
Equipment & Capital Outlay	529,682	2,828,423	18.7%
Transfer	-	2,172,000	0.0%
Grand Total	\$ 134,188,018	\$ 495,999,801	27.1%
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	\$ 41,349,592	\$ -	

*Non-Property Tax Items Revenues Through May 31, 2026			
Non-Property Tax Items	2026 Transactions	2026 Adopted Budget	% of 2026 Adopted Budget
Sales & Use Tax	\$ 50,088,236	\$ 182,500,000	27%
Occupancy Tax	2,196,247	8,688,000	25%
Automobile Use Tax	357,258	1,200,000	30%
Emergency Phone System Tax	381,606	838,900	45%
Adult-Use Cannabis Tax	61,643	220,000	28%
Delinquent Tax Interest and Penalties	-	5,000	0%
Non-Property Tax Items Total	\$ 53,084,990	\$ 193,451,900	27%

Revenues by Category						
Category	2024 Transactions	2024 Adopted Budget	% of 2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Transactions	2025 Adopted Budget	% of 2025 Adopted Budget
Non-Property Tax Items (incl. Sales Tax)	\$ 185,754,861	\$ 175,326,000	106%	\$ 192,570,466	\$ 183,956,000	105%
State Aid	69,235,931	66,409,425	104%	80,821,748	75,052,198	108%
Real Property Taxes	75,445,724	73,028,225	103%	71,216,599	73,028,225	98%
Federal Aid	51,279,301	41,932,376	122%	42,797,890	40,698,204	105%
Interfund Revenues	36,571,651	5,013,425	729%	42,219,663	29,391,809	144%
Use of Money and Property	10,866,137	7,994,693	136%	9,373,493	8,783,182	107%
Departmental Income	9,111,855	8,979,293	101%	9,287,644	9,425,466	99%
Intergovernmental Charges	8,343,600	8,008,246	104%	8,306,876	7,646,538	109%
Miscellaneous Local Sources	10,013,463	519,250	1928%	7,715,070	4,697,935	164%
Interfund Transfers In	3,715,262	-	N/A	7,204,008	-	N/A
Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss	2,420,179	1,683,550	144%	4,681,050	1,688,550	277%
Real Property Tax Items	4,612,303	4,380,000	105%	4,402,864	4,580,000	96%
Fines and Forfeitures	542,673	426,500	127%	596,730	481,840	124%
Licenses and Permits	512,110	532,188	96%	557,696	534,113	104%
Other Financing Sources (incl. Fund Balance)	-	17,740,919	0%	-	35,068,087	0%
Grand Total	\$ 468,425,050	\$ 411,974,090	114%	\$ 481,751,797	\$ 475,032,147	101%
Expenditures by Category						
Category	2024 Transactions	2024 Adopted Budget	% of 2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Transactions	2025 Adopted Budget	% of 2025 Adopted Budget
Contractual Expenses	\$ 251,508,495	\$ 223,172,273	113%	\$ 265,782,865	\$ 263,808,364	101%
Personnel Services	103,664,556	110,457,398	94%	110,211,162	120,812,669	91%
Employee Benefits	59,728,619	58,255,740	103%	68,332,177	59,818,014	114%
Interfund Transfers Out	9,566,129	-	N/A	42,072,336	-	N/A
Debt Service	21,353,755	17,385,366	123%	24,935,163	27,677,533	90%
Equipment & Capital Outlay	2,620,651	2,703,313	97%	2,468,285	2,915,567	85%
Grand Total	\$ 448,442,205	\$ 411,974,090	109%	\$ 513,801,988	\$ 475,032,147	108%
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	\$ 19,982,845	-		\$ (32,050,191)	-	