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ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE SAVES TAXPAYERS \$112 THOUSAND DOLLARS ON LEASE RENEGOTIATION

Kingston, NY (May 12, 2009) - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that the renegotiation of a lease for the building that houses Ulster County Family Court *will result in a cost savings of \$112 thousand dollars or 10% over a five year term.* The annual lease payment of \$201,600 (\$9.05/sq.ft.) is \$22,400 less than last year. Terms of the new lease also provide for much needed additional parking at the Family Court Facility.

The 22,282 square foot building on 1.8 acres is located at 16 Lucas Avenue, in the City of Kingston. The property is owned by G.D. Realty Company of Kingston and has been leased to the County since December of 1987

Hein noted that the speed of the decision making process under the County's new Charter form of government and his Administration's commitment to cutting costs have enabled us to save taxpayers money. "We have an obligation to leave no stone unturned as we identify ways to cut costs. Though the current building provides some challenges, the taxpayers of Ulster County should not be asked to fund a new court facility at this time. I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize this agreement and to also explore additional savings opportunities in the future."

Peter Loughran, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee commented, "During difficult times, helping taxpayers is what it's all about. I don't recall a County lease ever being negotiated downward in the past."

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