

**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: February 4, 2025 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Sperry
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts Stewart & Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Corcoran
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins & Nolan; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Planning Department; Director Sharon Williams – Office of Employment & Training; Director Lisa Berger – Department of Tourism; Michael Schreiber – SUNY Ulster County Community College; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Todd Coggeshall – Kingston-Ulster Airport

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and asked Legislator Litts to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the minutes of the December 3rd Regular Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the February 18, 2025 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 34 – Supporting An Application For New York State Transportation Grant Funding By The Kingston-Ulster Airport, LLC For The Construction Of A T-Hanger Building

Resolution Summary – This Resolution endorses the T-Hangar construction project described therein and supports Kingston-Ulster Airport, LLC's application for NYS Transportation Grant funding.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 34
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 35 – Amending Capital Project No. 542 – HVAC Upgrades Campuswide - Amending The 2025 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes amendments to Capital Project No. 542 - HVAC Upgrades Campuswide for an assessment and upgrades to install and replace all the HVAC systems in all of the buildings across the SUNY Ulster Campus, and for design and construction services for the Vanderlyn Hall Theater and Art Gallery HVAC unit in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 35**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 37 – Amending Capital Project No. 654 – Emergency Preparedness and Amending The 2025-2030 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes amendments to Capital Project No. 654 - Emergency Preparedness for the procurement of emergency response equipment and installation services in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 37**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 40 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$330,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with RUPCO, Inc. in the amount of \$330,000 for the administration of the Septic Repair Program in accordance with the county’s septic repair program grant from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation from 1/1/25 – 6/30/26.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 40**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 41 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$326,122.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with RUPCO, Inc. in the amount of \$326,122 for delivery of the Leading in Lead Program in accordance with the county’s leading in lead grant from the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation from 1/1/25 – 6/30/26.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 41**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 42 – Appointing Benedict Campbell As Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village Of Ellenville

Resolution Summary – This Resolution appoints Benedict Campbell, Ellenville, for a term effective immediately through December 31, 2025, to the Ulster County Planning Board as an alternate member.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 42**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 43 – Appointing Debra Kossar And Mitchell Cohen To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Hurley

Resolution Summary – This Resolution appoints Debra Kossar, Town of Hurley, for a term effective immediately through December 31, 2028, and Mitchell Cohen, West Hurley, for a term effective immediately through December 31, 2028, to the Ulster County Planning Board.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 43**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt
Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 44 – Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AAA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans, To Be Held March 18, 2025 At 7:00 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing for March 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the public can be heard, in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, for public input regarding the development of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 44**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 45 – Authorizing The Office Of Employment And Training To Submit An Application To The New York State Office Of Strategic Workforce Development Pay For Performance Grant Program: Operating Grants – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Director of the Ulster County Department of Employment and Training to submit an application to the New York State Office of Strategic Workforce Pay for a Performance Grant Program: Operating Grants up to the maximum award amount for which awardees must provide at least 25 percent of the total project cost as a matching share from additional sources.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 45**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 46 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of The Summer Youth Employment Program, Youth

Employment Program, Brighter Futures Initiative, And The Young Adult Employment Program – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into Inter Municipal Agreements with various municipalities for the worksite agreement for the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training's Year-Round Young Adult Employment Program, Brighter Futures Initiative, as well as the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Motion No. 11: **Moved Resolution No. 46 For Discussion**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion No. 12: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 46**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 47 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$248,275.00 Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Medium Giant Company, Inc. in the amount of \$248,275 for marketing and advertising services to promote Ulster County as an accessible destination for persons with disabilities from 7/1/24 – 9/30/25.

Motion No. 13: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 47**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Reports/Communications

Chair Sperry advised the members that there were a number of reports from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District and the Industrial Development Agency available in the committee's OneDrive file.

New Business

Legislator Stewart asked Executive Director Wedemeyer and Planning Director Doyle for an update on the status of the Watershed Coordinator Position.

Planning Director Doyle advised the members of challenges his and other departments are facing with the confusion surrounding federal funding streams.

Old Business

Director Berger advised the members that the occupancy tax collected in 2024 was \$1.6 million over projections.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Adopted: March 4, 2025

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