Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee

DATE & TIME: October 27, 2023 – 4:30 PM

LOCATION: KL Binder Library, COB, Kingston, New York

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Cahill **LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Michael Tierney

PRESENT: Legislators Cahill Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

ABSENT: None QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Economic Development Director Kevin Lynch, Deputy County Executive

Amanda LaValle, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Tourism Director Lisa Berger, Deputy Director of Employment & Training Faith Golden, Cornell

Cooperative Extension Director Melanie Forstrom

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM

Chair Cahill gave the floor to Planning Director Doyle to discuss the FY2024 Budget for the Planning Department.

Chair Cahill gave the floor to Deputy Faith Golden to discuss the FY2024 Budget for the Office of Employment & Training.

Chair Cahill gave the floor to Director Lisa Berger to discuss the FY2024 Budget for the Department of Tourism.

Chair Cahill gave the floor to Director Kevin Lynch to discuss the FY2024 Budget for the Department of Economic Development.

Chair Cahill gave the floor to Travis Ferry of Ulster County Soil & Water to discuss their 2024 Budget Request.

Chair Cahill gave the floor to Executive Director Melanie Forstrom to discuss the Legislature's allocation to Cornell Cooperative Extension in the FY2024 Budget.

Motion No. 1 Moved to Approve October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion By:LegislatorMotion Seconded By:LegislatorDiscussion:None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

Disposition: Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the November 14, 2023 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 479 - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Empire State Development Corporation For State Funding For The Implementation Of Restore New York Communities Initiative Grants, Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: Application for \$840,000 through the ESD Restore New York Communities for the rehabilitation of the Barrel Factory in Kingston

Motion No. 2 Moved to Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 561 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The United States Environmental Protection Agency And Ulster County, New York Regarding The Hertel Landfill Site, A Foreclosure Eligible Parcel – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Authorizing the execution a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the EPA and Ulster County in order to address contamination issues at the Hertell Landfill Site in the Town of Plattekill

Motion No. 3 Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 561

Motion By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Deputy County Executive LaValle stated that this project was no longer

economically viable, and the Executive will be requesting that this

Resolution be withdrawn.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

Resolution No. 605 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$92,532.00 Entered Into By The County – Hudson House Events, LLC d/b/a The Hudson House & Distillery – Department of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: CDBG from Empire State Development to Hudson House Events

Motion No. 4 Moved to Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: Chair Cahill requested that the financial impact be amended before Ways

& Means to reflect this as pass through money. Legislator Maloney inquired on the process of how this program is applied for and how

businesses are chosen. Legislator Litts added that a condition of the grant

is to hire at least four people.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 606 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$840,000.00 Entered Into By The County – MHV BF Developer LLC D/B/A MHV Development – Department of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: Contract with MHV BF Developer for the Barrel Factory in the City of Kingston. Corresponding with Resolution No. 479

Motion No. 5 Moved to Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 607 - Authorizing The Department Of Planning To Submit An Application To The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Application to the Brownfields Program to mitigate brownfields on County foreclosed properties

Motion No. 6 Moved to Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: Chair Cahill asked if all foreclosed properties would be looked at

through this program. Deputy Executive LaValle said that was not the case. Chair Cahill stated the auction list has many misclassified properties. Legislator Maloney asked for periodic updates to follow

brownfield cleanup at these properties.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 608 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$340,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: Contract for \$340,000 for the school year Youth Employment Program

Motion No. 7 Moved to Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 609 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$7,696.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Flint Media Inc. – Tourism

Resolution Summary: Extending the term of the contract to December 31, 2024 and increasing funding for graphic design, layout and advertising services

Motion No. 8 Moved to Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: Chair Cahill asked the percentage of the guides that have been

distributed. Director Berger stated they order 75,000 and have about 15,000 left. Chair Cahill asked if the contractor distributes the guides. Director Berger said that they do, but stated that the Thruway Authority will no longer allow any paper advertisements at Thruway rest stops.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Legislator Maloney requested that the list of the foreclosed properties be share with the Committee.

Adjournment:

Motion By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
TIME: 5:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted By: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: December 5, 2023