

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

DATE & TIME: March 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, COB, Kingston, New York
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Brian Cahill
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Michael Tierney
PRESENT: Legislators Peter Criswell, Thomas Corcoran, Chris Hewitt,
Herbert Litts III, Megan Sperry
ABSENT: Legislator Joe Maloney
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Phil Erner, Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle,
Director of Employment & Training Sharon Williams, Recovery and Resiliency Director Nate
Litwin, Tourism Director Lisa Berger

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Henry Gage, Jr. gave a presentation on industrial hemp.

Motion No. 1 Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the January 31, 2023 Meeting of the
Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee

Motion By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the March 14, 2023 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 86 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Create Two Fully
Reimbursable Full-Time Positions – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency

Resolution No. 87 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$430,000.00 Entered Into By
The County – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency

Motion No. 2

Motion to POSTPONE Resolutions 86 and 87

Motion by: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded by: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Chair Cahill recommended postponement as contract was still in negotiation. Hearing no further discussion Chair Cahill called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolutions POSTPONED.**

Resolution No. 76 - Establishing A Policy Requiring Consideration Of Food Security Initiatives As A Condition Of Receiving Ulster County Funding For Affordable Housing Development And Certain County Capital Construction Projects

Resolution Summary:

Motion No. 3 **Moved Resolution No. 76 for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: Legislator Sperry indicated changes will be made on the floor. Hearing no further discussion Chair Cahill called the question.

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED.**

Resolution No. 80 – Authorizing A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law Regarding The 8-Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 2 And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary:

Motion No. 4 **Moved Resolution No. 80 for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 81 – Authorizing A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Economic Development

Motion No. 5 **Moved Resolution No. 81 for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None. Hearing None, Chair Cahill called the Question.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 82 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$313,743.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Motion No. 6 **Moved Resolution No. 82 for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: Director Williams said this contract was to assist with the payroll, cover salary and check fees and stated this is state money. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 83 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$90,000.00
Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Motion No. 7 **Moved Resolution No. 83 for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 85 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$382,750.00
Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism

Motion No. 8 **Moved Resolution No. 85 for DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: Tourism Director Berger spoke on the supply chain issue of getting paper. Under the new contract advertising sales contract, design is covered. Goal is to be ready for distribution by June. Legislator Hewitt inquired on ink and paper sourcing. Director Berger did not know but would get that information. Legislator Erner inquired if UCAT routes will be on any maps. Legislator Hewitt that when a new RFP is issued, local companies be scored higher. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 84 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,495.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism

Motion No. 9 **Moved Resolution No. 84 for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Sperry

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 89 – Amending The 2023 Budget To Provide Funding To The Ulster County Historical Society (UCHS) To Create A Job Training & Mentorship Program - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Motion No. 10 **Moved Resolution No. 89 for DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: Legislator Criswell question the necessity for using ARPA funds for this program. Chair Cahill stated this may be approaching member item territory and said that the ARPA committee should review this first.

Motion No. 11 **Moved Resolution No. 89 for POSTPONEMENT**

Motion By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Old Business:

Legislator Litts raised concerns about an occupancy tax impact study.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Chair Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:06PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee
Approved: April 3, 2023