

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

DATE & TIME: March 5, 2024 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
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 Colins, Greene and Nolan; Director Kevin Lynch & Deborah DeWan – Department of Economic Development; Director Dennis Doyle – Department of Planning; Chief of Staff Jenn Zell – SUNY Ulster County Community College; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Executive Director Melanie Forstrom – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Deputy County Executive LaValle – UC Executive’s Office; Directo Nate Litwin – Finance/Recovery & Resilience

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the January 30, 2024 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

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 March 19, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 89 – Reappointing Members To The Soil And Water Conservation District Board

Resolution Summary – This Resolution reappoints individuals to the Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board as follows: Legislative Representatives - Legislator Litts and Legislator Nolan through December 31, 2024; Farm Bureau Representative – Frederick Wilklow through December 31, 2026; Grange Burueau Representative - Sarah Van Nostrand through Decemer 31, 2026; Member-At-Large - Robert K. Davenport through December 31, 2026.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 89**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
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. 90 – Reappointing A Legislative Representative To The Ulster County Cooperative Extension Board

Resolution Summary – This Resolution reappoints Legislator Sperry to the Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County Board of Directors through December 31, 2025.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 90**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 90**
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. 91 – Providing Authorization For U.S. Treasury Reporting For 2025 & 2026 ARPA Administration Estimated Costs – Agricultural Crisis Relief Coordinator - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Director of the ARP Division to report to the U.S. Department of Treasury by April 30, 2024 a request to fund the Agricultural Service Administrator Position through the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025, for an annual amount of \$89,398.00, including fringe benefits, with an explanation of how the amount was determined and for the purposes of delivering the Ulster County Agricultural Crisis Relief Program. Further, this Resolution reallocates ARPA assigned expenditures reducing the 2024 operating budget to utilize attrition savings for the position and reducing the ARPA Parks Program in the amount of \$156,449.00 to cover the requested extension.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 91 As Presented**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry & Walls
Voting Against: Legislator Stewart
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Amendments Adopted**

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 91 As Amended As Presented**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

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

Resolution No. 92 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The SUNY New Paltz Venture HUB To Provide Entrepreneurial And Business Recruitment And Support – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the SUNY New Paltz Venture HUB to provide entrepreneurial and business recruitment and support in the amount of \$54,477 of budgeted 2024 funds and \$18,159 in anticipated 2025 appropriations.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 92**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 92**
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**

Resolution No. 93 – Amending Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster – Children’s Center Renovations - Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster – Children’s Center Renovations in the amount of \$10,000 for\ architecture and engineering professional services for exterior envelope renovations, to be divided as follows: \$5,000 State; \$5,000 County.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 93**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 92**
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. 95 – Appointing Member And Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Shandaken

Resolution Summary – This Resolution appoints individuals to the Ulster County Planning Board as follows: Chandra Valianti, Town of Shandaken, through December 31, 2025; Vivian Welton, Town of Shandaken, through December 31, 2025

Motion No. 11: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 95**
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. 96 – Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Round Four (4) Of The Septic System Replacement Fund – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to submit an application and assurances to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for round 4 of the Septic System Replacement Fund which will provide up to \$10,000 to assist homeowners to repair or replace failing septic systems with a required dollar match from the homeowner.

Motion No. 12: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 96**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Motion No. 13: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 96**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Director Doyle pointed out a typo in the title. Facilities should be Facilities. Staff advised the members that an official amendment was not necessary and that the typo would be corrected.

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. 97 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$9,900.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Inter-Fluve Engineering, P.L.L.C. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary –This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$9,900.00 with Inter-Fluve Engineering, P.L.L.C. to extend term of agreement and expand scope of services to include additional meetings, comments and outreach related to the development of a Stream Management Plan for the Lower Esopus Creek, flowing through the Towns of Olive, Marbletown, Hurley, Ulster, Saugerties as well as the City of Kingston and the Village of Saugerties. The Lower Esopus SMP will seek to evaluate existing environmental conditions, flows for the corridor and formulate a series of recommendations to improve the stream including a prioritization of potential projects, identification of responsible parties, and preparation of planning-level cost estimates for the term 2/6/24 – 4/30/24.

Motion No. 14: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 97**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Motion No. 15: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 97**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

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

Forthcoming Resolutions: None

Discussion – Appointment of Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors

The members discussed a process for scheduling a Special Meeting to conduct interviews for seats on the IDA Board of Directors. The agreed in person interviews were preferred and that staff would poll the members for an available date.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Adjournment

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

TIME: 7:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Adopted: April 2, 2024

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