

Approving The Execution Of A Contract Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance To Implement The Recommendations Of The Ellenville Million Committee - Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Planning

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Litts, Maio, and Maloney), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, and Richard Parete)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee, Thomas J. Briggs, and Deputy Chairman James F. Maloney offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Michael Hein has identified the disproportionate negative impact to the Ellenville/Wawarsing area as evidenced by the local unemployment rate in part due to the loss of manufacturing jobs from overseas competition, the closing of the Nevele Resort and the lack of local funding to invest in the necessary infrastructure, incentives, cultural and recreational attractions and needed marketing to encourage private sector investment and job creation; and

WHEREAS, in the 2015 State of the County Address, the County Executive announced the formation of the Ellenville Million Committee and dedicated one million (\$1 million) in County funding to support projects recommended by such Committee; and

WHEREAS, in February 2015, the County Executive appointed the Ellenville Million Committee, comprised of well respected business leaders and citizens whose mission was to recommend those specific projects that its members determined would improve the economic condition of the Ellenville/Wawarsing area; and

WHEREAS, the Ellenville Million Committee held a public information meeting on February 5, 2015, seeking public input and recommendations for best investing one million dollars to help spur economic growth and development in the Ellenville/Wawarsing area; and

WHEREAS, after extensive review and careful consideration, the Ellenville Million Committee prepared its findings and recommendations consistent with its charge and presented them to the County Executive for consideration and, include the following projects and funding amounts as described herein:

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- a) \$150,000-to be utilized to help defray the costs of the needed water and sewer infrastructure improvements that will allow the shared services between the Village and Town;
- b) \$175,000 – to establish a “soft landing” fund for developers and new business enterprises within the Village and Town to apply for assistance in defraying engineering costs and other necessary costs associated with potential new development;
- c) \$100,000 – for tourism promotion including year-round outdoor activities, historic sites, Shadowland Theater and Ellenville’s walkable downtown;
- d) \$150,000 – for the expansion of outdoor recreational opportunities such as rail trails, town and village parks including pavilions, expanded parking, trail connections, and bathrooms;
- e) \$75,000 – assistance to Shadowland Theatre for its planned renovations and to be used to leverage other available grants;
- f) \$100,000 – for use by the Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee to assist in the complete restoration of the Hunt Memorial Building and the establishment of a tourism center;
- g) \$25,000 – to be utilized for Main Street improvements and beautification projects in the downtown historic district to emphasize assets and complement the surrounding natural beauty and vistas;
- h) \$75,000 – to provide for project management including allocations oversight; grant writing, liaison for public relations and marketing efforts and festivals/events; and
- i) \$150,000 – directed to the provision of high speed internet such as high speed fiber within the US Rt. 209 corridor, critical public entities and businesses, schools, hospital, library, and other relevant sites; and

WHEREAS, funding for the implementation of the Ellenville Million is available within the County’s existing fund balance and contingency funds; and

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WHEREAS, Section 1411 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York (the “LDC Act”) authorizes the establishment of not-for-profit local development corporations operated exclusively for the charitable or public purposes of relieving and reducing unemployment, promoting and providing for additional and maximum employment, bettering and maintaining job opportunities, instructing or training individuals to improve or develop their capabilities for such jobs, carrying on scientific research for the purpose of aiding a community or geographical area by attracting new industry to the community or area or by encouraging the development of, or retention of, an industry to the community or area or by encouraging the development of, or retention of, an industry in the community or area, and lessening the burdens of government and acting in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA), as a local development corporation, has the ability to provide the appropriate oversight and offers the County accountability that the funding provided by the County for the Ellenville Million will be used appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to utilize UCEDA for the purposes of effectuating the Ellenville Million; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C11(O) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2 5(15) of the Administrative Code, the Ulster County Legislature shall have the power to approve the execution of certain contracts and amendments in the amount of \$50,000.00 or in excess of \$50,000.00 entered into by the County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby approves the execution of a contract by the Director of Purchasing between Ulster County and UCEDA for the implementation of the Ellenville Million Committee recommendations, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislator, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the UCEDA shall provide a quarterly report to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee on the progress of the disbursements of the funds; and, be if further

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RESOLVED, that the 2015 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-8020-3401-4600-4660	Other Misc. Contractual	\$ 1,000,000.00

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-1990-1331-4600-4660	Contingency	\$ 500,000.00
AA-0917-3205	Fund Balance	\$ 500,000.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Bartels and Wishnick)

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit on August 4, 2015

Passed Committee: Ways and Means as amended on August 18, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$ 1,000,000.00- COUNTY DOLLARS

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Legislator Bartels motioned, seconded by Legislator Gerentine, to amend Schedule A, Scope of Services, Section III of the contract between Ulster County and UCEDA to read “UCEDA shall submit copies of all approved plans and budgets to the Ulster County Planning Department **and the Ulster County Legislature.**”

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Legislator Gerentine motioned, seconded by Legislator Bartels, to insert an additional RESOLVED as indicated above in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 18th Day of August in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 19th Day of August in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
19th Day of August, 2015.

Approved by the County Executive this
26th Day of August, 2015.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive