

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

**DATE & TIME:** May, 2023 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Hudson Valley Agriculture Laboratory, 3357 State Route 9W  
Highland, 12525  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Michael Tierney  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts Moloney, Sperry  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Maloney  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes  
**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislaotr Kathy Nolan, Deputy County Executive Amanda Lavelle, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Economic Development Director Joshua Stratton-Raynor, Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Melanie Fostrom, Jared Buno, Henry Gage, Jr.

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Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

**Motion No. 1**                                **Motion to APPROVE April 4, 2023 Minutes**  
**Motion Made By:**                        Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:**                    Legislator Sperry  
**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**

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**Resolutions for the May 18, 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 Summary:**                    Allowing the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency to hire an Executive Director and a tech support position.

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

**Resolution Summary:**                    New contract for the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency.

**Disposition:** **No Action Taken**

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**Resolution No. 155 -** Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Lands Owned By Ulster County Located At 701 Grant Avenue, Lake Katrine (Town of Ulster), To Be Held On Tuesday, May 16, 2023 At 7:15 PM

**Resolution Summary:** Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of 701 Grant Avenue.

**Disposition:** **No Action Taken**

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**Resolution No. 285** Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With SUNY New Paltz To Provide Entrepreneurial And Business Recruitment And Support

**Resolution Summary:** Agreement to support the Venture Hub at SUNY New Paltz.

**Motion No. 2** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** Legislator Criswell inquired how the project will align with the 2040 Economic Development goals. Chair Cahill inquired why the appropriation did not align with what was already disbursed and said he would be comfortable passing it as long as the numbers are rectified in Ways & Means. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 286** Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held June 13, 2023 At 7:20 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** Setting a Public Hearing Regarding the Addition of Property to Agriculture Districts.

**Motion No. 3** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Sperry

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** Hearing no discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 287** Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Call Public Hearings As Necessary To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

**Resolution Summary:** Setting a public hearing as part of the requirement for Community Development Block Grants

**Motion No. 4** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** Hearing no discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 288** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** Contract for the Landlord Ambassador Program

**Motion No. 5** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** Director Doyle explained the program. Legislator Sperry inquired if the any tenants would be displaced for repairs. Director Doyle said that repairs would likely not rise to that level with the cap set at \$15,000 per unit. Legislator Criswell inquired on the number of units to be serviced. Director Doyle stated that they are not going by unit but by landlord. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 289** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,750,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** Pilot program for accessory dwelling units (ADU) with a maximum award of \$125,000.00.

**Motion No. 6** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** Chair Cahill inquired on the source of funds, which Director Doyle stated was State pass through dollars. Chair Cahill also inquired if there were restrictions on who could be rented to, such as relatives. Director Doyle stated there was not. Legislator Criswell asked if they could be converted to short-term rentals. Director Doyle stated they could not. Legislator Sperry asked if there was a cap on the rental charge. Director Doyle stated that they would like to see it capped at 80% AMI. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 319** Setting A Public Hearing On The Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2023 – 2024 To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:05 PM

**Resolution Summary:** Setting A Public Hearing On The Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College

**Motion No. 7** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Sperry

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Late Resolution No. 320** Requesting Authorization To Commence The Process Of Direct Sale Of The Property Located At 701 Grant Ave., Town Of Ulster – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary:** Authorizing the County to Directly Sell 701 Grant Avenue

**Motion No. 8** **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Criswell

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** Chair Cahill highlighted this as an unprecedented action, and believed that this will generate a higher price than an auction would. Legislator Hewitt stated that it may be best to hold off on proceeding with the Resolution until the investigation of the Former Finance Commissioner is complete. Legislator Criswell inquired on the tenants and the status of their leases should the building be sold. Deputy County Executive Lavalley stated that the owner would have to honor the leases.

**Adjournment**

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

**TIME:** 7:10PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee  
**Approved:** May 30, 2023