

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: July 2, 2024 – 4:30 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chair Walls
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative IT Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Hewitt
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins and Roberts, Amanda LaValle (Deputy, County Executive), Shabazz Jackson & Josephine Papagni (Greenway)

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Deputy Chair Walls called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Postpone the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Postponed**

Resolutions for the July 16, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 356 – Establishing A Policy Requiring Consideration Of Use Of Hemp Insulation In Certain Ulster County Capital Construction Projects

Resolution Summary – This Resolution establishes that it is the Policy of Ulster County that prior to the allocation of any County funding toward any housing development project in Ulster County, or toward Ulster County Capital Projects proposed after the Policy's effective date that require the use of insulation for purposes of construction and development of space used for delivery a county service, it shall be required that such projects include consideration of hemp insulation as a component, and that such determination much be documented and included in the initial funding request for the project.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Postponed Resolution No. 356**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 360 – Confirming Appointment Of Members To The Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointments of County Executive Jen Metzger as primary representative and Amanda LaValle as alternate to represent Ulster County of the Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council for the terms indicated therein.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 360**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 373 – Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The 2024 New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Department of Environment to submit an online application through New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the following New York State grant program: Department of Environmental Conservation Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP), for up to the grant category's maximum award amount of \$10,000,000.00, with the required 25% match to be provided by Ulster County.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 373**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Votes Abstain: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed**

Resolution No. 374 – Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation 2024 Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning And Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Mapping Grant (NPG) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Director of Environment to submit an online application through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the following New York State grant program: Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Mapping Grant (NPG) program for an amount up to the grant category's maximum award amount of \$400,000.00 with the required 10% match to be provided by Ulster County.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 374**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 375 – Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Department of Environment to submit online applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) grant program for up to grant's maximum award amount, with the required, variable match of 20-50% to be provided by Ulster County and/or additional partner organizations as identified.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 375**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 382 – Amending Capital Project No. 653 – Hall Of Records Building Rooftop Solar Array Project For Construction Services — Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 653 - Hall of Records (HOR) Rooftop Solar Array Project in the amount of \$120,000.00 and amends the 2024 Capital Budget accordingly.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 382**
Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 385 - Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To For A Building Cleaner Communities Grant To The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) For The Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane New Paltz –Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary - This Resolution authorizes the Director of Planning to submit online applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for funding up to each grant's maximum award amount for the installation of geothermal wells and other eligible equipment for the GOC located at Paradies Lane in the Town of New Paltz.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 385**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Litts
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 386 – Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application For A Building Cleaner Communities Grant To The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) For The Community Wellness Hub Located At 368 Broadway, Kingston –Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Director of Planning to submit online applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for funding up to each grant's maximum award amount for the installation of geothermal wells at the Wellness Hub located at 368 Broadway in the City of Kingston.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 386**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 387 – Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To The New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Via The NYSEFC Customer Portal – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Director of Planning to submit online applications through the NYSEFC Customer Portal of the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Resiliency Grant Program for funding up to each grant's maximum award amount.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 387**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Reports

- UCRRA Reform
- UC 70x30 Renewable Energy Implementation Plan
- Climate Smart Committee
 - Danskammer Power Plant Withdrawal

New Business

- For August Introduction – Resolution Establishing A Pilot Program Providing A 24-Hour Convenience Center In Ulster County
- Dyno Nobel and Port Ewen hazardous waste
- Update on the Lower Esopus Stream Management Study

Old Business

- County supported composting programs
 - Hurley pilot project
 - Legislator Roberts idea for a composting machine
- Timeline for hiring Parks Director - Postponed

Adjournment

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

TIME: 6:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant
Approved: August 6, 2024

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