

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

DATE & TIME: September 3, 2024 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY
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, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart & Walls
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Nolan; Director Dennis Doyle – UC Planning Department; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Comptroller Gallagher; Director Berger – UC Department of Tourism; Coordinator Dewan – UC Department of Economic Development; Executive Director Wedemeyer and Travis Ferry – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Katie Scott-Childress, President – Ulster County Library Association; Leslie Zucker, Program Leader, Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the August 6th Regular Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt
Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Chair Sperry invited Katie Scott-Childress, President of the Ulster County Library Association and Jake Wedemeyer, Executive Director of the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District to make presentations on their 2025 funding allocation requests. [Presentations available upon request]

Leslie Zucker Program Leader, Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County invited the members to an October 8 Watershed tour for elected officials.

Resolutions for the September 17, 2024 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 441 – Initiating The Process To Consider A Countywide ~~Intermunicipal~~ Water And Sewer Feasibility Study Assessment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution directs the Director of Purchasing, in conjunction with the Director of Planning, within 60 days of adoption of this Resolution to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of Ulster

County to seek a vendor who shall develop a comprehensive countywide assessment of water and sewer infrastructure, and that prior to the RFP being public, the Chair of the Legislature or designee be given the opportunity to provide input on the document.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 441 As Presented**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendments Adopted**

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 441 As Amended**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 465 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$513,488.00 Entered Into By The County – Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County – Department Of The Environment

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County in the amount of \$513,488 for the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation and Flood Response fo the Ashokan Watershed Stream management Program from 1/1/25 – 12/31/29

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 465**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 472 – Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary – This Resolution designates the Department of Tourism as the official tourism promotion agency for Ulster County, thereby making it eligible to apply for and accept matching tourism promotion funds on behalf of Ulster County during calendar years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, and to represent Ulster County for the promotion of Tourism.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 472**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted As Amended**

Resolution No. 473 – Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Department Of Transportation In Response To The Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) For Innovative Mobility Initiative Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive or designee to submit an application, as well as necessary understandings, assurances, and additional information as may be required, to the NYSDOT to develop and operate an innovative transit mobility service consistent with the funding levels, purposes, and other criteria as provided for in the NOFA.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 473**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 475 – Authorizing The Release Of \$2,000,000.00 From The Ulster County Housing Action Fund To Provide Funding To Five Housing Projects As Part Of The Housing Action Funds Annual Notice Of Funding Availability

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends the 2024 Ulster County Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to appropriate funds from the Housing Action Reserve to provide funding for five (5) applications subject to final contract approval by the Legislature.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 475**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Voting in Favor: Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Forthcoming Resolutions: None

New Business:

The members discussed the November meeting falling on Election Day and possible alternate dates to meet.

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Adopted: October 1, 2024

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