

**American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 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: Chair Corcoran
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk – Finance, and Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Clinton, Levine, and Sperry (arrived at 4:45)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislator Lopez
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Collins, Greene, Harmon, and Nolan; Deputy County Executives Jamie Capuano; Director of Research and Operations Laura Nordstrom; ARP Administration Ashlee Long, and Alyssa Hart; Deputy Comptroller Charles Dinstuhl

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Chair Corcoran called the meeting to order at 4:43 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the April 4, 2024 Meeting**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Clinton

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Clinton, Levine, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the May 14, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 225 – Providing ARPA Funding For County Government Services And Replenishing Funding For Capital Project No. 629, The Ulster County Brownfields Program – ARP Division - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 629 ARPA Brownfields Redevelopment to be funded with appropriated fund balance in the amount of \$502,414.00, and authorizes the recognition of \$502,414.00 of ARPA Revenue under the Revenue Loss provision.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 225**
Motion Made By: Legislator Clinton
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Clinton, Levine, and Sperry

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 226 – Providing ARPA Funding For County Government Services And Replenishing Funding For Capital Project No. 674, The Ulster County Solar And EV Charging Infrastructure Program – ARP Division - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 674 ARPA Solar and EV Charging Infrastructure to be funded with appropriated fund balance in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, and authorizes the recognition of \$2,500,000.00 of ARPA Revenue under the Revenue Loss provision.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 226**
Motion Made By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Clinton, Levine, and Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Forthcoming Resolutions: None

New Business:

- Legislator Greene – ARPA Green Home Retrofits Program
- Chair Corcoran – Welcome Alyssa Hart to the APR Division

Old Business: None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0

TIME: 4:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Amber Feaster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature - Finance
Adopted: June 6, 2024

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Project Name: EV charging | Solar infrastructure municipal grant program

Department: Office of the County Executive

Department Lead: Laura Nordstrom

Intern: (1) TBD

Project Description: Work with staff to implement a \$2.5 million municipal grant program for solar and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Project Goal: Assist with a smooth roll out of the ARPA-funded Ulster County Solar and Electric Charging Grant Program and develop data tracking/ impact assessment.

Project Objectives and Responsibilities:

- Assist in review of applications for eligibility.
- Work with and support municipalities on application as needed.
- Researching additional utility, state, and federal funding opportunities that can be leveraged by local governments and prepare informational briefs to help guide and assist them.
- Update county-municipal contract language using a provided template.
- Data Tracking/Impact Assessment—Of the municipalities who submit applications during the internship time period, the incumbent will prepare a comprehensive master document that tracks approximately how much energy will be derived from each potential solar project and what the impact will be (reduction in government GHG, reduction in community GHG, etc.).
- Prepare needed documents for the grant scoring committee.

Expected Outcomes:

- Municipal grant applications will be determined and prepared for implementation.
- A measurable impact of grant funds on environmental outcomes.

GRANT PROGRAM CHANGES FOR DISCUSSION

- Include NYS Designated Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) to secondary criteria list.
- Remove Green New Deal reference and implement EO #1 language.
- Update program timeline dates.

Timeline

- May: Release Municipal Grant Application
Window for submitting applications: 5|15 - 7|1 [6 weeks]
- June: Guidance available from Climate Corp Intern: [6|10-7|1]
- July: Review applications for completeness, communicate any needs to municipalities and schedule the scoring committee.
- August: Scoring committee makes determinations | Notification made to municipalities.
- September: Begin the contract process.