

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: January 19, 2016, 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman James F. Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Jennifer Schwartz Berky, James Delaune, Ron G. Lapp, Jr., and Hector S. Rodriguez
ABSENT: Legislators Herbert Litts, III and Mary Beth Maio
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, College Intern Cassandra Burke, Department of Planning Director Dennis Doyle and Deputy Director Chris White, League of Women Voters of the Mid Hudson Valley Observation Corps Member Vic Melville, and Director of Tourism Rick Remsnyder.

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and opened with a welcome and housekeeping matters.

Motion No. 1 **RESOLVED to Approve the Minutes of December 1, 2015**

Discussion: **None**

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Chairman Maloney indicated he was postponing Resolutions No. 13 and 18 for one month to allow Legislators time to have questions answered. Deputy County Executive Crannell concurred it was appropriate to hold these resolutions pending discussion with the Department Heads. He noted they would be making quarterly visits to the Committee and would be present at the next meeting. [No action taken on Resolutions #13 and #18.]

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 14** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Luminary Publishing Inc – Department of Tourism

Resolution No. 14 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with Luminary Publishing Inc for the amount \$77,896.00, and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder reviewed the RFP process.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 17** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – International Business Machines Corporation – Department of Information Services

Resolution No. 17 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract amendment with International Business Machines Corporation for the increased amount of \$43,899.54, and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: Chairman Maloney provided a review of the amendment details. Deputy County Executive Crannell indicated the contract was for maintenance to the back up drives.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4 **Resolution No. 40** **January 26, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 40** - Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism

Resolution No. 40 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature hereby designates the Ulster County 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 year 2017, and to represent Ulster County for the promotion of Tourism.

Discussion: Deputy Chairman Rodriguez noted this was pro-forma activity to enable the County to ensure the funding continues.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5 **Resolution No. 41** **January 26, 2016**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 41** - Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget - Appropriating Unexpended Grant Funds From The New York State Department Of State – Department Of Tourism

Resolution No. 41 Summary: This Resolution amends the 2016 Ulster County Budget to increase Appropriation #AA.6410.2800-4600.4660 (Other Misc. Contractual) by \$26,463.00 and Revenue #AA-6410.2800-3300.3715 (State Aid, Tourism Grant) by \$26,463.00.

Discussion: Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder noted the County spent half the State grant funding on moving the department to the Westbrook location. He noted the funding was received three years ago this May. He stated they have purchased new carpeting and equipment. He indicated they needed to get a new resolution passed every year to roll over the funding. Deputy County Executive Crannell indicated the funding could not be used for operations and could only be used to improve the facility.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Chairman Maloney noted Tourism was a \$514 million industry in Ulster County; more than Dutchess County. Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder provided a 2-page handout developed by Focus Media which included statistics compiled by the Oxford Economics Study. He highlighted the tourism dollars and the bed tax revenue.

Legislator Berky requested the details from the Oxford Economics Study; to which Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder agreed to provide.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Chairman Maloney indicated Resolutions Nos. 42 – 44 and Resolution No. 70 would be taken as a block.

Motion No. 6 Resolutions No. 42 – 44, 70 January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolutions No. 42-44, 70** - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village of New Paltz; Reappointing

Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Kingston; Reappointing
 Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Wawarsing

Resolution No. 42 Summary: This Resolution appoints William Murray of New Paltz as the Village of New Paltz representative to the Ulster County Planning Board for a term to commence present through December 31, 2017 (Completing the term of Maurice Weitman).

Resolution No. 43 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature finds the John Konior of Kingston meets the training requirements for reappointment to the Ulster County Planning Board and hereby appoints him to the Ulster County Planning Board as the Town of Kingston representative to serve a term present to December 31, 2019.

Resolution No. 44 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature finds the Victor Markowitz of Ellenville meets the training requirements for reappointment to the Ulster County Planning Board and hereby appoints him to the Ulster County Planning Board as the Town of Wawarsing representative to serve a term present to December 31, 2019.

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

Motion No. 7

Resolution No. 45

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 45** - Adopting And Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Construction of Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 - Capital Project No. 451 – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 45 Summary: This Resolution states, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 et seq. of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State (SEQRA), the Ulster County Legislature hereby adopts and issues the Negative Declaration under SEQRA upon the vote thereupon and the signature of the Ulster County Legislature Chairman herewith, directs the Clerk of the Legislature to file this Resolution and accompanying Negative Declaration with the Involved and Interested Agencies as enumerated in the Negative Declaration, and declares the adoption of the

Negative Declaration to constitute the SEQRA Decision of approval for the construction of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4, together with all plans and documents associated therewith.

Discussion: Department of Planning Deputy Director White introduced and provided an overview of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail. He noted the competitive Federal funding and grants received. He noted this project builds on the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and provided an overview of the extension. He noted they anticipated changes to the design would be approved by the Department of Transportation (DOT) this year and construction would begin in April. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated this project was part of the County Executive's overall goal for the Rail Trail. He noted after this phase there would be three miles to the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. He stated the next phase was entirely in the DOT's right of way.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8

Resolution No. 62

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 62** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Continuum Systems – Department of Information Services

Resolution No. 62 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with Continuum Systems for the amount of \$46,928.00, and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: Deputy County Executive Crannell stated this contract was for the OnBase portion of the County's financial system software. He noted this software attaches back up documents to the financial system.

Legislator Berky noted there were Lotus Notes concerns in the past. Deputy Chairman Rodriguez noted the Lotus security benefit and the expense to run the system. Chairman

Maloney noted the Department of Information Services Director Wohlfahrt indicated the County was planning a move off the Lotus Notes platform and that the security issue was being looked at.

Legislator Berky noted there are competitive alternatives. Deputy County Executive Crannell concurred the Department of Information Services was looking at these alternatives. He noted the Department had a number projects this year.

Deputy Chairman Rodriguez requested Director Wohlfahrt provide an email about Information Services contracts when she was unable to attend the Committee meetings.

Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the County's investment into the financial system.

Chairman Maloney confirmed Director Wohlfahrt would be requested to attend the next Committee meeting.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 9

Resolution No. 63

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 63** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency – Department of Planning

Resolution No. 63 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with Ulster County Industrial Development Agency for the amount of (\$50,000.00) in additional revenue, and hereby approves the contract in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: Department of Planning Director Doyle stated this was a simple revenue contract. Chairman Maloney noted when the County Executive restructured the Economic Development entities that the secretarial services were all in one department.

Motion Made By: Legislator Delaune
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10

Resolution No. 64

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 64** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New World Systems – Department of Information Services

Resolution No. 64 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract amendment with New World Systems for the amount of \$114,932.00, and hereby approves the contract amendment in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: Deputy County Executive Crannell noted this was a contract for maintenance of the County’s financial system software. He noted the County’s \$1 million investment into the software package which included multiple components. Chairman Maloney noted on Schedule B, page 2, the contract amendment indicated this as a continuation of a contract which started in 2011.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 11

Resolution No. 66

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 66 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – James McGuiness & Associates Inc – Department of Information Services

Resolution No. 66 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract amendment with James McGuiness & Associates Inc for the amount of \$25,000.00, and hereby approves the contract amendment in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: Deputy County Executive Crannell noted this was proprietary software for tracking the special needs day care/pre school program.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12

Resolution No. 68

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 68 - Pledging Matching Funds For The “I Love New York” Tourism Promotion – Department Of Tourism

Resolution No. 68 Summary: This Resolution states Ulster County hereby pledges to match funds received from the “I Love New York” Matching Funds Local Assistance Program during New York State fiscal year 2016-2017 in an amount no more than \$135,250.00 and no less than \$30,000.00 and that the County hereby reserves the right to accept or not accept funds from the Program.

Discussion: Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder noted this was an annual resolution. He indicated the County could receive anywhere between \$0 and \$70,000 from the State. He stated they had received notice that the County would be receiving \$67,000 in matching dollars. Chairman Maloney indicated with a tourism industry worth \$514 million, it was worth \$67,000 in County dollars.

Department of Tourism Director Remsnyder noted the funding was a formula based on they expected amount of advertising dollars to be expended.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 13

Resolution No. 69

January 26, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 69** - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) – Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning

Resolution No. 69 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive is to execute an agreement (NYS Contract #1160HO332-15) and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, in the amount of \$750,000.00, for the Ulster County Home Ownership Grant in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, the County Director of Planning to act as certifying officer including the filing of any certifications necessary for the purposes of implementing this award, and amends the 2016 Ulster County Budget to increase Appropriation #BB.8668.3751-4600.4660 (Misc. Contractual Expense, Other) by \$750,000.00 and Revenue #BB.8668.3751-3400.4989 (Federal Aid, Other Homes & Comm. Services) by \$750,000.00.

Discussion: Department of Planning Director Doyle noted the award was received at the end of the year. He stated it would provide homeownership as a scattershot program in locations outside the City of Kingston as Kingston has it's own CDBG. He noted RUPCO was the subrecipient and that \$10,000 - \$12,000 would remain in the County for administration of the grant. Deputy Chairman Rodriguez questioned the administrative funding; to which Department of Planning Director Doyle replied the Program was entitled to 12% of the overall grant and that RUPCO would take \$90,000 - \$112,000 for Program Development fees. He noted RUPCO never took the maximum allowed and that this allocation was set by the State. He stated they looked at other not-for-profits but that none of the others were in the housing field and that RUPCO's reputation, was a main reason the County continued to receive grants.

Legislator Delaune inquired as to the number of homes served last year. Department of Planning Director Doyle replied last year was a rehabilitation grant and that 20-22 homes were served last year. He reviewed the ownership program for this year.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Maloney and Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

New Business

Chairman Maloney requested that every Committee member receive the notices for the Economic Development Agency and Industrial Development Agency meetings. He noted the next Economic Development Agency meeting was scheduled for next Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Maloney discussed the desire to move the February Committee meeting to Thursday, February 4, 2016 following the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee meeting to accommodate those Legislators attending the New York State Association of Counties conference. All attending Committee members consented to the move of the February Committee meeting.

Old Business:

Department of Planning Deputy Director White provided an update to the Broadband group. He noted they were planning to do a study of the gaps and had even lined up a company until the Governor announced the new Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications merger conditions. He noted they would be required to build out and increase speeds by the end of 2017/2018. He stated Time Warner Cable has indicated this region will be the first region to have 300 mgb internet speeds. He noted the Broadband environment is rapidly changing with many items happening. He stated they are confirming these items with the Albany Broadband office before they decide to redraw the gap study. He noted Time Warner Cable was intending to increase internet speeds regardless of the merger.

Legislator Lapp inquired if the merger contract would require everyone in Ulster County to have access to Broadband. Department of Planning Deputy Director White indicated they were reviewing the merger contract requirements and were asking these questions.

He noted there were 110 homes in Hardenburg that are not affected by the merger as they are not licensed with Time Warner Cable. He noted there was a 145,000 additional home access as a condition of the merger but was not sure the number of additional specific to Ulster County. Legislator Lapp clarified if the homes were not part of a customer base, they were not accessible. Department of Planning Director Doyle noted the internal goal was to get the data of where service is and where service was not. He noted that the first phase of money would be to have wires pass all homes. He noted the distinction between a census block and street level analysis of home access. He noted the New York State goal of having all of New York State wired door to door by 2018/2019.

Legislator Berky inquired if there were maps of coverage areas. Department of Planning Director Doyle noted the development of maps by the Town of Rochester and Time Warner Cable. He noted the discrepancy in these maps.

Legislator Berky introduced Ms. Burke, her intern studying political science at Columbia Greene Community College.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:25 PM

Dated the 1st day of February, 2016
Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: February 4, 2016