

**Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 7, 2015, 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Thomas J. Briggs  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Mary Beth Maio, and James Maloney  
**EXCUSED:** Legislators Chris Allen and Herbert Litts, III  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Town of Shokan Resident Thomas Kadgen, Department of Planning Director Dennis Doyle and Deputy Director Chris White, Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Representatives Kathy Nolan and Kevin Smith, League of Women Voters of the Mid Hudson Valley Observation Corp Member Vic Melville, Office of Business Services Director Suzanne Holt, and City of Kingston Complete Streets Committee Member John Grossbohl

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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**Motion No. 1**                      **RESOLVED to Approve the Minutes of March 11, 2015**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Archer with the changes previously provided to the Committee Clerk

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels

**Discussion:**

Deputy Clerk Barringer noted the changes were to add an “e” to highlighted on page 2, to change “making money” to “moving money” on page 7 and to verify the language of Resolution No. 115 on pages 11 and 12.

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor As Amended:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Maio, and Maloney

**Voting In Abstention:** Legislator Briggs

**Voting Against As Amended:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes In Abstention:** 1

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried As Amended

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Chairman Briggs noted Resolution No. 96 had been withdrawn by sponsor.

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**Motion No. 2                      Resolution No. 118 – April 21, 2015**

**Motion Made By:**                      Legislator Maloney

**Motion Seconded By:**              Legislator Archer for discussion

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 118** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance – Department Of Planning

**Resolution No. 118 Summary:** This Resolution confirms the Ulster County Legislature has examined a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance and 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:**

Legislator Archer noted she attempted to communicate with Director Holt and they were unable to connect prior to the meeting. She asked Director Holt the connection between the other two media contracts and the Fairweather and Raleigh-Green proposals. Director Holt noted the importance of the targeted industry analysis by Fairweather and highlighted the Raleigh piece, a six-month technopreneur campaign. She discussed the rationale for moving forward with the technopreneur campaign at the same time they would be conducting the targeted industry analysis.

Legislator Archer noted the County has existing technopreneur businesses and highlighted their challenges with a lack of high-speed internet. She noted, for some new technopreneur businesses, they confirmed the existence of high-speed internet with Time Warner Cable, only to find out after they moved that it did not meet their needs. Director Holt highlighted new technopreneur businesses that have found it not only meet their needs but they have been enable to grow.

Director Holt noted the tourism impact expected in this year’s Kingston Burning due to the involvement of Raleigh-Green. She discussed the focus on creating videos aimed at locating technopreneurs and using social media to attract them to find like-minded people. She noted the Economic Development Alliance (EDA) Board’s decided to move forward with this initiative.

Legislator Archer noted the Fairweather proposal included a strategic plan in addition to the targeted industry analysis. Director Holt replied the contract would only be for the

targeted industry analysis. Legislator Bartels noted the Committee only received the Fairweather proposal, which stated in item #9 that results of all project tasks would be compiled into an economic strategy for Ulster County. She noted this was part of the proposed scope of work. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated it might not be part of the final contract with Fairweather. Director Holt concurred it would not be in the final contract and it would only be a targeted industry analysis. She felt Mr. Fairweather did not understand, when he developed the proposal, which is also submitted to the Office of Economic Development but this is not from the EDA as the EDA is solely looking at marketing. She guessed that after his initial proposal, they went back and forth and that the contract will only be for the targeted industry analysis.

Legislator Archer asked if the contract would be for less money than the proposal indicates. Director Holt replied it would be for less.

Legislator Archer noted of the two proposals received the Iowa proposal was just an industry analysis and the Fairweather proposal offered to translate the targeted industry analysis into a strategic plan. Director Holt confirmed that Mr. Fairweather realized at the EDA meeting that his proposal was not what was requested and streamlined it at the meeting.

Legislator Archer noted the strategic plan was what she had been requesting, the push toward the Ulster Tomorrow document, the outdated nature of the document, and the living nature of a strategic document. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the Ulster Tomorrow is a policy document and offered the Legislature assistance to update the strategic plan.

Legislator Bartels noted the amount of documentation she has been reviewing to attempt to get up to speed on this discussion due to her new appointment to the Committee and her email address not being included in the Committee's group email list. She stated she appreciated hearing from Director Holt and noted she had not seen the contracts associated with these proposals. Director Holt stated they would still working on the contracts.

Legislator Bartels confirmed the EDA is seeking a targeted industry analysis from Fairweather and that the three other proposals (Raleigh, Ellenbogen, and Evolve) were for different aspects of the technopreneur campaign. Director Holt confirmed this and highlighted they would be working on both the targeted industry analysis and the technopreneur campaign at the same time. She noted the technopreneur campaign was not for a lot of money and was a good bang for the buck. She noted an upcoming "Hack-a-thon" to be held for technopreneurs at the Ashokan Center. She noted this would be hacking for good. She stated the Evolve Media proposal was based on a Hudson Valley Tech Meet Up request of the EDA that they sponsor meetings every other month that are

held in Ulster County. She noted the “hackathon” was part of this group’s initiative to bring the targeted industry together. She stated all the proposals will be evaluated at the end of the year and noted the contracts for both the targeted industry analysis and technopreneur campaign are expected to end at the same time.

Legislator Bartels asked if the Ellenbogen and Evolve Media pieces were in aggregate. Director Holt noted the EDA decided to pay each of these proposals \$7,500. She noted they each brought different things to the table. She stated the EDA has instructed them both to work together and present the package of what they would like to do together. Legislator Bartels clarified they each was being paid \$7,500 to provide one deliverable. Director Holt stated the EDA decided to pay Raleigh-Greene their full requested amount and each of the others at \$7,500. Director Holt reiterated the group’s goal of bringing like minded people to the area. She stated they are working on this on their own anyway and are excited to work together to keep moving forward. She stated she was nervous to commit the money to these agencies without the County making the commitment of funding. Legislator Bartels clarified the EDA committed the money but that the contracts were not yet signed. Director Holt confirmed this.

Chairman Briggs noted there was an email glitch and committed to ensure that the next EDA emails will be distributed to Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee members. Legislator Archer concurred this would help as there would be less time spent on these matters at the meetings or in follow-up phone calls.

Legislator Archer noted her interest in participating in the Fairweather targeted industry analysis activities.

Legislator Bartels requested the contracts and any updated scope of services to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee members. Director Holt indicated she would.

Legislator Archer noted a commitment to these contracts had not yet been made as they would be coming back to the table with their joint proposal. Director Holt stated she was currently working with the County Contract Management team to obtain the services as desired by the EDA. She stated she was not waiting for the Committee to meet again. Legislator Archer clarified Director Holt reported they were presenting their combined proposal. Chairman Briggs concurred with this statement and indicated the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee members would receive notice of the time and location of technopreneur campaign joint presentation by all three agencies.

Legislator Archer noted her vote in favor of the resolution was for this time only and noted she had not heard the results of last year’s contract, the value add, and return of

investment. She noted the need to explore how Ulster Tomorrow fit in these plans from a policy and strategic planning perspective. In response to results from last year's activities, Director Holt noted the County now had professional materials to send to interested businesses. She did not think there would be a method to quantify that value. She stated the items developed with FOCUS Media established a professional looking start to the dialogues with new businesses. She stated the site selector activity was not a great use of funds as it did not receive the website hits as tracked by Google Analytics they were looking for but noted it corresponded to the negative press the County was experiencing regarding the Niagara Bottling proposal and the unwelcoming feeling from Ulster County toward businesses. She reiterated the lack of quantifiable data based on the rest of the activities done with FOCUS Media as they were just bringing the County into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. She stated there would be no written report on the outcome. She felt the activities, including the changing of the economic development entity name, put the County on the right track.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

Director Holt offered to meet with any Committee member to further discuss the economic development activities.

**Motion No. 3                      Resolution No. 136 – April 21, 2015**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio to discuss

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Briggs to discuss

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 136** - Supporting The Placement Of Video Lottery Terminals At The Nevele Grande Hotel And Country Club In The Town Of Wawarsing

**Resolution No. 136 Summary:** This Resolution supports the placement of Video Lottery Terminals at the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club in the Town of Wawarsing and encourages the advancement of legislation in the New York Legislature that would approve Video Lottery Terminals at the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club. The Resolution requests that the New York State Division of the Lottery place Video Lottery Terminals at the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club, in the Town of Wawarsing and directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, New York State Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, the Town of Wawarsing Town Board and the New York State Division of the Lottery.

## **Discussion:**

Legislator Archer asked if Michael Trainor was present at the meeting. Chairman Briggs noted he was not and indicated Mr. Trainor requested this resolution in March. He noted it was agreed that it would be presented in April.

Legislator Bartels noted her concerns with the prior casino resolution. She noted there was no specific State legislation currently in process to support the Nevele. She indicated her support of the resolution put forward last month was due to the two representatives from the resorts presenting their specific proposal at the meeting. She felt the proposal to put money back into the community was compelling and innovative. She noted, in regards to the Pine Grove Ranch location, the video lottery terminals would be an amenity for their guests and would require a day use pass to access the resort. She noted distinction between a proposal for hundreds of gaming units and an amenity for existing guests.

Chairman Briggs stated he plan for the Nevele hotel is a sports complex featuring 88 acres south on Route 209 that would house lacrosse, baseball, and soccer fields. He stated the resort would offer the sports complex facility for AAU/traveling soccer and baseball leagues. He stated the video lotteries offered the cushion to help when the regular season is down and they are not getting as much business.

Legislator Bartels and Chairman Briggs discussed the amenity aspect of the proposals.

Legislator Bartels reiterated her overall concerns regarding gambling, the support of the properties and recognition of the era when people traveled here for family visits to the Catskills. She indicated her concern to signing on to another support of generalized gaming.

Chairman Briggs reviewed the loyalty credit program for players. Legislator Bartels noted the prior Legislative action to postpone the prior VLT support request in support of the Nevele's casino application. She stated her vote on the last resolution was to honor the wait that the other facilities experienced and the potential impact the casino would have had to these facilities. Chairman Briggs noted the golf experience at the Hudson Valley Resort. Legislator Bartels reiterated the day use pass was specific to the Pine Grove Ranch. Chairman Briggs noted one could go to the Pine Grove Ranch and have dinner.

Legislator Maio asked if Mr. Treanor would attend a meeting. Chairman Briggs agreed to have a representative from the Nevele at the next meeting.

Legislator Maloney noted legislation was currently in development in Albany. He spoke of the prior experience with the Pine Grove Ranch requesting the Legislature's support. He stated additional video slots at the Nevele would dilute the market. He stated the two

facilities that who came before them needed these amenities. He felt the Nevele was given it's shot and that the Pine Grove and the Hudson Valley Resorts be given their shot.

Chairman Briggs noted there was always a Plan B but it was not well known and this was the Plan B.

Legislator Bartels asked if Mr. Treanor was invited to be a part of the prior legislation. Chairman Briggs replied Mr. Treanor requested to have his own legislation.

Legislators Maio and Briggs withdrew their motions. No further action was taken on this resolution.

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**Motion No. 4                      Resolution No. 139 – April 21, 2015**

**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Briggs

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Maloney

**Text of Motion:**              **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 139** - Establishing Capital Project No. 451 To Provide For Design and Right-of-Way Incidental Work for the “Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4” Project And Amending the 2015 - 2020 Capital Program - Department of Planning

**Resolution No. 139 Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2015 – 2020 Capital Program to include “Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4” in the amount of \$175,000.00 and establishes Capital Project 451- “Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4”. The Resolution amends the 2015 Ulster County Capital Fund Budget by increasing Appropriation No. HH.7197.0451.4300.4355 (Professional Services – Engineering) by \$175,000.00, Revenue No. HH.7197.0451.3400.4897 (Federal Aid) by \$140,000.00, and Revenue No. HH.7197.0451.3500.5710 (Serial Bonds) by \$ 35,000.00.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Maloney asked if there was a map of proposed work. Deputy Director White stated the Hudson Valley Rail Trail is about 3.5 miles from the Walkway Over The Hudson to the Tony Williams Park. He noted the Town of Lloyd had a project to expand the trail to South Street, near the Lowe’s store. He stated they had to spend money on a tunnel and were forced to truncate the project, ending it at the Fire Station near the Hess Gas Station. He stated the County approached the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to see if they would consider doing the project. He stated the County needed to obtain the right of way from the State. He stated they submitted a competitive application to the Transportation Alternatives Program and were awarded the grant. He noted the Town of Lloyd was building the Phase 3 of the project, the County was cueing

up phase 4 and they were approaching the DOT for phases 5 &6 which would bring it into the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. He stated this project would extend the Rail Trail across the Walkway and connect to the Dutchess Rail Trail. He noted the ability for people to take the train to Dutchess and bike into Ulster.

Legislator Bartels asked if there was an existing rail trail that would be used. Deputy Director White stated their phase was looking to use a part of an old railroad up to South Street. He stated the railroad went south at that point to Maybrook. He stated they would be taking the Rail Trail and then filling the gap to the next Rail Trail using the DOT's right of way along Route 299. He stated it would be similar to the Hurley Rail Trail on Route 209. Legislator Bartels and Deputy Director White discussed the success the Rail Trail would have if it did continue on to New Paltz.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 5**                      **Resolution No. 141 – April 21, 2015**

**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Maloney

**Text of Motion:**                **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 141** - Authorizing The Implementation And Funding In The First Instance 100% Of The Federal-Aid Eligible Costs Of A Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4), And Appropriating Funds Therefore - Department of Planning

**Resolution No. 141 Summary:** This Resolution approves the preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental work for this Project, authorizes Ulster County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental work for the Project or portions thereof, appropriates the sum of \$175,000 and makes available from Capital Project No. 451 the sum to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project. The Resolution authorizes, should the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Ulster County Legislature to convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Ulster County Executive thereof. The Resolution authorizes the Ulster County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute the Federal-Aid Local Project Agreement, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, as well as all necessary additional agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and any amendments thereto on behalf of Ulster County with the New York State Department of Transportation



(NYSDOT) in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal aid Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible and authorizes, in addition to the County Executive, the following municipal titles — Director of Purchasing, Commissioner of Public Works, and Director of Planning — to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project identified in the Federal-Aid Local Project Agreement. The Resolution directs a certified copy of this resolution to be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any Agreement in connection with the Project and states the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Discussion:**

Deputy Director White stated this Resolution would allow the County to sign agreements for the design and research

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

**Motion No. 6**                      **Resolution No. 142 – April 21, 2015**

**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Maloney

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Maio

**Text of Motion:**                **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 142** - Authorizing The Continuation Of Agricultural District No. 2 – Wallkill River – Towns Of Esopus, Gardiner, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale, Shawangunk and the Village of New Paltz – Department Of Planning

**Resolution No. 142 Summary:**      This Resolution approves the continuation, with modifications, of Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Esopus, Gardiner, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale, Shawangunk and the Village of New Paltz in accordance with the recommendations of the AFPB as filed with the Clerk of Legislature, as Agricultural District No. 2 Wallkill River, Ulster County, with the next anniversary date of July 21, 2023 with the exception that the following properties remain within the District:

Owner	Town	S/B/L	Address	Acreage
Harold Ruddy	Gardiner	101.1-2-9	16 Millbrook Rd	4.01
Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.102	4 Patentee Dr.	1.60
Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.105	8 Patentee Dr.	1.10
Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.108	16 Patentee Dr.	0.86

Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.111	5 Sarah's Way	1.10
Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.115	12 Sarah's Way	1.00
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.101	2 Patentee Dr.	1.10
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.104	6 Patentee Dr.	1.30
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.107	14 Patentee Dr.	0.86
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.110	20 Patentee Dr.	1.10
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.112	7 Sarah's Way	1.20
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.114	11 Sarah's Way	1.30
Steven Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.117	8 Sarah's Way	1.10
Steven & Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.103	2 Sarah's Way	1.20
Steven & Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.106	10 Patentee Dr.	1.10
Steven & Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.109	18 Patentee Dr.	1.10
Steven & Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.113	9 Sarah's Way	2.10
Steven & Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.116	10 Sarah's Way	1.20
Steven & Judy Clarke	Gardiner	94.3-3-16.118	6 Sarah's Way	1.00

The Resolution finds the continuation of the District with modifications, will result in no significant adverse environmental impacts and that a Negative Declaration is hereby adopted under State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA) and directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to submit this resolution, maps and reports as required to the Commissioner of New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for consideration to determine if it is consistent with New York State environmental plan, policies and objectives and requesting certification of the modified District.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Archer noted the meeting minutes of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Director Doyle reviewed the meeting of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. He noted the request was slightly different from the recommendation of the Board as two landowners contacted the Planning Department recently and requested to remain in the district. He noted these were in the Sarah's Way subdivision and indicated one landowner would be beekeeping, an eligible industry to remain in the district. He noted discussion at the Board regarding farmers that subdivide the properties to keep them in the agricultural districts and then sell them off one by one.

Legislator Bartels asked if one property was taken out of the district after being sold. Director Doyle replied the lot remains in the district as the districts are reviewed every eight years. He stated the agricultural assessment is reviewed annually by the Town Assessor and only remains if the property continues to meet eligibility requirements.

Legislator Archer confirmed this property had been subdivided since 2009 and has continued to be farmed. Director Doyle concurred stating he thought it was orchard and cropland.

Legislator Archer sought clarification of the subdivided lots being sold piece by piece. Director Doyle stated they would have to pay a penalty for each lot sold. He indicated it would be 2.5 times the tax rate. Legislator Maloney offered an example of a farmer with

five agricultural lots and placing \$50,000 on each lot. He stated the State of New York issues soil values annually, which are based on maps established by the County Planning Department. He stated they have a value by acre scale, which is set by Albany. He stated the typical value by acre is \$200 - \$500 per acre. He stated the difference between the \$50,000 and the value per acre is the exemption and where the farmer will find savings. He stated if the property is sold, the farmer will be looking to get that savings and penalty back.

Legislator Bartels asked if the property was removed from the district and it returned to farming, would it have to wait until the next review to reenter the district. Director Doyle replied they can be added to the district annually and Legislator Maloney noted the assessments are reviewed annually. He indicated the farmer had indicated there is no market for the land for the next eight years. He felt the discussion would be different if there were actual improvements to the land.

Legislator Maloney thanked Director Doyle and his staff for all their work. He suggested Committee members attend a Farmland Protection Board meeting and highlighted the tight community the farmers maintain.

Director Doyle stated there was a significant amount of money for conservation easements in the State Budget that require the Farmland Protection Board to render an opinion. He noted they just ended the 30-day review period for Agricultural District additions. He stated they would presenting those recommendations to the Legislature in the near future.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 7**                      **Resolution No. 155 – April 21, 2015**

**Motion Made By:**              Legislator Maio for discussion

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Bartels

**Text of Motion:**                **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 155** - Creating The  
Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee - Ulster  
County Legislature

**Resolution No. 155 Summary:** This Resolution establishes the “U&D Corridor Advisory Committee” for the purpose of (a) conducting a thorough reexamination and study of the work completed to date, with the addition of an economic assessment, by township, with respect to optimum economic feasibility of the U&D Corridor, (b) following Ulster County’s

procurement process, the committee will retain the services of an independent consultant to assist with the review and additional research, as defined by the committee, (c) to help determine the most appropriate development of the U&D Corridor, and by no later than November 30, 2015, the Advisory Committee shall present its findings to the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee, in the form of a written report, which shall set forth proposed next steps in the process of carrying out Ulster County's existing policy regarding the U&D Corridor. The Resolution establishes the membership of the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following members for a term commencing present through December 31, 2015:

1. Lynn Archer (District 21)
2. Ken J. Ronk (District 13)
3. Mary Beth Maio (District 10)
4. Herb Litts (District 9)
5. David Donaldson (District 6)
6. Manna Jo Greene (District 19)
7. Tracey Bartels (District 16)

The Resolution amends the 2015 Ulster County Budget to retain the services of an independent consultant pursuant to item (b) above by transferring \$30,000.000 from Contingency Account No. A4-1331-4553 to Other Fees for Professional Services Account No. A4-1006-4400.

The Resolution states the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee will seek input from groups including, but not limited to, the Environmental Management Council, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, the Catskill Mountain Railroad as current lessee; the Ulster County Department of Planning, Department of the Environment, Tourism Department, the Ulster County Transportation Council and the NYC DEP as well as County Executive appointed staff from the Executive branch of government to assist the U&D Corridor Advisory Committee in its work.

### **Discussion:**

Legislator Archer reviewed the prior legislation, Resolution No. 96, which dissolved the Railroad Advisory Board. She stated the main difference from that Resolution and this was that this Resolution would not dissolve the Railroad Advisory Board. She stated the Committee would focus on reexamine the plans of what the County has to date, look at potential research with regards to single track corridors, railroads, etc. and focus on the corridor and the economic viability of the corridor. She noted the shift from the Executive in regards to the Kingston corridor. She stated this offers the Legislator the ability to evaluate all the information to date and dig a little deeper around the issues to ensure they have a full understanding. She noted a policy is already in place and the question to be answered is if in this review, the policy should be replaced. She stated the group's purpose would be to look at these issues with the resources of an independent consultant to help with some of the research and comparison work that could add value to the process. She stated the Committee would come back to the Legislature with a review

of what they come up with and any potential recommendations. She noted the proposed membership, the focus on all sides of the corridor, not as it pertains to current leasee, but as it relates to the existing policy on the corridor.

Legislator Maloney clarified the Committee is a special committee and not a standing committee. He noted there was a quorum of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee on this special committee.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Bartels  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 6:53 PM

**Dated the 15th day of April, 2015**  
**Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved on: May 5, 2015**