

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

**DATE & TIME:** March 1, 2022 – 6:30 PM or (or immediately following Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee)  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 82357080963,  
By phone Dialing (646) 558-8656  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Thomas Corcoran, Peter Criswell, Chris Hewitt, Joseph Maloney, and Megan Sperry  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Phil Erner, Kathy Nolan, and Laura Petit; Laurent Rejto, Hudson Valley Film Commission; Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly; Comptroller March Gallagher and Alicia Demarco, Comptroller’s Office; Director Dennis Doyle, Planning; Director Tim Weidemann, Economic Development; Director Sharon Wilson, Office of Employment & Training; Director Nathan Litwin, Molly Scott and Ashlee Long, Recovery & Resilience; Jamie Caputo, SUNY Ulster; Jarod Bruno, UC Cornell Cooperative Extension; Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper; Thomas Smiley and Barbara Stirewalt, Mohonk Mountain House; Tamara Murray, Emerson Resort & Spa; Catherine Skopic, Jacqueline Brechsler, Shelly and Steve Turk, Eric Gullickson, Lee Gough, S Deacon, CJ Hartwell-Kelly; Juan Vasquez, Annie Wilson, Lee Gough

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:50 and asked Legislator Litts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of February 1, 2022**

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition: Minutes APPROVED**

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Presentation: Hudson Valley Film Commission by Laurent Rejto

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Chair Cahill invited public comment on agenda items.

The following individuals spoke in support of Resolution 108: Catherine Skopic, Annie Wilson, Legislator Phil Erner, Legislator Laura Petit, Lee Gough, Legislator Joseph Maloney and Jacueline Brechsler.

Chair Cahill took Resolution 108 out of order.

**Resolution No. 108:** Urging The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (UCIDA) To Deny Transmission Developers Inc (TDI) Payment-In-Lieu-Of Taxes (PILOT) Request For The Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) Project In Ulster County

**Resolution Summary:** This is a memorializing resolution urging the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (the "IDA") to deny any tax incentives to Transmission Developers, Inc for their Champlain Hudson Power Express project because of its negative impacts to Ulster County

**Motion No. 2:** Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 108

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 11-** Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature For A Special Law In Relation To The Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Rates In Ulster County

**Resolution Summary:** This is a home rule request from the Ulster County Legislature to the New Your State Government to allow Ulster County the ability to pass legislation in the future that could increase the Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax rate for hotels and motels up to six percent (6%) and short-term rentals up to ten (10%) percent.

**Motion No. 3:** Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 11

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Chair Cahill

**Motion No. 4:** Moved to AMEND Resolution 11 by changing the first RESOLVED to read

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature, pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, requests that the New York State Legislature enact legislation amending New York State Tax Law Section 1202-1, increasing the Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax rate for hotels and motels up to ~~six~~ **four** percent (~~6%~~) (**4%**) and short-term rentals up to ~~ten~~ **eight** percent (~~10%~~) (**8%**) ,

Motion Made By: Chair Cahill

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: This motion was suggested and approved by the sponsor  
See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0  
**Disposition: Amendment ADOPTED**

**Motion No. 5 Moved to POSTPONE**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts  
No Second – Motion Failed

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: Legislators Corcoran and Litts  
Votes in Favor: 5  
Votes Against: 2  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED as Amended**

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**Resolution No. 29 - Funding Capital Project No. 601 – ARP Small Business And Economic Recovery – Department Of Finance**

**Resolution Summary:** this Resolution will approve a funding Capital Project 601 – American Rescue Plan Small Business and Economic Recovery Program through the Department of Finance to provide \$1,000,000 of additional funding for program administration and grants in the form of direct financial assistance to Ulster County’s most vulnerable small businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and administrative costs.

**Motion No. 6: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 29**

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, and Sperry  
Voting Against: Legislator Maloney  
Votes in Favor: 6  
Votes Against: 1  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 32 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Finance**

**Resolution Summary:** this Resolution will approve a contract for professional services with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) as a subaward of American Rescue Plan Act associated with Capital Project 601.

**Motion No. 7: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 32**

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: See Transcript

**Motion No. 8:** Moved to AMEND the contract by eliminating \$50,000 earmarked for Program Administration and increasing Direct Assistance from \$850,000 to \$900,000.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney  
No Second – Motion Failed

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, and Sperry  
Voting Against: Legislator Maloney  
Votes in Favor: 6  
Votes Against: 1  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 107** - Appointing A Legislative Representative To The Ulster County Cooperative Extension Board

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will confirm the appointment of Legislator Megan Sperry to the Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Board of Directors for a term from the present thru December 31, 2023.

**Motion No. 9:** Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 107

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 131** - Establishing Capital Project No. 624 SUNY Ulster – Children’s Center Renovations, And Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes and funds Capital Project 624 to provide architecture and engineering services for the exterior envelope renovations at the Children’s Center in 2022, would be divided as follows: \$20,000 State and \$20,000 Ulster County .

**Motion No. 10: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 131**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 133** - Authorizing The Execution Of A Lease Agreement With The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. For Space At The Enterprise West Facility Located In The Town Of Ulster—Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to enter into a lease agreement Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (UCEDA) for space at the Enterprise West Facility located at 101-899 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, New York 12401

**Motion No. 11: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 133**

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell  
Motion Seconded By: Chair Cahill

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, and Sperry  
Voting Against: Legislator Maloney  
Votes in Favor: 6  
Votes Against: 1  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 134** - Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village Of Ellenville

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution reappoints Richard Travers of Ellenville to represent the Village of Ellenville as a member of Ulster County Planning Board for a term from the present thru December 31, 2025.

**Motion No. 12: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 134**

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 135** - Reappointing Member And Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Shawangunk

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution reappoints Matt Watkins of Pine Bush as a member and appoints Richard Barnhart of Wallkill as an alternate member to represent the Town of Shawangunk on the Ulster County Planning Board for a term from the present thru December 31, 2025.

**Motion No. 13: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 135**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 136** - Reappointing Member And Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution reappoints Frank Almquist of Kingston as a member and appoints Anna Hayner of Lake Katrine as an alternate member to represent the Town of Ulster on the Ulster County Planning Board for a term from the present thru December 31, 2025.

**Motion No. 14: Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 136**

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0  
**Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 137** - Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Three (3) Easements Across County Owned Property, Being A Portion Of The Former Ulster & Delaware Railroad Bed Property Located In The City Of Kingston, To The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, A Local Development Corporation For the Purpose of Affordable Housing Development

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution will schedule a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:05 PM as required to consider the advisability of adopting a resolution authorizing the sale and/or transfer of three (3) Easements across County owned property, being a portion of the former Ulster & Delaware Railroad Bed property located in the City of Kingston to the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, Inc

**Motion No. 15:** Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 137

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts  
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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**Resolution No. 138** - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Intermunicipal Agreements With Various Municipalities For The Operation Of The Summer Youth Employment Program, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, And The Young Adult Employment Program

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chair to enter into an intermunicipal agreements with various municipalities for the worksite agreement for the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training's Year-Round Young Adult Employment Program, Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, as well as the Summer Youth Employment Program

**Motion No. 16:** Moved to DISCUSS Resolution 138

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell  
Motion Seconded By: Chair Cahill

Discussion: See Transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Litts, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Maloney, and Sperry  
Voting Against: None  
Votes in Favor: 7  
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

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Chair Cahill opened the discussion and invited input regarding the of scheduling interviews with candidates for the Industrial Development Agency Board.

Chairman Cahill asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

## Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt  
No. of Votes in Favor: 7  
No. of Votes Against: 0  
Time: 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo  
Minutes Approved: April 5, 2022



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**Chair Cahill**

I appreciate everyone attending tonight. Welcome. This is the march media Mecca Economic Development Planning Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture committee. What I'd like to do tonight, call the meeting to order first. And then what we'll do is our usual thing is to do the pledge of a flag. And I'll ask Legislator Litts to lead us in the pledge of the flag.

**Legislator Litts**

I pledge allegiance to the flag, flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for a strong

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

You're welcome.

**Chair Cahill**

I will accept a motion to approve the minutes from our February 1 meeting.

**Legislator Criswell**

Motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Second,

**Legislator Hewitt**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Hewitt, thank you very much. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed?

**Chair Cahill**

And there are no abstentions? Okay. Great. Thank you. Yes,

**Fawn Tantillo**

Sorry, have a caller at 845-750-7295. Can I get your name? I see a caller at 7507295. Can I get your name?

**Rebecca Martin**

Yes. Rebecca Martin.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

So, before, before we get into the presentation, actually, let's let's have Laurent Rehti from the Hudson Valley Film Commission, give us a presentation. I requested that he come and visit our committee. I noticed that the last few years we haven't heard from the Hudson Valley Film Commission and I think they're a vital part of our economy in the valley, especially here in Ulster County. And I think it's important that we hear what they contribute and what their plans are and maybe ways that we can work together and help them so Mr. Rejtoo all yours. Thank you.

**Laurent Rejto**

Thanj you. I appreciate the time and appreciate the opportunity. The Hudson Valley sound Commission's a 501 C three nonprofit organization with a mission to create economic development, pure and simple, through opportunities that by attracting, supporting and promoting regional film and television production and related work. I'm going to read some of this. I apologize for that. But I could. I'm used to speaking for two hours we've spoken at libraries throughout the county. I'm going to try to keep this brief I realized I realized you all have a lot of work to do and you've had a very busy day. But hopefully we'll get back to speaking at libraries and town halls

and schools. We've been you know we've spoken in Kerhonokson, Gardener Marlboro, New Paltz, Phoenicia, Saugerties, Woodstock, we work all over the county. We work all over the region, we work in seven counties.

**Laurent Rejto**

2021 was our most successful year for film and TV production. We had record numbers, in direct spending, hotel room rentals, jobs and more. I'm going to email a lot of these, this data to you is a very welcome bounce back from from the pandemic from the shutdown that occurred exactly about two years ago today, around March 15. We were filming actually, at Woodstock Film Studios, which is actually in the Town of Kingston On Route 28. And the day after, I remember well, nobody was allowed to go to the productions anymore. Anyway, it short the estimated local spending that we tabulated and we're still tabulating, we're actually working with Warner media to get to get the details. \$58 million was spent in the region 42,686 room rentals we we tracked. We actually call every single hotel every quarter to track the rooms and we also reach out to the productions for that information. In terms of scouting days, there were 374 scouting days, which means thatfilm scouts werstaying in the region eating in the region looking at for locations.

**Laurent Rejto**

We have a scout today right at Tech City. I was working getting him to Tech City today hooking them up with Dan Ahouse and for a massive production in 2023 from Amazon Studios.

**Laurent Rejto**

Production days in 2021, there were 471 Production days. The number of locations used was 264. Local crew hired, that's local crew members who live in the region, your neighbors 631 People were hired on films. the production that's going on inside is the HBO for production right now has 250 people on crew, about a third of those people are hired locally. And these are people who pay local taxes. You know, they, they support the schools, they support the community, they work at the volunteer fireman, they're the ones who are benefiting. It's it's the blue collar industry, these people work 14 hour days. We want them to be able to work in their backyard instead of force having the having them go to New York City, or other states, where they they would find where they used to find work. This is a new occurrence now that we have production year round. It's a fantastic, fantastic development that's taken a long time to happen. And we want it to continue.

**Laurent Rejto**

I'm often asked what we do, what we do, every you know what we do during the week and I I actually wrote about six pages. So I'm gonna I'm gonna email that to you. But as an example, today, we we worked with, we worked on the Amazon production for 2023. That's often in distance. But we worked with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection on that because we're looking for tunnels. Nobody knows about tunnels better than the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. It this is all post apocalyptic locations that we're looking for. So we're also talking about Iron Mountain. And we're talking to Tech City, which kind of looks like a post apocalyptic place, sometimes, depending on the building you're looking at. They are very excited to find out that they weren't looking for a brand new building.

**Laurent Rejto**

We're working with a Disney film right now. Where it's all of these, all of this work is very competitive. And you kind of have to know the the insiders, the people, the producers, the people to talk with. I've known I've been in the industry since 1980. So I it's amazing how many people I talked to who I've known for 20, 30, 40 years, and

it helps enormously. The other producer of the Disney film is someone I've known since 1999. We're competing with North Carolina on that film. Every time we work on a production, we're competing either with North Carolina or Georgia, or Massachusetts, or Connecticut or another part of New York are working on a film called the bike riders. We're actually competing against the Buffalo area on that one. We want them here because we want the jobs we want the location fees, we want the vendors hired the vendors or the caterers, the hotels, etc.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Part of the the dynamic that we have to deal with is the state dynamic that the New York, the New York Film tax credit is very conservative, it's actually it only you the only costs that are eligible are below the line costs, which are labor costs. We like we appreciate the fact that it's that it's a conservative program. And that it doesn't, that money doesn't go to above the line costs, which are the celebrities, but we lose films because of that we you know, we lost the movie Joy because Massachusetts was willing to pay a third of Jennifer Lawrence's \$15 million salary. Is that right? No, but it's it. That's the kind of competition we're always up against.

### **Laurent Rejto**

So we're always trying to figure out a way to show that film can be made in our region for for at a good value. So right now, North Carolina does give a tax credit across the board below the line and above the line. So we have to figure it, we're working with the producer to show him why this region is the is the best region. Luckily. And this is true very often. Luckily, the producer happens to live in my backyard, in Saugerties. And I've created a map of locations and a gallery of locations that are all about 15 miles from his house, and I think he he really wants to be home. So there's always you know, there are ways to to to make the area attractive and you have to figure out exactly the way what that is. Another thing on bike riders, for example, the other movie, we've been, we've been put, we've been referring a lot of local, local actors. And that's another way you can get a local actor to sign on to your film. So with bike riders, we happen to have some great bike riders in the area. We have Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who actually moved to this region because he loved biking so much he did a movie called Peace, love and misunderstanding in 2010. absolutely fell in love with the area because he loved motorcycling around the area. So, so got Jeffrey Dean Morgan with that Norman Ritas. And then Bill sage, he's up in Margaretville. So if we can, if we can get one of those actors tied in. And then you know, that's a whole other way of getting a production here.

### **Laurent Rejto**

So every time we work with a film, we're trying to figure out a way to make it as attractive as possible. So the other thing that so we do it the other thing we do is we promote a lot of things. So last week, I don't know if many of you may have received our blog, but we talked about some of the some of the productions that are actually coming out a lot of the productions that were filmed in 2021 are now on television. And that creates a whole other dynamic to film production. It's especially cultural tourism, anytime somebody sees the Hudson Valley in a film, well, not every time because sometimes, you know, we're supposed to be Oklahoma or we're supposed to be Virginia or we're supposed to be some some other part. But very often people will know that a film was was filmed here. And there are several films that have actually created what is called "cultural tourism", people come to the area to see the bridge in A Quiet Place that has become, you know, the the Wallkill Valley Railtrail Bridge has become one of the most visited sites in the region. And there's some funny stories about that I remember I was talking to they want me they wanted us to they wanted me to convince Executive, County Executive Mike Hine to delay renovation of that bridge because they liked the way it looks pretty old and everything and I remember I called Suzanne Holt and she said "no" in about two and a half seconds I think because that renovation

was definitely a go for it. So we we explained that their production designer should make the bridge look old and crusty, which they did and but that's uh anyway that the the fact that that movies are on the screen that creates a whole other dynamic which brings this it creates advertising it's free advertising for the area.

### **Laurent Rejto**

So, last year, we had some major TV shows, we had Sex Lives of College Girls, which is Mindy Keeling's new production. That was all filmed at Vassar. We recommended Vassar we recommended Bard we recommend that a bunch of different universities. They chose to film at Vassar, they spent a fortune in the area and that Mindy Keeling, you know, tweeted and Instagrams about how she was in the area. And that's great for the area because people suddenly want to come to the Hudson Valley and vacation here or spend the weekend here. That happens on a lot of films.

### **Laurent Rejto**

With Pretty Little Liars, the production that's going on in Saugerties right now. The fan, the amount of people looking at on Instagram and all the social media is unbelievable. So that's that's the whole promotion part. I'm going to just leave it at that. I'm going to send you all of the other information. I'm also I'd be delighted to answer any questions. I will say that, you know, our history with Ulster County was I've I've lived in Ulster County since 1988. I've lived in about six towns in the Hudson Valley I've lived in in Pine Bush. I lived in Shawangunk. I hope I pronounced that right, Willow. No? Shawangunk, Shawangunk, Willow, West Hurley, Woodstock, I now live in Saugerties. I was able to buy a house before the prices went through the roof. I hope to be able to stay here. Again we work we we did have UC IDA, the UCm County IDA support. Al Ford embraced us in 2008. He understood the importance of this and we had a great relationship but kind of fell apart under the leadership from Randall, Leverett, I don't know what happened. We were saved basically by Mark Brownstein, the CEO of Markertek, one of the largest employers in in the county, one of my best friends Unfortunately passed away, which is horrifying. But he saved us. He basically supported us while the while after the loss of funding we used to get between 40 and \$50,000 from Ulster County. We also got we're lucky enough to get support from Dutchess County, and from Putnam County, and we we used to have support from Orange County as well.

### **Laurent Rejto**

We used to have a wonderful relationship with the IDA, you know, I used to, I used to travel around to different counties with different members of the IDA, and we convince all the other counties to come on board Unfortunately, most of the wonderful people I worked with Dave and Steve. Perfect. Dave O'Halloran, everybody that unfortunately passed away, you know, what do they say? Only the good die young. Anyway, so we would we do have a 2021 report, I'd be happy to share that with with

### **Chair Cahill**

Send that to Fawn. Send that to Fawn and then Fawn will distribute it.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Okay. And, again, I'm happy to discuss minute details going back to all the way to 2000 When we first started working with films, and you know, it's it's a wonderful, it's a wonderful addition to the area. It's, it's, I can't think of a better, of another, of another economic engine that brings in \$58 million dollars, and hires people locally, and keeps giving. The other thing is they don't come in here and build, you know, monstrosities, and then leave them empty, and leave. They, they actually come, rent stuff and leave. Again, spend money. So it's a wonderful,

it's been a wonderful experience. We've had a, we have a directory online with hundreds, probably 1000s of local people who, who get hired off the site all the time. And we hope that the Ulster County will will come on board and continue supporting us.

**Chair Cahill**

Well, thank you. And I appreciate you taking your time. And we look forward to hear from you soon again. And again, reach out to us if there's things that we can do to help we can brainstorm maybe, you know, see, see, see what we can do. And we have the Department of Economic Development Director Weidemann on the phone on the call with us, and I'm sure he'd love to hear from you. You know, just to let you know that I fully understand the value of the arts community. As far as an economic driver in this county, it's really one of the top ones and we know that. And, you know, I want to do what I can to help the arts community thrive in the county. And again, thank you very much for your time, and just whatever you want to get to us, please sent to Fawn and we'll make sure everybody gets it. Thanks.

**Laurent Rejto**

I did want to... Can I just say one last thing. I love the I love the arts. I love everything about the arts. But for me, this is all about labor. I used to I think I used to talk to Mike Hein about how this is like being a cobbler. It's like making shoes and then getting the shoes out. It's basically it's manufacturing. That's what this is. It's it's employing local laborers who work for very high salaries and, and creating, creating art. Yes, we're creating art and then that's, that's that's the part that we promote. But everything else is a is really labor intensive. And I always want to drive that home because these people work 12,14, 16 hours a days

**Chair Cahill**

Hard working people.

**Laurent Rejto**

Yeah, very hard work. Anyway, I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

**Chair Cahill**

Chairman, Legislator Sperry has her hand up. I don't know if you can see her.

**Chair Cahill**

I was just gonna say if any of the legislators were only going to ask the legislators to if they have any questions to Mr. Reiko. We don't allow the public to ask our question our guest questions during these meetings. Thank you.

**Legislator Sperry**

Hi, Laurent. I don't have a question. I just want everybody to know how much I am grateful for the Hudson Valley Film Commission, especially for my students. You know, at SUNY New Paltz every year, my students are coming through the program and they, we require our students to do internship before they graduate. And it's only been in the past five years that our students have been staying in the area. One to do their internships and then upon

graduation staying in the area to work. And I can't tell you how proud I am when I see my students working on these productions that he just mentioned and staying in the area. And getting joining the unions, the various unions that they need to be a part of to do the work that they're doing. Rather than, you know, graduating and going and moving to New York City. I it's just the the Film Commission does so much for the students that are leaving me.

### **Laurent Rejto**

I hate to say that I don't hate to say this, but the fact is that I had I had three kids and one of them unfortunately passed away but the other two moved away and I didn't want anybody's kids to move away. One of my things I wanted to create, we wanted to create a system where people were, young people would stay in the area. And that's actually happening when I go to up river and I see all the kids from SUNY New Paltz, like Joe Davis, and all these other. It's like, it's the best like today, I actually sent out a casting call. And I also sent out a job call somebody was is hiring one, they want a director, and they're offering \$65,000. And I was like, oh, so I sent out to all these other people, these graduates, people who graduated from New Paltz. Tomorrow, we're going to be at Bard speaking with the students at Bard. And we also work with Marist, So, you know, that's one of our passions is to keep kids in the area and find jobs that will make them happy and content. You know, during when the White House Plumbers was filming down. They were filming everywhere they filmed in Kingston. As you know, Cuba, you know, the Bay of Pigs happened that Kingston Point, right, everybody knows that, right. But, so one of the great things about that is I went to the costume, to the wardrobe department one day, and there was this, you know, this 20 year old kid sitting behind the desk, and he found out that I was with the Film commission. He's like, Oh, I can't believe that I get to work, you know, 10 miles from home, he was from Poughkeepsie. I think there was travel across the bridge to Newburgh and stuff like that I love that's the best. It's great.

### **Laurent Rejto**

And it's also great, by the way, we just did, we did a show on Radio, Kingston, the senior, the senior show, and it's the same thing with seniors, you know, we work with seniors all the time, especially when it comes to picture cars. And acting a lot of background actors, a lot of seniors have found a new passion, working as background actors, and providing picture cars and, and just getting involved. So it involves every film and TV involved everything because there's about 300 different types of jobs, you can be a secretary, you can be a caterer, you know, there's so many different positions. So it's a it's a process, it spans the whole narrative.

### **Chair Cahill**

Well, thank you. Again, I don't mean to cut you off. But we have a lot...

### **Laurent Rejto**

I'm sorry, I get like that, I can go on forever.

### **Chair Cahill**

By the way, my daughter graduated from film school and works in the insurance industry in Florida. So I wish you were around 15 years ago when she, you know, was getting into film school. Anyway, thank you. Appreciate it.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Thank you. Thank you very much.

**Chair Cahill**

So, what I'll do now is I'll open up the floor for public comment. Oh, wait, wait...Legislator Hewitt, Legislator... if you would, I'm sorry. I didn't see your hand. Go ahead.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Thank you, Chair Cahill. I just want to thank Legislator Sperry for her points. And I was going to add one point about the unions, but you, you hit it. That the training goes not only through high school, but into college and into union trainings. But I also want to mention a benefit that is often overlooked. And tonight, we're talking about the difference between hotels and short term rentals. The film industry brings amazing renters to our area, people who support families here, not second, homeowners who are trying to profit quickly off of short term rentals. But families who can now pay their bills because films come here and make their movies. So I just want to make that quick point. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. Any other legislators? I have to go between two screens here because we have quite a few people. 37 people on the call tonight. Okay, great.

**Chair Cahill**

So, what I'm going to do now is open up the floor for public comment on the agenda items. And I'll just say that, you know, when we get to the motel, the home rule request that is on there, resolution number 11. That the folks that are going to be responding to that. I noticed there's quite a few of you on the call. If you could please keep your comments to like two or three minutes apiece that would be very much appreciated. I think we know where you're coming from. You've spoken with Legislator Maloney. I've spoken to a couple of people, exchange emails, etc. So, I mean, of course, you're welcome to talk to any of us at any time. But for tonight, since there's so many of you on the call, I really would appreciate if you could be a little bit concise with your comments. Okay. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

So, anyone have any comments on the resolutions? Fawn I'm going to ask for your help here.

**Chair Cahill**

If the folks on the phone want to make a comment, if you unmute yourself, I will be able to see you unmuted, and I can let the chairman know.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, great. And then so there's also folks that said they wanted to talk about resolution number 108, which is, a couple of people have mentioned they did so if anyone wants to comment on that at this point. Feel free. Let Fawn know if you're on the phone, otherwise, raise your hand, give some indication.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, I see Catherine, you wanted to speak Go ahead. Feel free.

**Catherine Skopic**



Thank you very much. Mr. Cahill. Sorry, I had my phone on. Thank you, Mr. Cahill. Yes, from what I understand, the PILOT is probably an inappropriate an inappropriate thing to be having, as I understand it, the TDI, the Champlain-Hudson Power Express will be an area for very brief while so it's not as though they're developing the area. And overall, once the project is complete, I understand there will be 26 paid positions overall. And there's nothing that says they're going to be in Ulster County. So the way I understand what what a PILOT actually is is a payment in lieu of taxes and how it works, this is an inappropriate situation. And Blackstone should not be receiving that situation should not be receiving taxes in lieu of... payment in lieu of taxes.

**Catherine Skopic**

And just the word if I may, I won't take too long, I just want to say that the the Hudson River is a precious jewel to all of us. And there are seven communities including yourselves and communities amongst yourselves, that get your drinking water from the Hudson River. Now, if this jet plowing to dig the tunnels to lay the cables, would be stirring up PCBs, leftover from GE, and other toxins that would not be able to be filtered out. So I'm wondering if that money, how much money how much water would that supply? If the water is no longer able to be to serve as drinking water for the communities? You know, how much money that you would be getting? How much water would that buy for you. So in any of the communities along the Hudson, it's a big, big concern of mine. I paddled on the Hudson with the Two Row Wampum in 2013, ah, from Beacon to New York City. And I gained a tremendous appreciation for this beautiful river. And I'm aware of some of its life, the Atlantic sturgeon and some of the other fish, some of whom are coming back right now some of the species. So I think it's our job to preserve the beauty that we have, and to preserve the life that we have. And so many people have been working so hard to bring the Hudson back. I think it behooves everyone to do what we can to preserve the river and not destroy it. And just one more word, and that is that New York State has several renewable energy projects where the money and the jobs for this renewable energy would stay in New York State, why should we be exporting our energy dollars to another country. So I just urge you, and I applaud you for not... for denying the transmission developers, and I applaud you and support you and do anything and everything I can to support this decision. Thank you so much.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Anyone else here.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Chairman, I'm just gonna interrupt one moment. I have a caller, it's 718-636-6709. May I get your name?

**Annie Wilson**

Oh, I'm Annie Wilson. I just managed to get on the call to listen to your meeting tonight.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Thank you, Annie.

**Annie Wilson**

If I have comments regarding the matter of as discussed by the person before me, I do have a few thoughts on that and I would ask that this legislature support the resolution and oppose the transmission cables to be installed under the Hudson River, and must protect rivers everywhere, including the rivers in First Nations lands and Canada. Oh, by the way, the long term for the, the decommissioning of these cables is to abandon them in the

river. And I really think that people need to think about the legacy of leaving these cables buried in the river and perpetually. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Chairman, you're muted.

**Chair Cahill**

I see. Thank you. Is there any other comments? Well, actually, I was gonna ask Laura, before I go to you, I was gonna yes, if the sponsor one time make any comments Legislator Erner and then Laura, we can come to you is that okay with you?

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Erner, if you just you know, give us a brief background of why you submitted this and some of the, you know, the intent of what this resolution is for the folks that are here thank you.

**Legislator Erner**

Okay, I just unfroze Thank you, Chair Cahill.

**Legislator Erner**

We were approached in the Energy Environment Committee last month by a group of Ulster County residents and organizations, including folks from from my district, and including the organization Riverkeeper. This is actually an issue that I have personally followed for about a decade. And basically, if you look at the text of the resolution, there are we're basically asking the Industrial Development Agency to go through with a decision that they seemed inclined to make when they consider this matter a few months ago, and that is to deny payment in lieu of taxes, they at the time, doubted that there would be any corresponding economic benefit to our county in granting that the anticipated tax revenue for the project normally would have been over \$90 million. And the pilot would have reduced what we received to about \$29 million.

**Legislator Erner**

The resolution then goes on to cite various other reasons that our neighbors here in the county, organizations here, the Hudson s\Seven as we heard about, and then various First Nations located in the proximity of the dam, which has been constructed in Quebec, and then all the way up and down and even in organizations in New York City, where the power would ultimately be delivered and consumed. Also in opposition. So we have a number of justifications that we provide. But our ask, in this memorializing resolution is is simply that the pilot be denied. We are however, also interested in seeing as many of the the folks here have I've also indicated whether whether the project could be stopped entirely. But for now, just asking you UCEDA to to deny that PILOT would be the best course of action for our our county we believe so thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

IDA by the way, not UCEDA. Thank you.

**Legislator Erner**

I'm sorry, yes, Not UCEDA, the IDA. Exactly.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Legislator Petit.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you. Legislator Cahill. Yes, this project that is proposed, above and beyond the resolution in front of you has absolutely or little economic positive economic impact in our community and Ulster County. It may provide a couple of temporary jobs. But for the most part, it's very specialized jobs, so they're going to have to hire outside of the county. I mean, if anything, when you have a project of this magnitude going in, you generally offer the community a host community benefit. You don't ask them for millions of dollars in tax dollars as a give back. The Esopus drinking water... It's within 50 to 100 feet of our intake. The representatives are claiming that it's only going to be a three to four day inconvenience. You know, meanwhile, we have water infrastructure that we've been trying to work on for years. And our holding tank can only hold so much. If something awful happens, we won't have the capacity to draw water to put out a fire or respond to an emergency.

**Legislator Petit**

Besides that, it's a sensitive ecosystem that we've been trying to repair decades of damage to along the Hudson. You know, as a previous speaker said, we have sturgeon coming back. But I just heard that stripers are now being more heavily regulated because they're starting to decline. And I had a special treat this weekend, I got to see not one but two eagles. So you know, life is coming back. The last thing that we want to do is give a large corporation a gift of millions of dollars to come back and interrupt our our community. And again, no benefit. This power line is going down in New York City. So we don't even see any power coming from it. So yes, I am an animate advocate for the passage of this resolution.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Legislator Petit, I see a league. Correct me if I'm wrong... Lee Gough is that..did I say that right?

**Lee Gough**

It's Gough. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. All right. I tried. Thank you.

**Lee Gough**

Yeah, I want to thank Laura and Phil and all the other speakers who have also supported the resolution 108, which I want to do. I live in the Town of Esopus and I have been following the CHPE project out of personal environmental interest. And I also have been following the Hudson Seven meetings. And one of the the pieces of information that I garnered from those meetings is that on the Hudson Seven, in an attempt to protect its the drinking water of the seven municipalities who are affected are planning to let this CHPE, TDI, Blackstone, Hydro Quebec with the conglomeration of companies involved, test their own water impacts. And one has to wonder about the conflict of interest there, would you trust the people polluting your water to do the testing. And I want people to ponder that question. And also ponder the liabilities that could come to anyone who agrees to that, and

it could involve harm to the communities beyond the manifest harms to our water supply. And other people have connected the dots with all the environmental issues. And there's just one more I want to bring up, which is that the maritime industries have objected. And these are communities that really our communities that have a sense of pride and history in the maritime communities, they have objected to this, because they have been told that if they hit a cable, which is very, very possible, that they they will be liable to fix the cable. And that's in addition to the danger that hitting a high voltage cable would pose to the river beyond the EMF [electro magnetic field] frequency dangers. So I, I applaud you for hopefully approving this resolution. And, and I also want to second that, it's my great hope that we consider as a community, the the other options that are on the table that are far less harmful, harmful, and that are truly renewable and clean, Clean Path is one and also more public ownership of the utilities, which have already, been discussed.

### **Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. Thank you for your comments. There's other folks that would like to speak. And we do want to kind of limit the the amount of time. Legislator Maloney, you're up.

### **Legislator Maloney**

Yes, real quick, one of the things you look at, or the IDA supposed to look at, is whether a project is going to happen without these tax benefits. Obviously, they don't need this for this project. It's a bizarre request, but I guess it's worth a shot in their mind. Our IDA has proved to be willing to literally violate state municipal law to give undeserving pilots that are way outside of the bounds that they're supposed to stay in. But with regards to this, of course, I'm for it, though it is. It's it's almost a bizarre request. It's so out there. So, I'd be shocked if it wasn't dead on arrival. And I think it's another thing for us all to keep in mind when it comes to New York City and how we operate people up here are constantly getting the short end of the stick from turbidity to more of our tax dollars going down there then coming up here, many other watershed problems, and it's just another frustrating reality to live a couple hours from New York City. And it doesn't benefit us all that often.

### **Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Legislator Maloney. I think we have Jacqueline Brechsler - would you like to comment.

### **Jacqueline Brechsler**

Yeah. Okay. Yes. Hello, this is Jacqueline Breschsler. I actually live in Rockland County, New York, just downstream a way. And I certainly also have the potential to not allow the use of IDA money for this project. You know, as far as I can understand, IDA needs to bring long term businesses into communities where people are actually living in their communities and growing their businesses, not just printing a line with part time jobs. And there's so many dangers to the Hudson River, particularly, you know, regarding EMF and also the maritime community, that transactionally is supposed to be technically maybe, to 14-foot depth. And so this company only wants to go through the seven foot depth. And this is the it's not, it's not appropriate. It's, it's, it's not deep enough. And of course, the deeper you go, the more damage there is. So, it just shows this whole thing is, is totally inappropriate, especially as the previous speaker said that they're going to just abandon the cable when this whole thing comes to the end. So, you know, I've been fighting, actually, this CHPE project for the last 10 years myself. And I'm, I was so shocked to hear that the water quality could be lifted up in your area. We also have Indian Point, we fought the de-salination plans in Rockland County that Suez wanted to do. And part of the reason we won against that fight was because of the radioactive water that is, that leaks from under Indian Point. And this is the river that flows two ways as shown that radionuclides where it could not be taken out of the water. So there's also

that shoe on top of it all. And I just, I just, do you feel that a massive company that's worth \$649 billion has no right to sell any community for IDA money, which the taxpayer money. Thank you very, very much.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. And I'll ask if you're done committing to please mute your phones or your computers or devices whenever you have there. I don't see any other comments right now. And so just to if everyone doesn't mind, I'll move this resolution now. For for

**Chair Cahill**

I'll accept a motion for discussion or a vote at this time for resolution 108. So the folks that are on the phone can go about their business if they'd like to.

**Legislator Maloney**

I'll make a motion to vote.

**Chair Cahill**

You make a motion to vote we have a second?

**Legislator Corcoran**

Yes.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Is there any discussion on this? Okay, all those in favor of Resolution 108 please say aye.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All opposed? Are there any abstentions? Okay, so unanimously passes. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. This will now go on to the full legislature for a vote in our next monthly meeting. Thank you for participating appreciate it.

**Chair Cahill**

So now we'll go on to resolution number 11, which is requested an enactment of a Senate bill and assembly bill in New York State Legislature for a special law in relation to hotel and motel room occupancy tax rates in Ulster County. I'll accept a motion for discussion.

**Legislator Maloney**

I'll make a motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, and I'll second that myself. Legislator Maloney would you like to fill us in on where we are with this and some of your opinions on it.

**Legislator Maloney**

Yeah, before I get started, we were at six and 10% I was going to make a motion to amend down to 8%, 4%. 8% short term rental 4%. I got some feedback both from the Lodging Coalition and my fellow legislators, that they'd be a little more comfortable if it didn't have the I think the 10% number. I like to start off big and negotiate from there but if I could get a second in a vote on that I'd like to move it down to eight and four.

**Committee Members**

I'm going to move that amendment. Do we have a second?

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll second.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay all those in favor... up sorry, Legislator Tantillo, I'm sorry... legislator, Clerk Tantillo?

**Chair Cahill**

Who was the second? I'm sorry...

**Chair Cahill**

Pete Criswell. Okay, all those in favor of amending the resolution as Legislator Maloney described?

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Any abstentions? No. Okay. So, it's been amended, Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

So, I sat down I think it was I think it's important. We have a very strong Lodging Coalition up, you know, partially because we have a lot of lodging compared to other counties with our population size. We have more all inclusive. And my last term dealing with the Airbnb agreement, I really wanted to do a better job of getting them information early. There were some emails that went out that I thought were kind of incorrect, that I had seen other legislators getting with what this resolution was going to do and what our overall thought process was, the legislators that I was working with and talking with, so I went sat down with several members of the Lodging Coalition a couple of weeks ago. And I was... I tried to be just brutally honest about where, where we were. And where I was, I can't only speak for other legislators, I kind of let them know where I thought other legislators were at, but we're a body. I kind of feel like the all inclusive are where I'm at, they're going to end up being happier. You know, there's I think the Loging Coalition has 60 members. And the county has 200,000 residents that I'm thinking about first and foremost, and you can't make everybody happy.

**Legislator Maloney**

So, I think it's important we have a conversation, continue a conversation, I'll be talking to one of our legislative attorneys again, tomorrow about two things, one of them is getting a resolution ready. That that makes all inclusive, makes it a little easier for all inclusives to not pay 2% on everything. And I don't think that was the

intent. The law we have is very confusing, I think it's hard for their accountants to use. So we'll be talking about that.

### **Legislator Maloney**

I personally feel that the hotel motel is less important to me than short term rental, but a lot of other legislators I've talked to really think that we're low, there's 38 Other counties in New York State that are higher than than us the 2%. Virtually everybody surrounding us. So that will be part I was honest, that will be part of the discussion. And I actually think the short term rental is the, has literally put our housing crisis on steroids. I just heard someone say before, that isn't a great one we have. The filming industry is great. And it's great when people come in and stay in these Airbnb, well, those Airbnbs are there because people were booted out of the rentals, many times. And there are far more houses and apartments being Airbnb, not that that story of the one bedroom, which by the way, is not affected. None of these Airbnb is probably going to be all that affected, just by raising it from two to four, two to six or two to eight. If you're getting \$80 for a room, you know, now you're getting, you know, you're paying \$88 instead of \$81.50. I mean, it's not it's not going to kill anybody, it's not going to stop anyone from you know, dealing with our horrible taxes. So and it's a tax like no other.

### **Legislator Maloney**

I just wrote a letter to the editor about putting \$34 million back onto the tax rolls. I want to lower taxes, but this is a tax like no other. Because it doesn't tax people that live in this county, it tax for the most part very full of people that are staying here and exasperating our housing crisis. With that money, we can go and attack that housing crisis.

### **Legislator Maloney**

But just a reminder to everyone, this does not affect... this doesn't do anything, but give us the right to then have real conversations about where we want to be. We could end up getting the right to do it and do nothing. It doesn't force us in anything. It doesn't make us more likely to do anything. It is impossible for us to do anything and silly to even have the conversation until this is put through. So this is not nearly as important, as it has been made out to be I think and worried some people.

### **Legislator Maloney**

But I want to continue talking to the Logging Coalition. I'd rather bring them in to a possible special meeting. I really wanted to get information to the Lodging Coalition early on, and I feel like after a couple hours, I really put forth exactly where I was at. And and the legislators that I talked to where they seem to be at so so and to let them know that we I want them to be... their opinions to be heard. I want you know, and I do think it's important. They really are employers in this county, especially the all inclusives. When you see what they do when you see the amount of people that are working there when you see the real tourism that's coming in. It really is something that's going to be a part of this making those all inclusive, a little fairer, but hotel more motel short term rental may not be as happy but it is what it is and we're going to hear everybody out.

### **Legislator Maloney**

I really hope we vote on it. I want to vote tonight, you know, petition to discharges five signatures if we don't get it through committee. You know, I have a feeling we're gonna be talking and voting on this very soon. If anyone else has any questions or comments, I'd love to hear them.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. So are there any legislators that would also like to comment on resolution number 11? Anybody? Okay, so then I'll call for the sorry, Chris

**Chair Cahill**

Thomas Corcoran has his hand up.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, sorry. I'm just having trouble. Yeah, I think we had Legislator Hewitt, then Corcoran, and then Legislator Nolan. We're gonna let the legislators on a committee speak first.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Chairman Cahill, and thank you, Legislator Maloney for your hard work on this resolution. I think that I understand the need to change the rates, you have wonderful points. And I think your research helps me be supportive. Because that, like you said, the tenants, The Vacationers they don't see this increase. But I want to be careful about how we increase our rates and who we increase our rates on. It's easy to vilify and blame short term rental owners for the fact that our area has become highly popular. Hotels are also seeing the benefit and increase in travel rates to our area. And so I understand that the need to increase their rates as well. One thing we don't think about sometimes is when people make environmental choices like traveling in your car, or on the train, especially instead of an airplane, that changes our area. Because we're next to one of the largest cities in the world, we're going to become more popular as people become more environmentally friendly. As vacations become more popular, we're going to be more popular. And when prestigious publications talk about us, we become more popular.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Let's not blame short term rental owners because it's not people booting out other people. It's about accessory dwellings and maximizing on the homes we have and the outbuildings that we have. So that families like me, and people I know who have short term rentals, I used to have one but no longer have one, so that I could speak on behalf of my constituents and support the families who are now able to pay their bills, catch up on bills, and finally, save money, something young families don't do anymore. So we are actually catching up because of short term rentals. So let's think about how to reward short term rental owners make rules that benefit the locals over the second homeowners who are from outside of our area. Let's make those rates higher, maybe, or define what, what what, what the rules are around second homeownership versus an accessory dwelling. And what's wonderful is the town of Rochester spent four years on this on short term rental rules. We've learned a lot. And we can now learn from Mike Baden and Aaron and now and then people who see that these issues are complicated. And so I'll wrap it up by saying I think there are solutions, we should promote short term rentals. We should make rules that benefit locals. And we should think more deeply and meet with hotels and short term rental owners to see what they think the rates should be. And they should be increased. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

I have Legislator Nolan. And then I don't think there's anyone else after that. So go ahead, legislator. Oh,

**Legislator Nolan**



Thank you, Legislator Cahill. But legislator Corcoran, who's on the committee had his physical hand up before I did.

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, I forgot that, Tom. I apologize.

**Legislator Corcoran**

No worries. Brian, So legislator Maloney. I appreciate all the hard work you've done on this. Also. My quick question is on the the all inclusives that, that's where I see the the occupancy tax really hurt in our all inclusive where they're getting taxed on food, entertainment, horseback riding. So that there's an avenue and discussion in here about kind of reducing that off of the total package correct. Because occupancies have should be based on occupancy alone and the all inclusive and getting hurt for years on this.

**Legislator Maloney**

I agree 100%. And there's different ways to possibly go about it. But it's going to be a lot of legal questions, and then budgetary questions. But I do believe at the very least, there's a simple way at some point, we could just pass a resolution that basically says they only pay 20% of what your total bills, but I want to do even better than that. But now these all inclusive, and they offer so much. And you're you're paying one and they really it's good for their business. I think there's only three or four. But I do think it's important that we make it fair for them. And I've talked to them. I've talked to at least two of them about it. And when it's really good for their business to put to just charge you one price. They really don't want to break things down. They should be able to do that. And we should be able to To come up with a formula that's fair, that not everybody's going to be able to, you know, a hotel is not going to be able to back in to call themselves an all inclusive. So we have to define what an all inclusive is, which I think we can easily do, and then get it down to where it's far, far less. And so I really believe the all inclusive after we're done with this conversation, in the next couple of months, we're going to be able to make them a whole and in a much better position. And I agree with you 100%. They shouldn't be what they're offering they it was not meant to be they're not meant to be paying the full bed tax on that entire bill.

**Legislator Criswell**

Alright, I appreciate that. Because I do have one, Buttermilk Falls, in my municipality and and basically Rocking Horse Ranch is a stone's throw right off my property line. So I'm right there with Rocking Horse, also. So I appreciate that. Thank you. But that answers my question.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

Thank you Chair Cahill. I just wanted to emphasize something that Legislator Maloney said before, that what we're voting on tonight, actually isn't all the details. What we're voting on tonight is opening the door to allow us to have these conversations and to actually make decisions. So that's what we're voting on tonight. We will get to all these details later. But I just want to keep us focused on what we're actually voting on this evening. Right?

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, it seems like there's a lot of "this is what we're going to do". "That was what we're going to do", "let's do the details later", "let's do this", "let's do that". I'll make a motion to postpone this until we can get it codified a little more into something that looks more like a resolution that will we'll be happy with. I don't like making a lot of changes after we vote on a resolution.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

There's not a lot to it, the all inclusive part is going to be a separate resolution. The other part, there's two numbers, it's going to be 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or eight, depending on whether we're talking hotel motel or short term rental. It's two very simple numbers. If I came here, with what I wanted to do, I'm one person, I need 11 other votes, possibly 16. But I don't think this would be vetoed. So I if I came here and said this is the way it is everybody would go wait a minute, we don't even have permission yet from the state to even do this. And you're coming at us with what you want to do. We get permission. And then the Republican and Democratic caucus decide two simple numbers, and then we put it up to vote on, I don't have any desire, I have postponed many things already this year and happily postpone them. I don't think this is something that is anything postponeable or needing to be postponed. This is to get permission. So we can have that, you know, month or two long conversation and then decide where the 23 member body wants to be on two numbers.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Litts.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Mr. Chairman, you need a second to postpone before you have the discussion.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Is there a second to postpone? Okay, I don't see a secondly. So you're Legislator Litts, go ahead.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, I mean, I, the resolution does, you know, put percentages in there four, eight. That's, that's the amendment. And when we send this request up, the home rule might come back with percentages in it, which now we're we're gonna live with those percentages. Without any future discussion. I think it's being kind of, you know, premature. I think we need to flesh this out a little more...

**Legislator Maloney**

If I could just real quick it's "not to exceed"

**Chair Cahill**

Right. So that's what I was

**Legislator Maloney**

It's giving us, it's giving us that room to go and then decide specifically.

**Legislator Litts**

What happens if the legislature, when they enacted in Albany, which is not in our legislature says four and eight or six and 10?

**Chair Cahill**

Well we asked the when when we present a home request to Albany, we present it we we asked them to do what we need them to do, what we want them to do, we're not going to ask them to alter it, or do anything to it. That would prevent us from enacting the law that we want to do locally here. And if they do that, then guess what we have the option of not not doing anything, right. This just enables us to have a discussion about increasing those taxes. It's all it does. Right? And we can we may or may not act on it. It's that simple, right?

**Legislator Litts**

Do we have to put numbers in I mean, we're asking...

**Chair Cahill**

You do have to... you do, do we have to put numbers in Legislator Malone?

**Legislator Maloney**

I'm under the impression that they're, they're going to want to see something they could potentially send it back and say because this is open ended. Talking to Chris Ragucci. He doesn't believe that there's a time limit on this, that this gives us the right you know, it could be next term that they finally decide what it is they want to do. But the first thing we have to do is, is get the right If the state legislature just said saw something and said, "Hey, we're going to rate we may raise the bed tax, give us permission". That they would probably send back if we didn't put some parameters on there and say, "Wait a minute, what are you going to 25? We're not going to say okay to that." So, this is, this is the way it's done.

**Chair Cahill**

You know, and the other part of this, that we have to consider, too, is that we're asking a legislature on March 1, to introduce something that they haven't considered yet it's not on their docket right now. And raising taxes is not something the state legislature is going to want to do in an election year, I'm just going to throw that out there. You know. So this probably may not even be acted on in this legislative session. You know, there's that likelihood, you know, we've had experiences with taxes, tax home rule tax request being delayed in Albany before some of you might recall. And, you know, I think that, you know, it's always that possibility. Right.

**Chair Cahill**

But for me, I think it's important that we have the ability to start the conversation. And, you know, I think that we should, you know, go ahead and give this the rest of the legislature an opportunity to speak on this, and, you know, put in their two cents on whether or not they think it should go to the state for a home rule request. That's my opinion. Okay. Legislator Nolan, you've had your hand up for a while, go ahead.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you, Chair Cahill. I've talked to some of the property owners in the county and in my district. And this just seems like the wrong time to be doing this, especially to motel Hotels. They were able to stay close to where they have been in the past with a lot of increased tourism, from outdoor recreation during 20 and 2021. But it was a hard time, They've lost staff, they've lost income. And during that time, because our outdoor recreation tourism stayed strong, and the hotels did stay open and managed to accommodate them. They saved us the income tax revenue that we are using to fund other things, aside from the ARP monies is a large percentage, more than half is coming from the tourism industry. So, we've got a goose laying the golden egg situation here. And the things that we've heard from the film commission, and that we're hearing from the outdoor recreation community. These are economic drivers that have proven successful, and they've done it with what we've done with our bed tax. It is absolutely true that nobody says, is my bed tax going to be \$2? Or is it going to be \$3.50. But they do ask what the price of the room is. And that bed tax is included in that. So if it's \$89, or it's \$91.50, that may make a difference.

**Legislator Nolan**

We, Ulster County are competing with and successfully competing with Dutchess County. Many, many more times the people and the staff for tourism and the investments in tourism. But we've kept even with them and then went ahead of them with a strategy of portraying the Catskills as the family centered, a little more affordable. And the bed tax is part of that. So I'm I'm very concerned with people who have not done economic development work coming in and saying, Well, this is how we would do it better. And I also don't understand the argument about that we need this, you know, the state to tell us we can talk about this. We can talk about it. We did talk about it three to four years ago, and decided not to ask for this. So I think rather than put in a lot of effort and tell state representatives that we want something when we haven't sorted it out, I think we really need to sort out short term rentals with homeowner occupied versus a non homeowner occupied short term rentals and deal with that separately, deal with the all inclusive and maybe make some improvements there. And we probably need the state to allow us to do that, that there might be some consensus building initiatives here. Why not pull those out, and then go after it. And then we can make our case to the state.

**Legislator Nolan**

Right now. I wouldn't even know what we're asking for. I mean, not to exceed numbers allow us to do great harm to the motel and hotel industry that is already struggling. And I think that, you know, there is a way to have these conversations that is collaborative. I do not believe that's been done yet. So I would I think the motion to postpone was a generous one. And I would encourage people who do vote on it if you're going to vote tonight to vote against this, and then go, let's all together go do the work of what do we want to do in terms of economic development in this realm?

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you., Legislator Nolan. Are there any other comments?

**Legislator Maloney**

I'll call the vote, Chair.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. And so vote on 108 as amended by legislator Maloney. All those in favor of Legislative resolution number 108.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Resolution 11.

**Chair Cahill**

11. Sorry, we did 108 already, sorry. Number resolution number 11, all those in favor,

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Fawn Tantillo**

So, I've got Cahill, Maloney. Speery, Hewlett.

**Chair Cahill**

Criswell,

**Fawn Tantillo**

Criswell,

**Chair Cahill**

And all those opposed.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Opposed were?

**Chair Cahill**

We have Herb and Tom did you guys oh, sorry. I missed it.

**Legislator Litts**

I think I'm going to abstain I don't have enough information you want to you know, throw this and throw that and throw something else.

**Chair Cahill**

I don't think you can abstain.

**Chair Cahill**

You can't abstain. You can vote no, because you don't have enough information.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, then I guess you're forcing me to vote no.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Corcoran?

**Legislator Corcoran**

I'm a no.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. So the resolution passes. We're gonna move on to resolution number 29. Another fun topic of the evening. Funding capital project number 601, ARP Small Business and Economic Development Recovery for the Department of Finance. I'll accept the motion for discussion.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll move it for discussion

**Chair Cahill**

And a second.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. So any discussion on resolution number 29.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'd like to, Chairman Cahill, if I may, I just wanted to mention that I hope everybody got the ARPA resolution scorecard that the ARPA committee created. So every every committee member scored this, this project, and that score was compiled. And that was sent to everybody on this committee with notes. And I just want to say it was a bit of a complicated conversation. It did pass the committee, but I just hope that everybody took the time to read all the comments and read the eventual scores. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you Legislator Criswell, are there any other comments or discussion on this? Legislator Maloney,

**Legislator Maloney**

Is this, does this have the \$50,000 going to the EDA, and then there was another \$100,000 in advertising and other costs?

**Chair Cahill**

I see. Director Weidemann? Yes. If you guys want to direct questions to Tim, for specifics, I'll allow that.

**Legislator Maloney**

Yes, that's a yes or no,

**Director Weidemann**

I think so.

**Legislator Maloney**

You know, I really have issues. We had issues in this county years ago with the EDA to the point where when we had the executive staff, you know, supplying all the staff at the IDA they were constantly funneling money over to the EDA, you know, most of the time our IDA can do what we have the EDA doing. And I really think we. we have to have some open honest conversation sometimes about how much we want this EDA doing when it's one person controlling it. There's a reason... and I'll circle back around to what I'm going to propose in a second. There's a reason that the IDA is chosen by a body and not one person. There's it's dangerous not to have it set up that way. So. the EDA to me, a lot of times ends up being a go around. I personally think that the that we should probably create an EDA that's appointed by the legislature since we can't just dissolve it, but we could put it dormant. I've talked to some people it makes sense. But it got to a point where the executives people that were working at the IDA, were constantly funneling money over to the EDA, and it was kind of exposed and stopped. I don't like this 50,000. We just hired three people to do ARPA funds. Even though most of the time when we're talking about these projects coming from the executive we're talking to Tim Weidemann, Chris Kelly and Marc Rider, even though we have these three staff, that job is ARPA, we spent a million dollars, the ARPA money is going to be out in a couple of months. I don't know what these individuals are going to be doing. And I mean, I know there's some Treasury reports and things but that's nothing to justify three positions. I think we made a mistake. I'm just going to be honest, and I don't think we should be sending the \$50,000 over to the EDA. That's it's way to get tax dollars over to the EDA to me, and to a lot of other people, and I'd like to amend that out of it, put it back into the project, I don't think we need to give the EDA any money here. Our county appointees, they're well paid, they seem to be doing all the work. You can't justify to me that the EDA should be getting it. I'll make a motion to take that 50,000 and put it into the program itself. If I could get a second and a vote, I'd love it.

**Chair Cahill**

So, I'm just trying to get to the resolution so I can see where it specifically states the quantity of money going into it.

**Legislator Maloney**

Am I right with 50,000?

**Chair Cahill**

I'm going to check right now. Tim, is that correct?

**Legislator Corcoran**

If I might it that's that's in the contract. That's actually subject to a separate resolution, I believe. I bring the agenda up just to make sure I'm clear on this. But a 29 is actually the the funding of the capital project. And so the amounts of that million dollars being broken down into 850,000 for direct assistance to businesses, 100,000 For program related expenses, and 50,000 for admin is actually in the contract. That's the subject of resolution 32.

**Legislator Maloney**

So, you're, you're certain that it would be the vote would be there. Can we get some I don't mind making the motion in a moment on 32. Can we make certain that that's correct. I'm not saying it's not corrected probably is.

**Chair Cahill**

That's what's in the backup.

**Chair Cahill**

It's in the resolution.

**Legislator Maloney**

Okay, so I'll hold that back. Remember that spiel, and then I'll make a motion, see if I can get a second there. But I really hope everyone considers it I don't think we need to send \$50,000 over to the EDA give it to some businesses.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, is there any other discussion on resolution number 29? Legislator Hewitt?

**Director Weidemann**

You're on mute. Let's do it.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Oh, thank you. Yes, Tim, I just want to make a recommendation or suggestion. I know some of the money was also meant to be spent on promotion and marketing. And we've already identified a lot of like you said, a lot of businesses that could use this funding. So I would recommend that our local publishers have been hit very hard in the last few years. And they don't talk about it because they're proud. But I'll just name a few publications in the area that have suffered. I know as a publisher of livelihood, I lost 95% of my advertisers in March 2020. And Kingston Times no longer is in print after 50 years of publishing. Chronogram still in print, HV Parent went out of print recently, Organic Hudson Valley went out of business recently, Bluestone Press is still printing Shawangunk Journal still printing, Visit Vortex still printing, but all of these are friends of mine, and they're all struggling financially. And the Kingston Wire is a wonderful publication that keeps us informed. I wouldn't mention the Freeman because they're not local. They're owned by a Canadian company. But these people have struggled through COVID as well. And maybe you can use some of this money to support local publishers.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Okay any other comments on resolution number 29? If not, I will call the vote. Okay, all those in favor of resolution 29.

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed?

**Fawn Tantillo**

That was just one opposed?



**Chair Cahill**

As far as I can tell, Yes. Legislator Maloney. Okay, so then we'll move on to resolution number 32, which is approving the execution of a contract for \$1 million entered into by the county, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance for the Department of Finance. And I'll accept the motion for discussion.

**Committee Members**

Motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Second.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Sorry, who was a second? Chriswell?

**Legislator Maloney**

Maloney.

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah. Any discussion? Legislator Maloney, want to make your amendment?

**Legislator Maloney**

Yeah, I'll make the amendment to take the 50,000 and give it to the businesses and, and let Mr. Wiedemann and the rest of the county, people that are working on this continue to do the administrative work that they are already doing and will be doing.

**Chair Cahill**

So I just want to make sure that we have this correct. So, you're suggesting to take the \$50,000 and schedule his schedule A for administrative costs and put it directly into the program.

**Legislator Maloney**

Right.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, Tim, you got that?

**Chair Cahill**

And to make the 850,000 for direct assistance to businesses 900,000?

**Chair Cahill**

900,000. Right. Okay, so that's the amendment. Okay, we have a second on that amendment.

**Legislator Criswell**

May I ask this massive question directly to Mr. Wiedemann at this point? Well, I

**Chair Cahill**

think we're in. Yeah. Is this on the amendment, Peter?

**Legislator Criswell**

Yes, it is. Okay, good. So we grilled you hard in ARPA. And one of the things we grilled you on was this exact \$150,000. And you repeatedly said that the previous grants that you've made not granted, payments that you made, were increased, because you found that you actually didn't need the excess money for the advertising and for the overhead. Could you just speak to that a little bit,

**Director Weidemann**

Sure. So, appreciate the question, Legislator Criswell, and the point that I was making is that in the first round, which was a million dollars of funding from the state, broken out in equal buckets to this app, proposal, 850,000 for direct financial assistance, 100,000 for program delivery, and 50,000. For administrative, we determined and consulted with the state and received state approval to move the 100,000 that was earmarked for promotion and marketing, to the direct financial assistance, because we already had applications almost immediately in excess of the funding that was allowed. So there was no additional effort to do marketing and promotion after that first push. The administrative was still retained as administrative overhead costs. And so as opposed to the proposed amendment here, the amendment here would move the administrative into the direct assistance to financial, financial assistance to businesses.

**Legislator Criswell**

Thank you.

**Director Weidemann**

And I would maybe just add to that, that, you know, there is an administrative cost to delivering this program. And you know, while I understand and appreciate Legislator Maloney's point, I would also, you know, remind you all that this would be an additional administrative burden to someone if it's not to, UCEDA it would be to our department in administering this on behalf of UCEDA. And so there is a cost there. I just want that to be clear.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

Something like a time cost to somebody that's in the county? Can you can you tell me, can you just give me some logistics? What this what the person's name is at the EDA and what they're going to be doing for \$50,000? Are you, are you saying that the administrative cost per time if we kept it in the county, which I suspect most of it's being done anyways, that is going to add up to \$50,000 in time.

**Director Weidemann**

So, we we requested and this legislature approved in our budget request for this year additional staff to administer the funding that we we already have. And so there's a staff position that we're adding in order to administer this program to date. And so you know, I think that's supports the argument that there is an additional administrative overhead in delivering what amounts to probably 30 grants, collecting the receipts, the administration of all of that process for disbursement of the funds for tracking the required metrics for the awardees, there is a there is an

administrative overhead to that work. And what I would anticipate would happen if that is, you know, money that is allocated to UCEDA, is that UCEDA would use that for contracts with professionals in order to complete that work, namely either financial professionals to help with the administration of the reimbursement process, with legal professionals in order to help with contracts, and perhaps with contracted staff to help with the actual delivery of the program.

**Legislator Maloney**

You foresee them spending \$50,000 to go contract out, so we're paying them to be the middle, the middleman. And then they'll go and why don't we save a little bit of money and just contract out ourselves? I actually think we should just do it ourselves. And like I said, we have three staff, and we're running out of money that with three staff that we just created. Do you yes or no? Do you think it's going to cost \$50,000 to provide that service?

**Director Weidemann**

I do. I believe that 5% overhead rate is a minimal amount for the kinds of services that need to be provided to support...

**Legislator Maloney**

With us already doing so much though. You think there's \$50,000 worth of work you're not doing you really believe that? I don't believe that. That's why I put the amendment up.

**Legislator Corcoran**

No, I understand that, but I do believe that.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Chairman. I apologize. I heard Mr. Maloney's amendment. I didn't hear Who seconded. So you muted

**Chair Cahill**

I don't think it has been seconded yet.

**Chair Cahill**

I apologize.

**Chair Cahill**

So, is there a second on Legislators Maloney's request to move that \$50,000 into a program? Okay, so Legislator Maloney, seeing no second we're going to go on to resolution 32 as is and if there's any further discussion on that. Okay, so I'll call the vote. All those in favor of resolution, not 32, which is a proven execution of a contract for million dollars. Enter into the county for UCEDA, Department of Finance signify by saying aye.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed?

**Legislator Maloney**

Opposed.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Thank you very much. We're going to move on to resolution number 107, which is appointing a legislative representative to Ulster County Cooperative Extension Board. Sorry, I was supposed to do that earlier. I apologize. We just have a lot of heavy stuff here tonight. Thank you for waiting. I'll accept the motion for 107.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Second.

**Legislator Maloney**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Any discussion on 107? Okay, all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Hewitt, you have to be on screen to vote.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Sorry, Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you.

**Legislator Sperry**

Oh, wait, am I allowed to vote because I'm the one that's on it, right? For myself?

**Chair Cahill**

Yes, you can.

**Legislator Sperry**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

There's no financial reward for you. So you're able to vote for yourself here. Right. So Well, congratulations. Well, those opposed.

**Chair Cahill**

All right. Thank you. And congratulations, Legislator Sperry. Resolution 108, we already voted on. Resolution 131, which is establishing a capital project number 624. at SUNY Ulster Children's Center renovations and amending the 2022 to 2027 Capital Fund budget for SUNY Ulster. Is there a representative from the college here tonight?

**Chair Cahill**

I believe Jamie is with us.

**Chair Cahill**

Would you mind giving us a little background on this project?

**Jamie Capuano**

Yes, sure. This is our Children's Center. It's located on our campus here it serves children ages infant all the way up to pre-K. It's operated right on campus and a separate building next to our Senate Gym. The building is you know, was built in the 80s. It is in need of repair and updating. This work will be for the design components to do an exterior envelope for the Children's Center that will include new decking, specs for that and also looking at new insulation to really improve the energy systems efficiencies of the building. Again, this at this point is going for design. When we come back for construction. We'll have obviously much more detail on the construction components.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Is there any question on 131? Okay, I'll accept the motion.

**Legislator Litts**

Motion.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

You have that, Herb and Tom? All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Thank you.

**Jamie Capuano**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, you're welcome. Resolution number 133 authorizing execution of a lease agreement with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance incorporated for space at the Enterprise West facility located in the Town of Ulster, Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds. I'll accept the motion for discussion.

**Legislator Criswell**

Moved.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Criswell, Second. I'll second it myself.

**Legislator Criswell**

I had a quick question. If I may. I really look through the documents. I just wanna make sure this is clear. This is a \$1. lease, correct?

**Chair Cahill**

Yes.

**Legislator Criswell**

No hidden cost anywhere. \$1. Okay. I just wanted to make sure. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Tim, if you want to just give a little background on what this is, and explain to legislators, so they have a better understanding, this is not a permanent solution.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Yep. And, you know, we've for a while had DPW, using some of the space in Enterprise West for overflow storage. And this basically just codifies that we are working diligently towards redevelopment of the site in partnership with National Resources, Hyde Park 87 expect to be discussing with the UCEDA board possible lease or sale options for the property. And so we're just making sure that the use that DPW needs for a short term here is properly handled on a legal basis so that when we make any future transaction, there is this lease in place. Thank you,

**Legislator Criswell**

May I ask one more question? Absolutely. Again, just with the history of money asked for this property, I just want to make sure that in this lease, if there's any issues with the property, are we then held accountable for that, that we would have to then cough up the money for any repairs or damages or anything like that?

**Legislator Corcoran**

Only, only to the extent that they're tenant improvements. And so if DPW decided they needed, you know, ventilation or something, there may be some obligation there, but that's not contemplated right now. And, you know, I don't expect that there's anything there. There is responsibility for their proportion of the utility bills, and common area maintenance, that kind of stuff that will, you know, ultimately be determined by, you know, final

landlord and building manager as that gets settled. But, but, you know, for overall building improvements, or, you know, routine maintenance of the building as a whole, those will not be solely on DPW shoulders.

**Legislator Criswell**

Okay, thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, any other questions or comments? Okay, all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed?

**Legislator Maloney**

Opposed.

**Chair Cahill**

We have Legislator Maloney opposed and that's it? Just Legislator Maloney. Okay. Okay, we're going on to resolution number 133- authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with the Ulster County economic divide. I'm sorry, I just read that one. Thank you. 134. 134, reappointing members of Ulster County Planning Board village of Ellenville. Do you want to make a motion?

**Legislator Hewitt**

I'll make the motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Second.

**Legislator Litts**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Litts. Okay. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed? Great. Thank you. Resolution 135 - appointing a member and alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board for the town of Shawangunk. All those in favor?

**Legislator Litts**

Moved.

**Chair Cahill**

Sorry. Thank you. And seconded by Legislator Corcoran. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed. Great, thank you. 136 is reappointing a member and ultimate the Ulster County Planning Board for the town of Ulster.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Motion.

**Legislator Litts**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

All those in favor?

**Chair Cahill**

Aye. Aye, aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Thank you. 137 is setting a public hearing on the sale and or transfer of three easements across county owned property being a portion of the former Ulster and Delaware railroad bed property located in the City of Kingston to the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, Local Development Corporation for the purpose of affordable housing and development. So for those new people who are new on the committee, I'm going to ask Planner Doyle, to give a brief background on this after I'm done, but this is basically to give an easement across the county on railroad tracks for a proposed senior housing complex that's going to go behind whatever is now behind the former Holiday Inn, whatever it's called. On Washington Avenue, they're off the Hurley

**Legislator Litts**

I'll moving for discussion.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, any seconds?

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll second that.



**Chair Cahill**

Okay. And

**Legislator Criswell**

I think it's the Best Western,

**Legislator Brian Cahill**

Best Western. Thank you very much. Legislator Criswell. Abe would kill me if I didn't get that. So I don't know. Does anyone have any questions? Do we even need leg...Planner Doyle to give us background on this? Or would you like to hear it? For the newer legislators especially what this is about, because this has been in front of us for quite some time. It's this has been a very long term project. It's had quite a few delays on the city side. And they finally have come to some resolution have a Neg Dec SEQRA Review. So I think it's time that they want to move forward to. Legislator Sperry, would you like to hear Planner Doyle. Yeah. Okay. Dennis, Would you mind giving us a few minutes on it?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just very quickly, I think that the Chairman explained it very succinctly. And I don't know what I want to add too much to it. It's the O and W railroad. It does sit behind the Best Western. It will have access across our property, and then it will run out to to Hurley Avenue. The reason there's three easements is one is for construction purposes, it's a temporary easement. The other one is for access. And the third one is for utilities. It's a 50-foot easement. The reason we have to go through this process is the surplus in process. And once it surplus then we would go through an appraisal process in order to move that to the development to the Housing Development Corporation. Chairman did mention the fact that the City of Kingston has now issued a revised, slightly revised defining under SEQRA so that the county, if the county decides to go ahead and transfer the property, we can rely on the findings of the Street and Broadway quality direct from the City of Kingston. And that's where we you know, we had a we had a public hearing, I think in 2017. There's been some time that's passed the thought from the attorneys were we should, we should go back and have another public hearing. We've had numerous requests to get this done from the Housing Development Corporation in order to I'm sorry, the Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Housing Development Fund corporation to do that. So here's where we are tonight. After that you would be coming back, you would see a resolution for us after the public hearing, should you decide to move ahead, you'd see a resolution to surplus the property to a development to the Development Corporation, and then from there, effectively move it into move it into a sale with a with a payment back to the county.

**Legislator Brian Cahill**

The only, the only question that comes to my mind is that we have a lease agreement on that piece of property with the Catskill Mountain Railroad at this point, don't we? And does that impact that in any way? Do they also have to agree as the people that are have a lease against that property?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

No, no, they don't. And we'll they've reached out we've reached out to CMRR. And they've looked at this from a safety standpoint to get across the the operating railroad tracks, there may be a question, and that's one of the things we're exploring is allowing another crossing across the railroad tracks may require an administrative hearing from New York State Department transportation.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, thank you. And does that mean then if that doesn't pass, then is our easement null and void? If the state grants...

**Chair Cahill**

An administrative hearing is generally pro forma, they look at the safety considerations with respect to that. So that was one of the things that we have to look at. But I we're not expecting difficulties on that administrative hearing.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Thank you. Are there any... Legislator Litts?

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah, Dennis, I mean, we are selling an easement and transferring an easement. We're not selling the property. Is that correct?

**Chair Cahill**

Actually, we have an easement over that the short answer is yes. That That is correct.

**Legislator Litts**

Because we own the railroad?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

That's correct.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

And we have also taken an easement over another, the O and W, or I'm sorry, the O and W arrow that we own that they own, we have an easement for trial purposes. Over, over that we've just we've just taken that easement for the construction of the Kingston railtrail. But this is an easement across the Ulster and Delaware corridor. I may have misspoke earlier. I apologize for that. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Any other questions or comments? Legislator Sperry.

**Legislator Sperry**

I just wanted to ask, Is there gonna? Is it gonna affect or impacts the access to the bike trail from that area?

**Legislator Maloney**

The engineers for the trail have looked at the proposed easement across our trail. And we've already granted that easement across the trail as part of the project work. So this easement does not. And the easement that we granted

them in order to make sure that we got on the on the O and W was looked at in terms of in terms of the safety of that crossing.

**Chair Cahill**

Anything else? All right, all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Okay, thank you. And then I believe this is the last one, resolution number 138, authorizing chair to enter mutual municipal agreement with various municipalities for the operation of the Summer Youth Employment Program, gun violence prevention initiative, and the young enjoying a young adult employment program. I'll accept a motion.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll move that for discussion.

**Chair Cahill**

I will second it. Any discussion? I like the I like the addition of the gun violence program. I think that's new this year. Right? And I'm really looking forward to seeing that fruition. Miss Williams do you? Do you have anything you'd like to add to this or?

**OET Director Williams**

No? Well, thank you, Chairman Cahill. This is our really annual work agreement for our summer youth employment program for young people between the ages of 16 and 24. The addition is for the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, which was additional funding that was given to our department to focus on the Ellenville and Kingston area for the young adult employment. And then of course, the young adult employment program is for those young people who are out of school and in need of work experiences. This is a very typical work agreement that we do with most of our sites. This is just sort of an extended version for those intermunicipal entities like county parks, like the library And so it was the necessary to have a separate agreement for them that went a little above and beyond our normal worksite agreements.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Any other comments, discussion on the resolution? Legislator Litts?

**Legislator Litts**

Yes. Through the Chair will be the hourly wage typical for that summer program?

**OET Director Williams**

This year, the Summer Youth Employment an hourly rate will be \$14 an hour.

**Legislator Litts**

I hope you realize that in in Ulster County, it has to be \$15 an hour.

**OET Director Williams**

I will have to get back to you there is an exception for the Summer Youth Employment Program. That they are they're not required to be at the level of the adults. But I will get back to the legislature to confirm that.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Anyone else have any comment or question? Okay, I'll call the vote then. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed? Okay, so resolution passes. Thank you very much. So, we have old business, a new business. And so for the Old Business we have the IDA, IDA interviews for the applicants for the IDA. And I think we're still accepting questions, compiling the questions that we got back from the legislature, from various legislators to send out to the candidates to answer prior to scheduling the interviews. And then what we what we really need to do in this meeting, I think tonight is come to an agreement on what's the best solution for scheduling those interviews. We have what 23? 24? Clerk Tantillo?

**Chair Cahill**

24, I believe right now,

**Chair Cahill**

Before. So, if we say give a minimum of 20 minutes to each one, that is a very long day, if we give ourselves some breaks in there. So, when I'm going to...

**Legislator Maloney**

Chair, do you think 20 minutes, I mean, to go over something like the IDA... I know we'll do a second round of interviews. I'm feeling the 20 minutes, just seems... And I know there's a lot of people, but I just feel like maybe the process should go on longer. And the initial 20 minutes, I'm just telling you to go over the IDA. I mean, the it's, that could be two questions.

**Chair Cahill**

No, I understand.

**Legislator Maloney**

One, one question for some of the sitting board members.

**Chair Cahill**

So just let me let me finish my point, Legislator Maloney, that might help you a little bit. So, what I was going to suggest is that we expand the interview over more than one day, two days, three days, whatever it takes, because I don't believe that we're going to get through these in 20 minutes each. That's what we did last time. But with 24 people, that's 12 hours of interview if we only get 30 minutes, right, so we're going to be there for a while interviewing these candidates, some of them, we may get through quicker, some of them, we may not interview

at all, they may not agree to be interviewed. So what I'm going to suggest is that we do it, you know, in afternoons, and at least one weekend day, maybe two weekend days. And so that's going to take a little bit of scheduling from the folks on this committee, and also from the legislature as a whole, who we will invite to participate in these interviews and, you know, ask the questions that are on their minds at the time, this is going to be a very open thing, just like it was two years ago where every legislator was invited, and an opportunity to ask questions and participate. And we're gonna do the same thing this time.

**Chair Cahill**

We have a lot more candidates. And I think we're going to have a lot more questions this time than we had the last time. So, I want to just take some suggestions from you guys, as I said, from the beginning, this, this process could use a lot of hands, helping it out. So wherever you guys want to contribute here would be very helpful to us trying to schedule these interviews. Because right now, what I'm looking at are minimally, you know, three afternoons and probably two weekend days right now. And so, we're going to do that, that means some people are going to make it some people aren't going to make it. So, we're just gonna have to figure it out. And of course, that also means that you know, with a number of candidates, we're probably delaying when we will actually appoint these new members by at least a month, probably looking at a May vote for these right now. By the time we get done with everything, so we have time to spread out the interviews. So what do you think?

**Chair Cahill**

Okay then,

**Legislator Litts**

It's an on going process?

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, okay, Legislator Hewitt

**Legislator Hewitt**

I was just wondering if there's a process for paring it down? Or do we have to interview everyone who apply?

**Chair Cahill**

Well, so right now what, what we requested in the original ask was that the applicant supply, a resume or some sort of documentation, you know, to explain their background, but some of them didn't. And the ones that didn't, we will not be asking to interview, we requested it on the initial one, then we sent a follow up request for a resume. And they again, didn't supply that correct, Clerk Tantillo. We had a few that didn't.

**Chair Cahill**

I think we have one right now. I think we got from most almost everybody has some kind of information.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. So, we have one person who we will introduce was 20,

**Legislator Maloney**

You know, Chair, I had a little bit of an issue with that. I talked to some very successful people that don't have resumes, or they're retired people that haven't updated the resume in 30 years. You know, and a lot of people I had called Fawn, and was a little upset seeing that email. And it sounded like some people gave some pretty good descriptions of their work history, but it wasn't in quote, resume form. And they received that email, I thought that was a mistake. Our own clerk who's very talented and has a wonderful resume, I believe, doesn't have a theoretical resume doesn't have a physical resume. So, I don't know if we want to, I don't know, I wouldn't have I wouldn't have wouldn't have been something I would have asked somebody out for not sending a resume. I think every person in this county should deserve to be interviewed. But I'm a legislator, I don't have a resume. I mean, I guess if I wanted to be on the IDA, I'd have to make one up, but that's what you're asking for,

**Chair Cahill**

Exactly. So there's a reason for that. And I think that, you know, there's we're trying to get a diverse background of people on that, from different areas of the community, different occupations, different geographic areas, and, you know, seeing what their backgrounds are, what their education levels are very important. They are to me anyway. And I just think that in this day and age, if you're applying for a job or an interview, a position anywhere, and you know, you're not supplying a resume,

**Legislator Maloney**

then for elected officials, the people that are playing, but But just to clarify, you did accept you did end up accepting something that wasn't necessarily in resume form, but a history. Okay.

**Chair Cahill**

Yes, yeah, we didn't reject them out of hand, because we don't have a quote unquote, resume. We just have people that said, sent, I think it basically said, I want to be on the IDA or something like that, you know, I mean, and that's just not enough. Right, we need to have some background, you know, and that's that. And so 23 of the 24 applicants found that it wasn't too much of a burden. So I think we're okay with that decision. So back to the scheduling.

**Legislator Criswell**

Can I follow up on something that Legislator Hewitt was saying? I don't know, if you were alluding to this, but is there a way we could have a smaller committee just sort of a first round cut, and bring it down so that it becomes a more reasonable amount of people to actually interview? I mean, that happens in job searches, all of that.

**Chair Cahill**

You know? So? I mean, I'm not gonna rule with an iron fist here, because I don't I personally believe that, you know, there are very legitimate reasons for legislators who are not on this committee, so to speak, as Peter what I would think would be that, yeah, our committee could pare it down, and then present a larger group, the entire legislature short, right. But I know for a fact that there are several legislators on this on the legislature right now, who would very much like to have the conversations with the candidates. For the IDA, especially the folks that were on their last term who are looking to be put back on again, they have very specific questions that they want to ask, that are not members of this committee. And I for one feel like it's very important that, you know, since the legislature will be voting on them as a whole, right, that we give the legislature an opportunity to ask questions

at that point, because guess what, they may not make it out of that round, right of the initial group of interviews based on what, you know, the legislators feel at that point, right. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah, no, Peters. Question. We are that committee. There'll be other legislators that participate. But the seven of us will be the only ones that will be ranking them. So we are that committee that pairs it down that goes forward. Right,

**Chair Cahill**

Just to give any indication. The last time we did this, we had the same scenario where Herb was vice chair of the committee at the time, and we opened it up to everybody again, and we got maybe two or three legislators occasionally on our interviews we interviewed We spent a full Saturday in a couple other times on that group. And I don't think, you know, people were in and out, some members of the committee were in and out of the interviews. Some legislators popped in and left, you know, but it was not a groundswell of, you know, 20 legislator sitting there asking questions. It was really just this committee and a couple of other legislators. But I do expect that we will have a little bit more participation this time, quite honestly. Right.

**Legislator Litts**

Times have changed, Brian.

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, and rightfully so I think. Right. You know, there's some questions that have to be answered, I believe, right. So I think what I'll do then is go ahead, and I'll get with Fawn. And we'll try and propose a schedule, and then we'll send it back to the committee. And then the committee can then, you know, let us know your availability for that. The dates we propose, and hopefully we can get a majority of people to agree to the dates that we have. Because the longer this drags out, the longer it'll be, you know, So Legislator Erner.

**Legislator Erner**

Thank you, Chair Cahill, May I, may I ask the committee to consider if you do need to conduct interviews on the weekend to have some on each of Saturday and Sunday for folks who observe religious holidays on those days, so that they can make one or the other?

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, so we will Well, first, I can promise you that we won't be scheduling them on any religious holidays. Okay. And typically, that would be during the day. And we would make sure that we didn't interfere with any kind of religious activity. As far as I can tell. We'll make sure that thank you. So was there there was something I wanted to bring up under new business that I can't think of right now? I didn't write it down. It wasn't that big of a deal. But we'll get to it next month, I guess. Anything else anyone wants to talk about tonight before we accept a motion for adjournment? All right.

**Legislator Litts**

Then I will make that motion, Mr. Chairman.

**Chair Cahill**

And seconded by Legislator Sperry. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Legislator Litts**

Be safe. Take care.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you all again for a very good meeting. I appreciate the feedback and the participation. Very good. Thank you. Thank you.



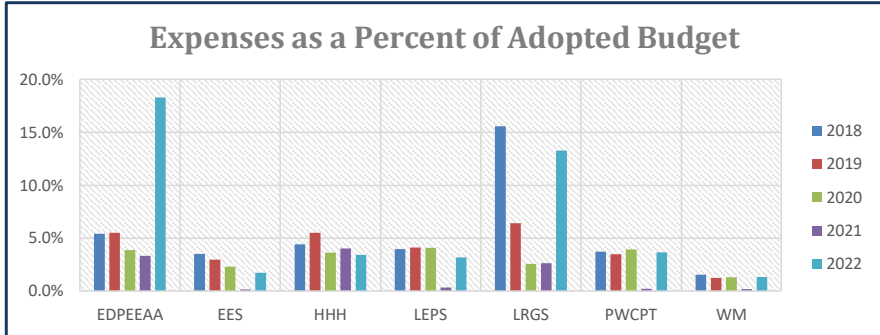
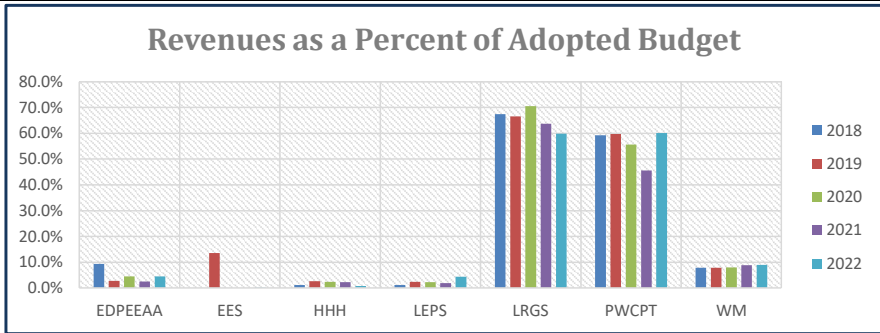
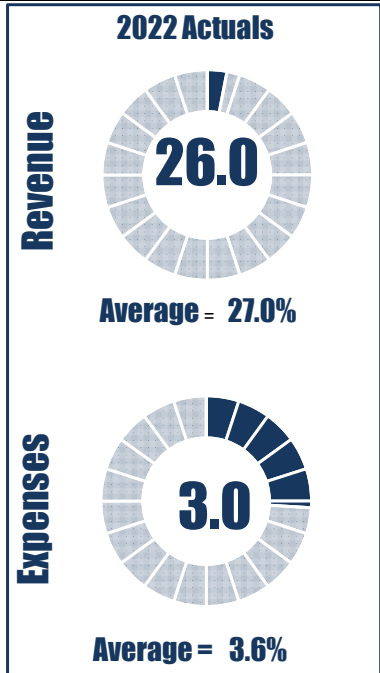


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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>323,827,523</b>	<b>329,256,289</b>	<b>342,876,601</b>	<b>334,360,664</b>	<b>352,966,745</b>

YTD Grand Totals	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
REVENUE	90,003,871.03	91,392,748.00	91,634,319.97	89,661,811.18	90,452,279.97
EXPENSE	15,869,311.03	14,759,811.94	11,403,843.68	7,494,601.49	16,387,611.28
	74,134,560.00	76,632,936.06	80,230,476.29	82,167,209.69	74,064,668.69



YTD Actuals	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts, &amp; Agriculture</b>					
REVENUE	212,607.78	62,842.65	126,615.68	69,101.71	183,522.00
EXPENSE	834,072.44	875,179.05	650,963.40	542,128.46	3,329,415.00 *
<b>Energy, Environment, &amp; Sustainability</b>					
REVENUE	-	28,218.20	-	-	300.23
EXPENSE	16,192.13	19,975.31	18,669.56	1,200.00	16,295.28
<b>Health, Human Services, &amp; Housing</b>					
REVENUE	850,197.86	2,016,662.93	1,822,220.67	1,734,057.66	591,174.51
EXPENSE	6,259,997.57	7,876,564.09	5,339,218.20	5,837,306.41	4,863,394.24
<b>Law Enforcement &amp; Public Safety</b>					
REVENUE	85,117.39	213,010.30	213,708.50	198,536.16	452,663.08
EXPENSE	2,112,015.47	2,236,772.13	2,391,516.35	205,585.49	2,021,440.16
<b>Laws, Rules, &amp; Government Services</b>					
REVENUE	9,902,846.99	10,322,156.35	10,633,160.05	9,021,936.69	9,323,071.28
EXPENSE	4,482,244.62	1,749,090.96	725,345.49	689,116.15	3,826,446.08 **
<b>Public Works, Capital Projects, &amp; Transportation</b>					
REVENUE	14,434,286.30	14,777,331.95	14,439,825.83	9,627,389.90	17,645,189.84
EXPENSE	1,329,731.42	1,254,679.34	1,487,603.93	87,717.48	1,501,866.88
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>					
REVENUE	11,854,113.00	12,028,799.21	12,983,650.62	13,773,225.25	15,610,532.22
EXPENSE	742,353.86	632,478.78	690,538.83	109,508.83	759,420.35

\* JE for \$2,667,025 made on 1/25/22 "to expense operational advances" to Ulster County Community College

\*\* Invoice: Ulster County Unallocated Insurance for "2022 WC Premiums 1/1/22-12/31/22". Entry was recorded in January of 2018, February of 2019, April of 2020, and March of 2021.



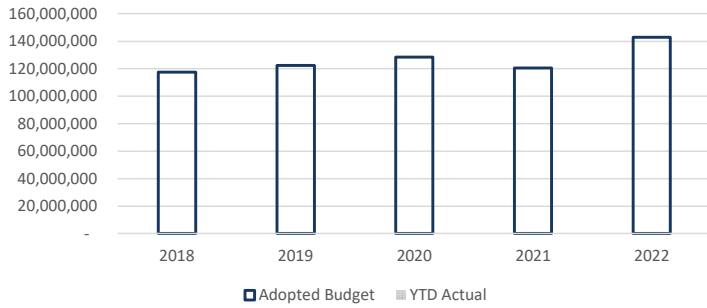
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## Revenue Overview by Category

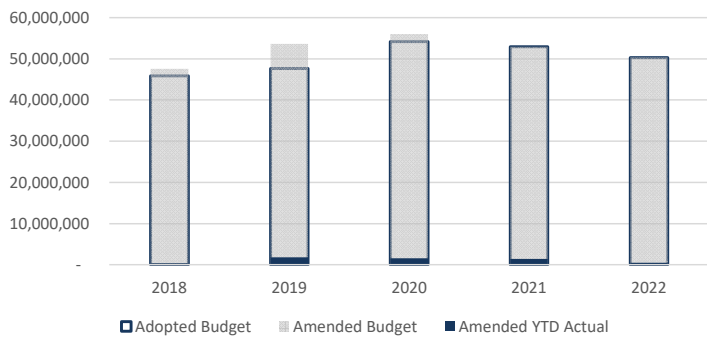
The below revenue categories are representative of the largest sources of revenue subject to modification and/or fluctuation. Revenue sources not included are Property Taxes, Transfers, and Appropriated Fund Balance.

### Sales Tax



	Adopted Budget	YTD Actual	Actual as % of Adopted
2018	117,631,568	-	0.0%
2019	122,435,116	-	0.0%
2020	128,561,423	-	0.0%
2021	120,559,288	-	0.0%
2022	143,000,000	-	0.0%

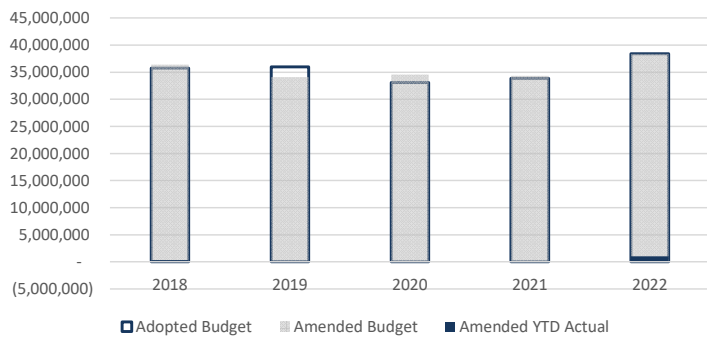
### State Aid



	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Actual
2018	45,885,408	47,544,278	334,395
2019	47,643,471	53,608,402	1,776,791
2020	54,165,167	56,021,678	1,538,081
2021	52,910,151	52,910,151	1,406,702
2022	50,307,888	50,354,442	499,502

Average Percentage Earned at YTD: 2.19%  
2022 Percentage Earned at YTD: 0.99%

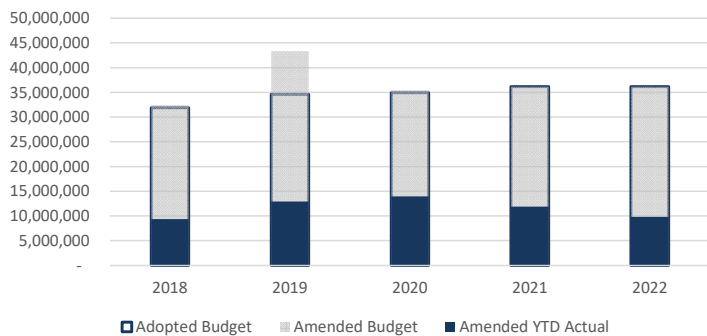
### Federal Aid



	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Actual
2018	35,723,360	36,411,761	327,404
2019	35,975,331	34,088,917	177,193
2020	33,095,059	34,578,876	(153,046)
2021	33,837,478	34,334,837	65,543
2022	38,407,333	38,407,333	1,003,736

Average Percentage Earned at YTD: 0.75%  
2022 Percentage Earned at YTD: 2.61%

### Other Revenues & Sources



	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Actual
2018	31,868,316	32,435,502	9,349,990
2019	34,627,194	43,359,750	12,924,466
2020	34,939,371	35,462,413	13,924,097
2021	36,151,661	36,178,019	11,865,159
2022	36,171,139	36,171,139	9,801,211

Average Percentage Earned at YTD: 33.29%  
2022 Percentage Earned at YTD: 27.10%



# Econ Dev, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts, & Agriculture

Fiscal Year to Date 01/31/22

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Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year Total
<b>Fund AA - General Fund</b>										
Department <b>2490 - Community College Tuition</b>										
Division <b>1700 - Community College Tuition</b>										
<b>REVENUE</b>										
3200	Intergovernmental Charges	75,000.00	.00	75,000.00	.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	0	66,326.67
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$66,326.67</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	3,950,000.00	.00	3,950,000.00	.00	.00	.00	3,950,000.00	0	3,298,572.08
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$3,950,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,950,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,950,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$3,298,572.08</b>
Division <b>1700 - Community College Tuition Totals</b>		<b>(\$3,875,000.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,875,000.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,875,000.00)</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>(\$3,232,245.41)</b>
Department <b>2490 - Community College Tuition Totals</b>		<b>(\$3,875,000.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,875,000.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,875,000.00)</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>(\$3,232,245.41)</b>
Department <b>2495 - Contribution to Community College</b>										
Division <b>1750 - Contribution to Comm College</b>										
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	6,400,863.00	.00	6,400,863.00	3,200,430.00	.00	3,200,430.00	3,200,433.00	50	6,400,863.00
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$6,400,863.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,400,863.00</b>	<b>\$3,200,430.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,200,430.00</b>	<b>\$3,200,433.00</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>\$6,400,863.00</b>
Division <b>1750 - Contribution to Comm College Totals</b>		<b>(\$6,400,863.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$6,400,863.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,200,430.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,200,430.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,200,433.00)</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>(\$6,400,863.00)</b>
Department <b>2495 - Contribution to Community College Totals</b>		<b>(\$6,400,863.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$6,400,863.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,200,430.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$3,200,430.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,200,433.00)</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>(\$6,400,863.00)</b>
Department <b>6410 - Tourism</b>										
Division <b>2800 - Tourism</b>										
<b>REVENUE</b>										
3270	Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss	11,000.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	.00	.00	11,000.00	0	25.00
3300	State Aid	76,620.00	.00	76,620.00	57,522.00	.00	57,522.00	19,098.00	75	7,963.87
3400	Federal Aid	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	5,920.75
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$87,620.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$87,620.00</b>	<b>\$57,522.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$57,522.00</b>	<b>\$30,098.00</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>\$13,909.62</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
1300	Regular Pay	234,155.00	.00	234,155.00	8,023.76	.00	8,023.76	226,131.24	3	207,464.81
1410	Overtime Pay	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	0	804.43
1420	Contractual Pays	5,750.00	.00	5,750.00	5,750.00	.00	5,750.00	.00	100	14,981.76
4000	Supplies	8,000.00	.00	8,000.00	15.32	121.80	15.32	7,862.88	2	3,037.79
4300	Professional Services	688,000.00	.00	688,000.00	.00	.00	.00	688,000.00	0	613,706.04
4570	Leases/Rental	1,800.00	.00	1,800.00	150.00	.00	150.00	1,650.00	8	1,770.00
4580	Conference Expenses	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	510.00	.00	510.00	2,490.00	17	5,916.12
4590	Travel	4,500.00	.00	4,500.00	.00	.00	.00	4,500.00	0	141.43
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	15,950.00	.00	15,950.00	59.17	9.00	59.17	15,881.83	0	4,789.95
4670	Communication Expenses	456.00	.00	456.00	33.46	.00	33.46	422.54	7	435.13
8000	Retirement	32,541.00	.00	32,541.00	.00	.00	.00	32,541.00	0	.00
8010	Social Security/FICA	18,583.00	.00	18,583.00	585.97	.00	585.97	17,997.03	3	16,245.97
8020	Health Insurance	78,881.00	.00	78,881.00	.00	.00	.00	78,881.00	0	55,606.64
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,094,616.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,094,616.00</b>	<b>\$15,127.68</b>	<b>\$130.80</b>	<b>\$15,127.68</b>	<b>\$1,079,357.52</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$924,900.07</b>
Division <b>2800 - Tourism Totals</b>		<b>(\$1,006,996.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$1,006,996.00)</b>	<b>\$42,394.32</b>	<b>(\$130.80)</b>	<b>\$42,394.32</b>	<b>(\$1,049,259.52)</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>(\$910,990.45)</b>

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<b>Fund AA - General Fund</b>										
Department <b>6410 - Tourism</b> Totals		(\$1,006,996.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,006,996.00)	\$42,394.32	(\$130.80)	\$42,394.32	(\$1,049,259.52)	-4%	(\$910,990.45)
Department <b>7410 - Library</b>										
Division <b>3200 - Library</b>										
EXPENSE										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	88,100.00	.00	88,100.00	.00	.00	.00	88,100.00	0	76,050.00
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$88,100.00	\$0.00	\$88,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,100.00	0%	\$76,050.00
Division <b>3200 - Library</b> Totals		(\$88,100.00)	\$0.00	(\$88,100.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$88,100.00)	0%	(\$76,050.00)
Department <b>7410 - Library</b> Totals		(\$88,100.00)	\$0.00	(\$88,100.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$88,100.00)	0%	(\$76,050.00)
Department <b>7510 - Historian</b>										
Division <b>3275 - Historian</b>										
EXPENSE										
4000	Supplies	150.00	.00	150.00	.00	.00	.00	150.00	0	.00
4300	Professional Services	1,000.00	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	0	400.00
4580	Conference Expenses	500.00	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	0	.00
4590	Travel	100.00	.00	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	0	.00
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	0%	\$400.00
Division <b>3275 - Historian</b> Totals		(\$1,750.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,750.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,750.00)	0%	(\$400.00)
Department <b>7510 - Historian</b> Totals		(\$1,750.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,750.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,750.00)	0%	(\$400.00)
Department <b>7560 - Other Performing Arts</b>										
Division <b>3300 - Other Performing Arts</b>										
EXPENSE										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	72,500.00
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$72,500.00
Division <b>3300 - Other Performing Arts</b> Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	(\$72,500.00)
Department <b>7560 - Other Performing Arts</b> Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	(\$72,500.00)
Department <b>8020 - Planning</b>										
Division <b>3400 - Planning</b>										
REVENUE										
3300	State Aid	45,000.00	.00	45,000.00	.00	.00	.00	45,000.00	0	.00
3400	Federal Aid	575,000.00	.00	575,000.00	.00	.00	.00	575,000.00	0	255,962.76
REVENUE TOTALS		\$620,000.00	\$0.00	\$620,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620,000.00	0%	\$255,962.76
EXPENSE										
1300	Regular Pay	687,996.00	.00	687,996.00	23,900.82	.00	23,900.82	664,095.18	3	539,045.95
1420	Contractual Pays	11,000.00	.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	.00	11,000.00	.00	100	29,513.82
4000	Supplies	5,100.00	.00	5,100.00	.00	.00	.00	5,100.00	0	3,117.33
4300	Professional Services	687,600.00	.00	687,600.00	.00	.00	.00	687,600.00	0	225,306.09
4580	Conference Expenses	3,500.00	.00	3,500.00	.00	.00	.00	3,500.00	0	889.21
4590	Travel	4,500.00	.00	4,500.00	.00	.00	.00	4,500.00	0	228.08
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	6,200.00	.00	6,200.00	.00	.00	.00	6,200.00	0	3,851.47
8000	Retirement	95,611.00	.00	95,611.00	.00	.00	.00	95,611.00	0	.00



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<b>Fund AA - General Fund</b>										
Department <b>8020 - Planning</b>										
Division <b>3400 - Planning</b>										
EXPENSE										
8010	Social Security/FICA	53,474.00	.00	53,474.00	1,777.68	.00	1,777.68	51,696.32	3	42,257.08
8020	Health Insurance	157,762.00	.00	157,762.00	.00	.00	.00	157,762.00	0	97,298.16
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$1,712,743.00	\$0.00	\$1,712,743.00	\$36,678.50	\$0.00	\$36,678.50	\$1,676,064.50	2%	\$941,507.19
Division <b>3400 - Planning</b> Totals		(\$1,092,743.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,092,743.00)	(\$36,678.50)	\$0.00	(\$36,678.50)	(\$1,056,064.50)	3%	(\$685,544.43)
Division <b>3401 - Business Services</b>										
EXPENSE										
4300	Professional Services	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	37,500.00
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$37,500.00
Division <b>3401 - Business Services</b> Totals		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	(\$37,500.00)
Department <b>8020 - Planning</b> Totals		(\$1,092,743.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,092,743.00)	(\$36,678.50)	\$0.00	(\$36,678.50)	(\$1,056,064.50)	3%	(\$723,044.43)
Department <b>8021 - Economic Development</b>										
Division <b>3405 - Economic Development</b>										
EXPENSE										
1300	Regular Pay	371,644.00	.00	371,644.00	11,547.20	.00	11,547.20	360,096.80	3	288,575.69
1420	Contractual Pays	7,250.00	.00	7,250.00	7,250.00	.00	7,250.00	.00	100	4,500.00
4000	Supplies	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	7.02	.00	7.02	2,992.98	0	1,530.23
4300	Professional Services	275,000.00	.00	275,000.00	.00	.00	.00	275,000.00	0	64,384.42
4580	Conference Expenses	2,000.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	0	1,042.50
4590	Travel	600.00	.00	600.00	.00	.00	.00	600.00	0	293.56
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	41,500.00	.00	41,500.00	632.96	.00	632.96	40,867.04	2	3,481.92
8000	Retirement	51,647.00	.00	51,647.00	.00	.00	.00	51,647.00	0	.00
8010	Social Security/FICA	28,986.00	.00	28,986.00	827.05	.00	827.05	28,158.95	3	20,943.60
8020	Health Insurance	98,601.00	.00	98,601.00	.00	.00	.00	98,601.00	0	55,606.64
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$880,228.00	\$0.00	\$880,228.00	\$20,264.23	\$0.00	\$20,264.23	\$859,963.77	2%	\$440,358.56
Division <b>3405 - Economic Development</b> Totals		(\$880,228.00)	\$0.00	(\$880,228.00)	(\$20,264.23)	\$0.00	(\$20,264.23)	(\$859,963.77)	2%	(\$440,358.56)
Department <b>8021 - Economic Development</b> Totals		(\$880,228.00)	\$0.00	(\$880,228.00)	(\$20,264.23)	\$0.00	(\$20,264.23)	(\$859,963.77)	2%	(\$440,358.56)
Department <b>8710 - Conservation</b>										
Division <b>3601 - Soil and Water Conservation</b>										
EXPENSE										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	91,500.00	.00	91,500.00	.00	.00	.00	91,500.00	0	.00
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$91,500.00	\$0.00	\$91,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91,500.00	0%	\$0.00
Division <b>3601 - Soil and Water Conservation</b> Totals		(\$91,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$91,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$91,500.00)	0%	\$0.00
Division <b>3602 - Agriculture</b>										
EXPENSE										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	350,000.00	.00	350,000.00	.00	.00	.00	350,000.00	0	325,800.00
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350,000.00	0%	\$325,800.00



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<b>Fund AA - General Fund</b>										
Department <b>8710 - Conservation</b>										
Division <b>3602 - Agriculture</b> Totals		(\$350,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$350,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$350,000.00)	0%	(\$325,800.00)
Department <b>8710 - Conservation</b> Totals		(\$441,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$441,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$441,500.00)	0%	(\$325,800.00)
Department <b>8989 - Other Home &amp; Comm Services</b>										
Division <b>3700 - Other Home and Community Service</b>										
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	379,150.00	.00	379,150.00	.00	.00	.00	379,150.00	0	92,311.18
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		\$379,150.00	\$0.00	\$379,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$379,150.00	0%	\$92,311.18
Division <b>3700 - Other Home and Community Service</b> Totals		(\$379,150.00)	\$0.00	(\$379,150.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$379,150.00)	0%	(\$92,311.18)
Department <b>8989 - Other Home &amp; Comm Services</b> Totals		(\$379,150.00)	\$0.00	(\$379,150.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$379,150.00)	0%	(\$92,311.18)
Fund <b>AA - General Fund</b> Totals										
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		782,620.00	.00	782,620.00	57,522.00	.00	57,522.00	725,098.00	7%	336,199.05
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		14,948,950.00	.00	14,948,950.00	3,272,500.41	130.80	3,272,500.41	11,676,318.79	22%	12,610,762.08
Fund <b>AA - General Fund</b> Totals		(\$14,166,330.00)	\$0.00	(\$14,166,330.00)	(\$3,214,978.41)	(\$130.80)	(\$3,214,978.41)	(\$10,951,220.79)		(\$12,274,563.03)
<b>Fund BB - Special Grant Fund</b>										
Department <b>6290 - Job Training, Administration</b>										
Division <b>2941 - Administration</b>										
<b>REVENUE</b>										
3240	Use of Money & Property	750.00	.00	750.00	.00	.00	.00	750.00	0	521.97
3300	State Aid	58,150.00	.00	58,150.00	.00	.00	.00	58,150.00	0	58,897.00
3400	Federal Aid	860,995.00	.00	860,995.00	72,225.00	.00	72,225.00	788,770.00	8	780,097.25
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		\$919,895.00	\$0.00	\$919,895.00	\$72,225.00	\$0.00	\$72,225.00	\$847,670.00	8%	\$839,516.22
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
1300	Regular Pay	538,634.00	.00	538,634.00	20,076.70	.00	20,076.70	518,557.30	4	495,867.50
1400	Part Time Pay	32,056.00	.00	32,056.00	.00	.00	.00	32,056.00	0	.00
1410	Overtime Pay	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	853.15
1420	Contractual Pays	6,000.00	.00	6,000.00	5,715.00	.00	5,715.00	285.00	95	18,886.51
4000	Supplies	6,250.00	.00	6,250.00	.00	46.00	.00	6,204.00	1	5,901.79
4300	Professional Services	7,150.00	.00	7,150.00	.00	.00	.00	7,150.00	0	82.44
4570	Leases/Rental	3,800.00	.00	3,800.00	311.14	.00	311.14	3,488.86	8	1,766.58
4580	Conference Expenses	6,000.00	.00	6,000.00	585.00	.00	585.00	5,415.00	10	2,064.50
4590	Travel	2,500.00	.00	2,500.00	13.72	.00	13.72	2,486.28	1	1,286.17
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	11,250.00	.00	11,250.00	97.68	.00	97.68	11,152.32	1	8,070.42
4670	Communication Expenses	1,300.00	.00	1,300.00	47.06	.00	47.06	1,252.94	4	618.11
4690	Maintenance	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	1,567.08
8000	Retirement	74,854.00	.00	74,854.00	241.19	.00	241.19	74,612.81	0	.00
8010	Social Security/FICA	44,117.00	.00	44,117.00	1,457.02	.00	1,457.02	42,659.98	3	38,430.65
8020	Health Insurance	177,484.00	.00	177,484.00	.00	.00	.00	177,484.00	0	125,110.40
8060	Employee Payments	8,500.00	.00	8,500.00	.00	.00	.00	8,500.00	0	7,384.65



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<b>Fund BB - Special Grant Fund</b>										
Department <b>6290 - Job Training, Administration</b>										
Division <b>2941 - Administration</b>										
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
8100	Workers' Compensation	.00	.00	.00	6,794.55	.00	6,794.55	(6,794.55)	+++	11,403.45
8150	Other Benefits	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	1,140.02
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$919,895.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$919,895.00</b>	<b>\$35,339.06</b>	<b>\$46.00</b>	<b>\$35,339.06</b>	<b>\$884,509.94</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$720,433.42</b>
Division <b>2941 - Administration Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$36,885.94</b>	<b>(\$46.00)</b>	<b>\$36,885.94</b>	<b>(\$36,839.94)</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>\$119,082.80</b>
Department <b>6290 - Job Training, Administration Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$36,885.94</b>	<b>(\$46.00)</b>	<b>\$36,885.94</b>	<b>(\$36,839.94)</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>\$119,082.80</b>
Department <b>6291 - Job Training, Participant Suppt</b>										
Division <b>2961 - Participant Support</b>										
<b>REVENUE</b>										
3400	Federal Aid	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00	200.00	.00	200.00	4,800.00	4	2,600.00
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00	100.00	.00	100.00	4,900.00	2	2,700.00
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>
Division <b>2961 - Participant Support Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>(\$100.00)</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>(\$100.00)</b>
Department <b>6291 - Job Training, Participant Suppt Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>(\$100.00)</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>(\$100.00)</b>
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Division <b>2980 - Training Services</b>										
<b>REVENUE</b>										
3300	State Aid	300,000.00	.00	300,000.00	.00	.00	.00	300,000.00	0	305,857.00
3400	Federal Aid	821,550.00	.00	821,550.00	53,575.00	.00	53,575.00	767,975.00	7	367,629.17
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,121,550.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,121,550.00</b>	<b>\$53,575.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$53,575.00</b>	<b>\$1,067,975.00</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$673,486.17</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>										
4300	Professional Services	75,000.00	.00	75,000.00	.00	.00	.00	75,000.00	0	54,940.32
4600	Misc Contractual Expense	1,046,550.00	.00	1,046,550.00	22,164.70	.00	22,164.70	1,024,385.30	2	674,918.97
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Division <b>2980 - Training Services Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,410.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,410.30</b>	<b>(\$31,410.30)</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>(\$56,373.12)</b>
Department <b>6292 - Job Training and Services Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,410.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$31,410.30</b>	<b>(\$31,410.30)</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>(\$56,373.12)</b>
Department <b>8668 - Rehabilitation, Loans &amp; Grants</b>										
Division <b>3751 - CDBG Grants</b>										
<b>REVENUE</b>										
3400	Federal Aid	1,200,000.00	.00	1,200,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,200,000.00	0	347,513.13
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,200,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,200,000.00</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$347,513.13</b>
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Division <b>3751 - CDBG Grants Totals</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>+++</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



# Econ Dev, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts, & Agriculture

Fiscal Year to Date 01/31/22

Only Show Rollup Account and Rollup to Object

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/ Rec'd	Prior Year Total
Fund	<b>BB - Special Grant Fund</b>									
Department	<b>8668 - Rehabilitation, Loans &amp; Grants</b> Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	+++	\$0.00
Fund	<b>BB - Special Grant Fund</b> Totals									
	REVENUE TOTALS	3,246,445.00	.00	3,246,445.00	126,000.00	.00	126,000.00	3,120,445.00	4%	1,863,115.52
	EXPENSE TOTALS	3,246,445.00	.00	3,246,445.00	57,603.76	46.00	57,603.76	3,188,795.24	2%	1,800,505.84
Fund	<b>BB - Special Grant Fund</b> Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,396.24	(\$46.00)	\$68,396.24	(\$68,350.24)		\$62,609.68
	Grand Totals									
	REVENUE TOTALS	4,029,065.00	.00	4,029,065.00	183,522.00	.00	183,522.00	3,845,543.00	5%	2,199,314.57
	EXPENSE TOTALS	18,195,395.00	.00	18,195,395.00	3,330,104.17	176.80	3,330,104.17	14,865,114.03	18%	14,411,267.92
	Grand Totals	(\$14,166,330.00)	\$0.00	(\$14,166,330.00)	(\$3,146,582.17)	(\$176.80)	(\$3,146,582.17)	(\$11,019,571.03)		(\$12,211,953.35)



Ulster County  
**Expense Ledger Detail Listing**

From Date: 1/1/2022 - To Date: 2/28/2022

G/L Date	Journal	Journal Type	Sub Ledger	Description/Project	Source	Reference	Budget	Encumbrance	Actual																								
G/L Account Number: AA.2495.1750-4600.4660 Misc Contractual Expense Other							Fiscal YTD:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00																							
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**Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment,  
Arts and Agriculture Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 1, 2022 – 6:30 PM or (or immediately following Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee)  
**LOCATION:** Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 82357080963,  
By phone Dialing (646) 558-8656  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Thomas Corcoran, Peter Criswell, Chris Hewitt, Joseph Maloney, and Megan Sperry  
**ABSENT:** None  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Phil Erner, Kathy Nolan, and Laura Petit; Laurent Rejto, Hudson Valley Film Commission; Deputy County Executive Chris Kelly; Comptroller March Gallagher and Alicia Demarco, Comptroller’s Office; Director Dennis Doyle, Planning; Director Tim Weidemann, Economic Development; Director Sharon Wilson, Office of Employment & Training; Director Nathan Litwin, Molly Scott and Ashlee Long, Recovery & Resilience; Jamie Caputo, SUNY Ulster; Jarod Bruno, UC Cornell Cooperative Extension; Rebecca Martin, Riverkeeper; Thomas Smiley and Barbara Stirewalt, Mohonk Mountain House; Tamara Murray, Emerson Resort & Spa; Catherine Skopic, Jacqueline Brechsler, Shelly and Steve Turk, Eric Gullickson, Lee Gough, S Deacon, CJ Hartwell-Kelly; Juan Vasquez, Annie Wilson, Lee Gough

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**Chair Cahill**

I appreciate everyone attending tonight. Welcome. This is the march media Mecca Economic Development Planning Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture committee. What I'd like to do tonight, call the meeting to order first. And then what we'll do is our usual thing is to do the pledge of a flag. And I'll ask Legislator Litts to lead us in the pledge of the flag.

**Legislator Litts**

I pledge allegiance to the flag, flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for a strong

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

You're welcome.

**Chair Cahill**

I will accept a motion to approve the minutes from our February 1 meeting.

**Legislator Criswell**

Motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Second,

**Legislator Hewitt**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Hewitt, thank you very much. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed?

**Chair Cahill**

And there are no abstentions? Okay. Great. Thank you. Yes,

**Fawn Tantillo**

Sorry, have a caller at 845-750-7295. Can I get your name? I see a caller at 7507295. Can I get your name?

**Rebecca Martin**

Yes. Rebecca Martin.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

So, before, before we get into the presentation, actually, let's let's have Laurent Rehti from the Hudson Valley Film Commission, give us a presentation. I requested that he come and visit our committee. I noticed that the last few years we haven't heard from the Hudson Valley Film Commission and I think they're a vital part of our economy in the valley, especially here in Ulster County. And I think it's important that we hear what they contribute and what their plans are and maybe ways that we can work together and help them so Mr. Rejtoo all yours. Thank you.

**Laurent Rejto**

Thanj you. I appreciate the time and appreciate the opportunity. The Hudson Valley sound Commission's a 501 C three nonprofit organization with a mission to create economic development, pure and simple, through opportunities that by attracting, supporting and promoting regional film and television production and related work. I'm going to read some of this. I apologize for that. But I could. I'm used to speaking for two hours we've spoken at libraries throughout the county. I'm going to try to keep this brief I realized I realized you all have a lot of work to do and you've had a very busy day. But hopefully we'll get back to speaking at libraries and town halls

and schools. We've been you know we've spoken in Kerhonokson, Gardener Marlboro, New Paltz, Phoenicia, Saugerties, Woodstock, we work all over the county. We work all over the region, we work in seven counties.

### **Laurent Rejto**

2021 was our most successful year for film and TV production. We had record numbers, in direct spending, hotel room rentals, jobs and more. I'm going to email a lot of these, this data to you is a very welcome bounce back from from the pandemic from the shutdown that occurred exactly about two years ago today, around March 15. We were filming actually, at Woodstock Film Studios, which is actually in the Town of Kingston On Route 28. And the day after, I remember well, nobody was allowed to go to the productions anymore. Anyway, it short the estimated local spending that we tabulated and we're still tabulating, we're actually working with Warner media to get to get the details. \$58 million was spent in the region 42,686 room rentals we we tracked. We actually call every single hotel every quarter to track the rooms and we also reach out to the productions for that information. In terms of scouting days, there were 374 scouting days, which means that film scouts were staying in the region eating in the region looking at for locations.

### **Laurent Rejto**

We have a scout today right at Tech City. I was working getting him to Tech City today hooking them up with Dan Ahouse and for a massive production in 2023 from Amazon Studios.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Production days in 2021, there were 471 Production days. The number of locations used was 264. Local crew hired, that's local crew members who live in the region, your neighbors 631 People were hired on films. the production that's going on inside is the HBO for production right now has 250 people on crew, about a third of those people are hired locally. And these are people who pay local taxes. You know, they, they support the schools, they support the community, they work at the volunteer fireman, they're the ones who are benefiting. It's it's the blue collar industry, these people work 14 hour days. We want them to be able to work in their backyard instead of force having the having them go to New York City, or other states, where they they would find where they used to find work. This is a new occurrence now that we have production year round. It's a fantastic, fantastic development that's taken a long time to happen. And we want it to continue.

### **Laurent Rejto**

I'm often asked what we do, what we do, every you know what we do during the week and I I actually wrote about six pages. So I'm gonna I'm gonna email that to you. But as an example, today, we we worked with, we worked on the Amazon production for 2023. That's often in distance. But we worked with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection on that because we're looking for tunnels. Nobody knows about tunnels better than the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. It this is all post apocalyptic locations that we're looking for. So we're also talking about Iron Mountain. And we're talking to Tech City, which kind of looks like a post apocalyptic place, sometimes, depending on the building you're looking at. They are very excited to find out that they weren't looking for a brand new building.

### **Laurent Rejto**

We're working with a Disney film right now. Where it's all of these, all of this work is very competitive. And you kind of have to know the the insiders, the people, the producers, the people to talk with. I've known I've been in the industry since 1980. So I it's amazing how many people I talked to who I've known for 20, 30, 40 years, and

it helps enormously. The other producer of the Disney film is someone I've known since 1999. We're competing with North Carolina on that film. Every time we work on a production, we're competing either with North Carolina or Georgia, or Massachusetts, or Connecticut or another part of New York are working on a film called the bike riders. We're actually competing against the Buffalo area on that one. We want them here because we want the jobs we want the location fees, we want the vendors hired the vendors or the caterers, the hotels, etc.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Part of the the dynamic that we have to deal with is the state dynamic that the New York, the New York Film tax credit is very conservative, it's actually it only you the only costs that are eligible are below the line costs, which are labor costs. We like we appreciate the fact that it's that it's a conservative program. And that it doesn't, that money doesn't go to above the line costs, which are the celebrities, but we lose films because of that we you know, we lost the movie Joy because Massachusetts was willing to pay a third of Jennifer Lawrence's \$15 million salary. Is that right? No, but it's it. That's the kind of competition we're always up against.

### **Laurent Rejto**

So we're always trying to figure out a way to show that film can be made in our region for for at a good value. So right now, North Carolina does give a tax credit across the board below the line and above the line. So we have to figure it, we're working with the producer to show him why this region is the is the best region. Luckily. And this is true very often. Luckily, the producer happens to live in my backyard, in Saugerties. And I've created a map of locations and a gallery of locations that are all about 15 miles from his house, and I think he he really wants to be home. So there's always you know, there are ways to to to make the area attractive and you have to figure out exactly the way what that is. Another thing on bike riders, for example, the other movie, we've been, we've been put, we've been referring a lot of local, local actors. And that's another way you can get a local actor to sign on to your film. So with bike riders, we happen to have some great bike riders in the area. We have Jeffrey Dean Morgan, who actually moved to this region because he loved biking so much he did a movie called Peace, love and misunderstanding in 2010. absolutely fell in love with the area because he loved motorcycling around the area. So, so got Jeffrey Dean Morgan with that Norman Ritas. And then Bill sage, he's up in Margaretville. So if we can, if we can get one of those actors tied in. And then you know, that's a whole other way of getting a production here.

### **Laurent Rejto**

So every time we work with a film, we're trying to figure out a way to make it as attractive as possible. So the other thing that so we do it the other thing we do is we promote a lot of things. So last week, I don't know if many of you may have received our blog, but we talked about some of the some of the productions that are actually coming out a lot of the productions that were filmed in 2021 are now on television. And that creates a whole other dynamic to film production. It's especially cultural tourism, anytime somebody sees the Hudson Valley in a film, well, not every time because sometimes, you know, we're supposed to be Oklahoma or we're supposed to be Virginia or we're supposed to be some some other part. But very often people will know that a film was was filmed here. And there are several films that have actually created what is called "cultural tourism", people come to the area to see the bridge in A Quiet Place that has become, you know, the the Wallkill Valley Railtrail Bridge has become one of the most visited sites in the region. And there's some funny stories about that I remember I was talking to they want me they wanted us to they wanted me to convince Executive, County Executive Mike Hine to delay renovation of that bridge because they liked the way it looks pretty old and everything and I remember I called Suzanne Holt and she said "no" in about two and a half seconds I think because that renovation

was definitely a go for it. So we we explained that their production designer should make the bridge look old and crusty, which they did and but that's uh anyway that the the fact that that movies are on the screen that creates a whole other dynamic which brings this it creates advertising it's free advertising for the area.

### **Laurent Rejto**

So, last year, we had some major TV shows, we had Sex Lives of College Girls, which is Mindy Keeling's new production. That was all filmed at Vassar. We recommended Vassar we recommended Bard we recommend that a bunch of different universities. They chose to film at Vassar, they spent a fortune in the area and that Mindy Keeling, you know, tweeted and Instagrams about how she was in the area. And that's great for the area because people suddenly want to come to the Hudson Valley and vacation here or spend the weekend here. That happens on a lot of films.

### **Laurent Rejto**

With Pretty Little Liars, the production that's going on in Saugerties right now. The fan, the amount of people looking at on Instagram and all the social media is unbelievable. So that's that's the whole promotion part. I'm going to just leave it at that. I'm going to send you all of the other information. I'm also I'd be delighted to answer any questions. I will say that, you know, our history with Ulster County was I've I've lived in Ulster County since 1988. I've lived in about six towns in the Hudson Valley I've lived in in Pine Bush. I lived in Shawangunk. I hope I pronounced that right, Willow. No? Shawangunk, Shawangunk, Willow, West Hurley, Woodstock, I now live in Saugerties. I was able to buy a house before the prices went through the roof. I hope to be able to stay here. Again we work we we did have UC IDA, the UCm County IDA support. Al Ford embraced us in 2008. He understood the importance of this and we had a great relationship but kind of fell apart under the leadership from Randall, Leverett, I don't know what happened. We were saved basically by Mark Brownstein, the CEO of Markertek, one of the largest employers in in the county, one of my best friends Unfortunately passed away, which is horrifying. But he saved us. He basically supported us while the while after the loss of funding we used to get between 40 and \$50,000 from Ulster County. We also got we're lucky enough to get support from Dutchess County, and from Putnam County, and we we used to have support from Orange County as well.

### **Laurent Rejto**

We used to have a wonderful relationship with the IDA, you know, I used to, I used to travel around to different counties with different members of the IDA, and we convince all the other counties to come on board Unfortunately, most of the wonderful people I worked with Dave and Steve. Perfect. Dave O'Halloran, everybody that unfortunately passed away, you know, what do they say? Only the good die young. Anyway, so we would we do have a 2021 report, I'd be happy to share that with with

### **Chair Cahill**

Send that to Fawn. Send that to Fawn and then Fawn will distribute it.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Okay. And, again, I'm happy to discuss minute details going back to all the way to 2000 When we first started working with films, and you know, it's it's a wonderful, it's a wonderful addition to the area. It's, it's, I can't think of a better, of another, of another economic engine that brings in \$58 million dollars, and hires people locally, and keeps giving. The other thing is they don't come in here and build, you know, monstrosities, and then leave them empty, and leave. They, they actually come, rent stuff and leave. Again, spend money. So it's a wonderful,

it's been a wonderful experience. We've had a, we have a directory online with hundreds, probably 1000s of of local people who, who get hired off the site all the time. And we hope that the Ulster County will will come on board and continue supporting us.

**Chair Cahill**

Well, thank you. And I appreciate you taking your time. And we look forward to hear from you soon again. And again, reach out to us if there's things that we can do to help we can brainstorm maybe, you know, see, see, see what we can do. And we have the Department of Economic Development Director Weidemann on the phone on the call with us, and I'm sure he'd love to hear from you. You know, just to let you know that I fully understand the value of the arts community. As far as an economic driver in this county, it's really one of the top ones and we know that. And, you know, I want to do what I can to help the arts community thrive in the county. And again, thank you very much for your time, and just whatever you want to get to us, please sent to Fawn and we'll make sure everybody gets it. Thanks.

**Laurent Rejto**

I did want to... Can I just say one last thing. I love the I love the arts. I love everything about the arts. But for me, this is all about labor. I used to I think I used to talk to Mike Hein about how this is like being a cobbler. It's like making shoes and then getting the shoes out. It's basically it's manufacturing. That's what this is. It's it's employing local laborers who work for very high salaries and, and creating, creating art. Yes, we're creating art and then that's, that's that's the part that we promote. But everything else is a is really labor intensive. And I always want to drive that home because these people work 12,14, 16 hours a days

**Chair Cahill**

Hard working people.

**Laurent Rejto**

Yeah, very hard work. Anyway, I appreciate it. Thank you very much.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

**Chair Cahill**

Chairman, Legislator Sperry has her hand up. I don't know if you can see her.

**Chair Cahill**

I was just gonna say if any of the legislators were only going to ask the legislators to if they have any questions to Mr. Reiko. We don't allow the public to ask our question our guest questions during these meetings. Thank you.

**Legislator Sperry**

Hi, Laurent. I don't have a question. I just want everybody to know how much I am grateful for the Hudson Valley Film Commission, especially for my students. You know, at SUNY New Paltz every year, my students are coming through the program and they, we require our students to do internship before they graduate. And it's only been in the past five years that our students have been staying in the area. One to do their internships and then upon

graduation staying in the area to work. And I can't tell you how proud I am when I see my students working on these productions that he just mentioned and staying in the area. And getting joining the unions, the various unions that they need to be a part of to do the work that they're doing. Rather than, you know, graduating and going and moving to New York City. I it's just the the Film Commission does so much for the students that are leaving me.

### **Laurent Rejto**

I hate to say that I don't hate to say this, but the fact is that I had I had three kids and one of them unfortunately passed away but the other two moved away and I didn't want anybody's kids to move away. One of my things I wanted to create, we wanted to create a system where people were, young people would stay in the area. And that's actually happening when I go to up river and I see all the kids from SUNY New Paltz, like Joe Davis, and all these other. It's like, it's the best like today, I actually sent out a casting call. And I also sent out a job call somebody was is hiring one, they want a director, and they're offering \$65,000. And I was like, oh, so I sent out to all these other people, these graduates, people who graduated from New Paltz. Tomorrow, we're going to be at Bard speaking with the students at Bard. And we also work with Marist, So, you know, that's one of our passions is to keep kids in the area and find jobs that will make them happy and content. You know, during when the White House Plumbers was filming down. They were filming everywhere they filmed in Kingston. As you know, Cuba, you know, the Bay of Pigs happened that Kingston Point, right, everybody knows that, right. But, so one of the great things about that is I went to the costume, to the wardrobe department one day, and there was this, you know, this 20 year old kid sitting behind the desk, and he found out that I was with the Film commission. He's like, Oh, I can't believe that I get to work, you know, 10 miles from home, he was from Poughkeepsie. I think there was travel across the bridge to Newburgh and stuff like that I love that's the best. It's great.

### **Laurent Rejto**

And it's also great, by the way, we just did, we did a show on Radio, Kingston, the senior, the senior show, and it's the same thing with seniors, you know, we work with seniors all the time, especially when it comes to picture cars. And acting a lot of background actors, a lot of seniors have found a new passion, working as background actors, and providing picture cars and, and just getting involved. So it involves every film and TV involved everything because there's about 300 different types of jobs, you can be a secretary, you can be a caterer, you know, there's so many different positions. So it's a it's a process, it spans the whole narrative.

### **Chair Cahill**

Well, thank you. Again, I don't mean to cut you off. But we have a lot...

### **Laurent Rejto**

I'm sorry, I get like that, I can go on forever.

### **Chair Cahill**

By the way, my daughter graduated from film school and works in the insurance industry in Florida. So I wish you were around 15 years ago when she, you know, was getting into film school. Anyway, thank you. Appreciate it.

### **Laurent Rejto**

Thank you. Thank you very much.



**Chair Cahill**

So, what I'll do now is I'll open up the floor for public comment. Oh, wait, wait...Legislator Hewitt, Legislator... if you would, I'm sorry. I didn't see your hand. Go ahead.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Thank you, Chair Cahill. I just want to thank Legislator Sperry for her points. And I was going to add one point about the unions, but you, you hit it. That the training goes not only through high school, but into college and into union trainings. But I also want to mention a benefit that is often overlooked. And tonight, we're talking about the difference between hotels and short term rentals. The film industry brings amazing renters to our area, people who support families here, not second, homeowners who are trying to profit quickly off of short term rentals. But families who can now pay their bills because films come here and make their movies. So I just want to make that quick point. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. Any other legislators? I have to go between two screens here because we have quite a few people. 37 people on the call tonight. Okay, great.

**Chair Cahill**

So, what I'm going to do now is open up the floor for public comment on the agenda items. And I'll just say that, you know, when we get to the motel, the home rule request that is on there, resolution number 11. That the folks that are going to be responding to that. I noticed there's quite a few of you on the call. If you could please keep your comments to like two or three minutes apiece that would be very much appreciated. I think we know where you're coming from. You've spoken with Legislator Maloney. I've spoken to a couple of people, exchange emails, etc. So, I mean, of course, you're welcome to talk to any of us at any time. But for tonight, since there's so many of you on the call, I really would appreciate if you could be a little bit concise with your comments. Okay. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

So, anyone have any comments on the resolutions? Fawn I'm going to ask for your help here.

**Chair Cahill**

If the folks on the phone want to make a comment, if you unmute yourself, I will be able to see you unmuted, and I can let the chairman know.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, great. And then so there's also folks that said they wanted to talk about resolution number 108, which is, a couple of people have mentioned they did so if anyone wants to comment on that at this point. Feel free. Let Fawn know if you're on the phone, otherwise, raise your hand, give some indication.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, I see Catherine, you wanted to speak Go ahead. Feel free.

**Catherine Skopic**

Thank you very much. Mr. Cahill. Sorry, I had my phone on. Thank you, Mr. Cahill. Yes, from what I understand, the PILOT is probably an inappropriate an inappropriate thing to be having, as I understand it, the TDI, the Champlain-Hudson Power Express will be an area for very brief while so it's not as though they're developing the area. And overall, once the project is complete, I understand there will be 26 paid positions overall. And there's nothing that says they're going to be in Ulster County. So the way I understand what what a PILOT actually is is a payment in lieu of taxes and how it works, this is an inappropriate situation. And Blackstone should not be receiving that situation should not be receiving taxes in lieu of... payment in lieu of taxes.

**Catherine Skopic**

And just the word if I may, I won't take too long, I just want to say that the the Hudson River is a precious jewel to all of us. And there are seven communities including yourselves and communities amongst yourselves, that get your drinking water from the Hudson River. Now, if this jet plowing to dig the tunnels to lay the cables, would be stirring up PCBs, leftover from GE, and other toxins that would not be able to be filtered out. So I'm wondering if that money, how much money how much water would that supply? If the water is no longer able to be to serve as drinking water for the communities? You know, how much money that you would be getting? How much water would that buy for you. So in any of the communities along the Hudson, it's a big, big concern of mine. I paddled on the Hudson with the Two Row Wampum in 2013, ah, from Beacon to New York City. And I gained a tremendous appreciation for this beautiful river. And I'm aware of some of its life, the Atlantic sturgeon and some of the other fish, some of whom are coming back right now some of the species. So I think it's our job to preserve the beauty that we have, and to preserve the life that we have. And so many people have been working so hard to bring the Hudson back. I think it behooves everyone to do what we can to preserve the river and not destroy it. And just one more word, and that is that New York State has several renewable energy projects where the money and the jobs for this renewable energy would stay in New York State, why should we be exporting our energy dollars to another country. So I just urge you, and I applaud you for not... for denying the transmission developers, and I applaud you and support you and do anything and everything I can to support this decision. Thank you so much.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Anyone else here.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Chairman, I'm just gonna interrupt one moment. I have a caller, it's 718-636-6709. May I get your name?

**Annie Wilson**

Oh, I'm Annie Wilson. I just managed to get on the call to listen to your meeting tonight.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Thank you, Annie.

**Annie Wilson**

If I have comments regarding the matter of as discussed by the person before me, I do have a few thoughts on that and I would ask that this legislature support the resolution and oppose the transmission cables to be installed under the Hudson River, and must protect rivers everywhere, including the rivers in First Nations lands and Canada. Oh, by the way, the long term for the, the decommissioning of these cables is to abandon them in the

river. And I really think that people need to think about the legacy of leaving these cables buried in the river and perpetually. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Chairman, you're muted.

**Chair Cahill**

I see. Thank you. Is there any other comments? Well, actually, I was gonna ask Laura, before I go to you, I was gonna yes, if the sponsor one time make any comments Legislator Erner and then Laura, we can come to you is that okay with you?

**Legislator Petit**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Erner, if you just you know, give us a brief background of why you submitted this and some of the, you know, the intent of what this resolution is for the folks that are here thank you.

**Legislator Erner**

Okay, I just unfroze Thank you, Chair Cahill.

**Legislator Erner**

We were approached in the Energy Environment Committee last month by a group of Ulster County residents and organizations, including folks from from my district, and including the organization Riverkeeper. This is actually an issue that I have personally followed for about a decade. And basically, if you look at the text of the resolution, there are we're basically asking the Industrial Development Agency to go through with a decision that they seemed inclined to make when they consider this matter a few months ago, and that is to deny payment in lieu of taxes, they at the time, doubted that there would be any corresponding economic benefit to our county in granting that the anticipated tax revenue for the project normally would have been over \$90 million. And the pilot would have reduced what we received to about \$29 million.

**Legislator Erner**

The resolution then goes on to cite various other reasons that our neighbors here in the county, organizations here, the Hudson s\Seven as we heard about, and then various First Nations located in the proximity of the dam, which has been constructed in Quebec, and then all the way up and down and even in organizations in New York City, where the power would ultimately be delivered and consumed. Also in opposition. So we have a number of justifications that we provide. But our ask, in this memorializing resolution is is simply that the pilot be denied. We are however, also interested in seeing as many of the the folks here have I've also indicated whether whether the project could be stopped entirely. But for now, just asking you UCEDA to to deny that PILOT would be the best course of action for our our county we believe so thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

IDA by the way, not UCEDA. Thank you.

**Legislator Erner**

I'm sorry, yes, Not UCEDA, the IDA. Exactly.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Legislator Petit.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you. Legislator Cahill. Yes, this project that is proposed, above and beyond the resolution in front of you has absolutely or little economic positive economic impact in our community and Ulster County. It may provide a couple of temporary jobs. But for the most part, it's very specialized jobs, so they're going to have to hire outside of the county. I mean, if anything, when you have a project of this magnitude going in, you generally offer the community a host community benefit. You don't ask them for millions of dollars in tax dollars as a give back. The Esopus drinking water... It's within 50 to 100 feet of our intake. The representatives are claiming that it's only going to be a three to four day inconvenience. You know, meanwhile, we have water infrastructure that we've been trying to work on for years. And our holding tank can only hold so much. If something awful happens, we won't have the capacity to draw water to put out a fire or respond to an emergency.

**Legislator Petit**

Besides that, it's a sensitive ecosystem that we've been trying to repair decades of damage to along the Hudson. You know, as a previous speaker said, we have sturgeon coming back. But I just heard that stripers are now being more heavily regulated because they're starting to decline. And I had a special treat this weekend, I got to see not one but two eagles. So you know, life is coming back. The last thing that we want to do is give a large corporation a gift of millions of dollars to come back and interrupt our our community. And again, no benefit. This power line is going down in New York City. So we don't even see any power coming from it. So yes, I am an animate advocate for the passage of this resolution.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Legislator Petit, I see a league. Correct me if I'm wrong... Lee Gough is that..did I say that right?

**Lee Gough**

It's Gough. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. All right. I tried. Thank you.

**Lee Gough**

Yeah, I want to thank Laura and Phil and all the other speakers who have also supported the resolution 108, which I want to do. I live in the Town of Esopus and I have been following the CHPE project out of personal environmental interest. And I also have been following the Hudson Seven meetings. And one of the the pieces of information that I garnered from those meetings is that on the Hudson Seven, in an attempt to protect its the drinking water of the seven municipalities who are affected are planning to let this CHPE, TDI, Blackstone, Hydro Quebec with the conglomeration of companies involved, test their own water impacts. And one has to wonder about the conflict of interest there, would you trust the people polluting your water to do the testing. And I want people to ponder that question. And also ponder the liabilities that could come to anyone who agrees to that, and

it could involve harm to the communities beyond the manifest harms to our water supply. And other people have connected the dots with all the environmental issues. And there's just one more I want to bring up, which is that the maritime industries have objected. And these are communities that really our communities that have a sense of pride and history in the maritime communities, they have objected to this, because they have been told that if they hit a cable, which is very, very possible, that they they will be liable to fix the cable. And that's in addition to the danger that hitting a high voltage cable would pose to the river beyond the EMF [electro magnetic field] frequency dangers. So I, I applaud you for hopefully approving this resolution. And, and I also want to second that, it's my great hope that we consider as a community, the the other options that are on the table that are far less harmful, harmful, and that are truly renewable and clean, Clean Path is one and also more public ownership of the utilities, which have already, been discussed.

### **Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. Thank you for your comments. There's other folks that would like to speak. And we do want to kind of limit the the amount of time. Legislator Maloney, you're up.

### **Legislator Maloney**

Yes, real quick, one of the things you look at, or the IDA supposed to look at, is whether a project is going to happen without these tax benefits. Obviously, they don't need this for this project. It's a bizarre request, but I guess it's worth a shot in their mind. Our IDA has proved to be willing to literally violate state municipal law to give undeserving pilots that are way outside of the bounds that they're supposed to stay in. But with regards to this, of course, I'm for it, though it is. It's it's almost a bizarre request. It's so out there. So, I'd be shocked if it wasn't dead on arrival. And I think it's another thing for us all to keep in mind when it comes to New York City and how we operate people up here are constantly getting the short end of the stick from turbidity to more of our tax dollars going down there then coming up here, many other watershed problems, and it's just another frustrating reality to live a couple hours from New York City. And it doesn't benefit us all that often.

### **Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Legislator Maloney. I think we have Jacqueline Brechsler - would you like to comment.

### **Jacqueline Brechsler**

Yeah. Okay. Yes. Hello, this is Jacqueline Breschsler. I actually live in Rockland County, New York, just downstream a way. And I certainly also have the potential to not allow the use of IDA money for this project. You know, as far as I can understand, IDA needs to bring long term businesses into communities where people are actually living in their communities and growing their businesses, not just printing a line with part time jobs. And there's so many dangers to the Hudson River, particularly, you know, regarding EMF and also the maritime community, that transactionally is supposed to be technically maybe, to 14-foot depth. And so this company only wants to go through the seven foot depth. And this is the it's not, it's not appropriate. It's, it's, it's not deep enough. And of course, the deeper you go, the more damage there is. So, it just shows this whole thing is, is totally inappropriate, especially as the previous speaker said that they're going to just abandon the cable when this whole thing comes to the end. So, you know, I've been fighting, actually, this CHPE project for the last 10 years myself. And I'm, I was so shocked to hear that the water quality could be lifted up in your area. We also have Indian Point, we fought the de-salination plans in Rockland County that Suez wanted to do. And part of the reason we won against that fight was because of the radioactive water that is, that leaks from under Indian Point. And this is the river that flows two ways as shown that radionuclides where it could not be taken out of the water. So there's also

that shoe on top of it all. And I just, I just, do you feel that a massive company that's worth \$649 billion has no right to sell any community for IDA money, which the taxpayer money. Thank you very, very much.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you very much. And I'll ask if you're done committing to please mute your phones or your computers or devices whenever you have there. I don't see any other comments right now. And so just to if everyone doesn't mind, I'll move this resolution now. For for

**Chair Cahill**

I'll accept a motion for discussion or a vote at this time for resolution 108. So the folks that are on the phone can go about their business if they'd like to.

**Legislator Maloney**

I'll make a motion to vote.

**Chair Cahill**

You make a motion to vote we have a second?

**Legislator Corcoran**

Yes.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Is there any discussion on this? Okay, all those in favor of Resolution 108 please say aye.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All opposed? Are there any abstentions? Okay, so unanimously passes. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. This will now go on to the full legislature for a vote in our next monthly meeting. Thank you for participating appreciate it.

**Chair Cahill**

So now we'll go on to resolution number 11, which is requested an enactment of a Senate bill and assembly bill in New York State Legislature for a special law in relation to hotel and motel room occupancy tax rates in Ulster County. I'll accept a motion for discussion.

**Legislator Maloney**

I'll make a motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, and I'll second that myself. Legislator Maloney would you like to fill us in on where we are with this and some of your opinions on it.

**Legislator Maloney**

Yeah, before I get started, we were at six and 10% I was going to make a motion to amend down to 8%, 4%. 8% short term rental 4%. I got some feedback both from the Lodging Coalition and my fellow legislators, that they'd be a little more comfortable if it didn't have the I think the 10% number. I like to start off big and negotiate from there but if I could get a second in a vote on that I'd like to move it down to eight and four.

**Committee Members**

I'm going to move that amendment. Do we have a second?

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll second.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay all those in favor... up sorry, Legislator Tantillo, I'm sorry... legislator, Clerk Tantillo?

**Chair Cahill**

Who was the second? I'm sorry...

**Chair Cahill**

Pete Criswell. Okay, all those in favor of amending the resolution as Legislator Maloney described?

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Any abstentions? No. Okay. So, it's been amended, Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

So, I sat down I think it was I think it's important. We have a very strong Lodging Coalition up, you know, partially because we have a lot of lodging compared to other counties with our population size. We have more all inclusive. And my last term dealing with the Airbnb agreement, I really wanted to do a better job of getting them information early. There were some emails that went out that I thought were kind of incorrect, that I had seen other legislators getting with what this resolution was going to do and what our overall thought process was, the legislators that I was working with and talking with, so I went sat down with several members of the Lodging Coalition a couple of weeks ago. And I was... I tried to be just brutally honest about where, where we were. And where I was, I can't only speak for other legislators, I kind of let them know where I thought other legislators were at, but we're a body. I kind of feel like the all inclusive are where I'm at, they're going to end up being happier. You know, there's I think the Logging Coalition has 60 members. And the county has 200,000 residents that I'm thinking about first and foremost, and you can't make everybody happy.

**Legislator Maloney**

So, I think it's important we have a conversation, continue a conversation, I'll be talking to one of our legislative attorneys again, tomorrow about two things, one of them is getting a resolution ready. That that makes all inclusive, makes it a little easier for all inclusives to not pay 2% on everything. And I don't think that was the

intent. The law we have is very confusing, I think it's hard for their accountants to use. So we'll be talking about that.

### **Legislator Maloney**

I personally feel that the hotel motel is less important to me than short term rental, but a lot of other legislators I've talked to really think that we're low, there's 38 Other counties in New York State that are higher than than us the 2%. Virtually everybody surrounding us. So that will be part I was honest, that will be part of the discussion. And I actually think the short term rental is the, has literally put our housing crisis on steroids. I just heard someone say before, that isn't a great one we have. The filming industry is great. And it's great when people come in and stay in these Airbnb, well, those Airbnbs are there because people were booted out of the rentals, many times. And there are far more houses and apartments being Airbnb, not that that story of the one bedroom, which by the way, is not affected. None of these Airbnb is probably going to be all that affected, just by raising it from two to four, two to six or two to eight. If you're getting \$80 for a room, you know, now you're getting, you know, you're paying \$88 instead of \$81.50. I mean, it's not it's not going to kill anybody, it's not going to stop anyone from you know, dealing with our horrible taxes. So and it's a tax like no other.

### **Legislator Maloney**

I just wrote a letter to the editor about putting \$34 million back onto the tax rolls. I want to lower taxes, but this is a tax like no other. Because it doesn't tax people that live in this county, it tax for the most part very full of people that are staying here and exasperating our housing crisis. With that money, we can go and attack that housing crisis.

### **Legislator Maloney**

But just a reminder to everyone, this does not affect... this doesn't do anything, but give us the right to then have real conversations about where we want to be. We could end up getting the right to do it and do nothing. It doesn't force us in anything. It doesn't make us more likely to do anything. It is impossible for us to do anything and silly to even have the conversation until this is put through. So this is not nearly as important, as it has been made out to be I think and worried some people.

### **Legislator Maloney**

But I want to continue talking to the Logging Coalition. I'd rather bring them in to a possible special meeting. I really wanted to get information to the Lodging Coalition early on, and I feel like after a couple hours, I really put forth exactly where I was at. And and the legislators that I talked to where they seem to be at so so so and to let them know that we I want them to be... their opinions to be heard. I want you know, and I do think it's important. They really are employers in this county, especially the all inclusives. When you see what they do when you see the amount of people that are working there when you see the real tourism that's coming in. It really is something that's going to be a part of this making those all inclusive, a little fairer, but hotel more motel short term rental may not be as happy but it is what it is and we're going to hear everybody out.

### **Legislator Maloney**

I really hope we vote on it. I want to vote tonight, you know, petition to discharges five signatures if we don't get it through committee. You know, I have a feeling we're gonna be talking and voting on this very soon. If anyone else has any questions or comments, I'd love to hear them.



**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. So are there any legislators that would also like to comment on resolution number 11? Anybody? Okay, so then I'll call for the sorry, Chris

**Chair Cahill**

Thomas Corcoran has his hand up.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, sorry. I'm just having trouble. Yeah, I think we had Legislator Hewitt, then Corcoran, and then Legislator Nolan. We're gonna let the legislators on a committee speak first.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Chairman Cahill, and thank you, Legislator Maloney for your hard work on this resolution. I think that I understand the need to change the rates, you have wonderful points. And I think your research helps me be supportive. Because that, like you said, the tenants, The Vacationers they don't see this increase. But I want to be careful about how we increase our rates and who we increase our rates on. It's easy to vilify and blame short term rental owners for the fact that our area has become highly popular. Hotels are also seeing the benefit and increase in travel rates to our area. And so I understand that the need to increase their rates as well. One thing we don't think about sometimes is when people make environmental choices like traveling in your car, or on the train, especially instead of an airplane, that changes our area. Because we're next to one of the largest cities in the world, we're going to become more popular as people become more environmentally friendly. As vacations become more popular, we're going to be more popular. And when prestigious publications talk about us, we become more popular.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Let's not blame short term rental owners because it's not people booting out other people. It's about accessory dwellings and maximizing on the homes we have and the outbuildings that we have. So that families like me, and people I know who have short term rentals, I used to have one but no longer have one, so that I could speak on behalf of my constituents and support the families who are now able to pay their bills, catch up on bills, and finally, save money, something young families don't do anymore. So we are actually catching up because of short term rentals. So let's think about how to reward short term rental owners make rules that benefit the locals over the second homeowners who are from outside of our area. Let's make those rates higher, maybe, or define what, what what, what the rules are around second homeownership versus an accessory dwelling. And what's wonderful is the town of Rochester spent four years on this on short term rental rules. We've learned a lot. And we can now learn from Mike Baden and Aaron and now and then people who see that these issues are complicated. And so I'll wrap it up by saying I think there are solutions, we should promote short term rentals. We should make rules that benefit locals. And we should think more deeply and meet with hotels and short term rental owners to see what they think the rates should be. And they should be increased. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

I have Legislator Nolan. And then I don't think there's anyone else after that. So go ahead, legislator. Oh,

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you, Legislator Cahill. But legislator Corcoran, who's on the committee had his physical hand up before I did.

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, I forgot that, Tom. I apologize.

**Legislator Corcoran**

No worries. Brian, So legislator Maloney. I appreciate all the hard work you've done on this. Also. My quick question is on the the all inclusives that, that's where I see the the occupancy tax really hurt in our all inclusive where they're getting taxed on food, entertainment, horseback riding. So that there's an avenue and discussion in here about kind of reducing that off of the total package correct. Because occupancies have should be based on occupancy alone and the all inclusive and getting hurt for years on this.

**Legislator Maloney**

I agree 100%. And there's different ways to possibly go about it. But it's going to be a lot of legal questions, and then budgetary questions. But I do believe at the very least, there's a simple way at some point, we could just pass a resolution that basically says they only pay 20% of what your total bills, but I want to do even better than that. But now these all inclusive, and they offer so much. And you're you're paying one and they really it's good for their business. I think there's only three or four. But I do think it's important that we make it fair for them. And I've talked to them. I've talked to at least two of them about it. And when it's really good for their business to put to just charge you one price. They really don't want to break things down. They should be able to do that. And we should be able to To come up with a formula that's fair, that not everybody's going to be able to, you know, a hotel is not going to be able to back in to call themselves an all inclusive. So we have to define what an all inclusive is, which I think we can easily do, and then get it down to where it's far, far less. And so I really believe the all inclusive after we're done with this conversation, in the next couple of months, we're going to be able to make them a whole and in a much better position. And I agree with you 100%. They shouldn't be what they're offering they it was not meant to be they're not meant to be paying the full bed tax on that entire bill.

**Legislator Criswell**

Alright, I appreciate that. Because I do have one, Buttermilk Falls, in my municipality and and basically Rocking Horse Ranch is a stone's throw right off my property line. So I'm right there with Rocking Horse, also. So I appreciate that. Thank you. But that answers my question.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

Thank you Chair Cahill. I just wanted to emphasize something that Legislator Maloney said before, that what we're voting on tonight, actually isn't all the details. What we're voting on tonight is opening the door to allow us to have these conversations and to actually make decisions. So that's what we're voting on tonight. We will get to all these details later. But I just want to keep us focused on what we're actually voting on this evening. Right?

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, it seems like there's a lot of "this is what we're going to do". "That was what we're going to do", "let's do the details later", "let's do this", "let's do that". I'll make a motion to postpone this until we can get it codified a little more into something that looks more like a resolution that will we'll be happy with. I don't like making a lot of changes after we vote on a resolution.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

There's not a lot to it, the all inclusive part is going to be a separate resolution. The other part, there's two numbers, it's going to be 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or eight, depending on whether we're talking hotel motel or short term rental. It's two very simple numbers. If I came here, with what I wanted to do, I'm one person, I need 11 other votes, possibly 16. But I don't think this would be vetoed. So I if I came here and said this is the way it is everybody would go wait a minute, we don't even have permission yet from the state to even do this. And you're coming at us with what you want to do. We get permission. And then the Republican and Democratic caucus decide two simple numbers, and then we put it up to vote on, I don't have any desire, I have postponed many things already this year and happily postpone them. I don't think this is something that is anything postponeable or needing to be postponed. This is to get permission. So we can have that, you know, month or two long conversation and then decide where the 23 member body wants to be on two numbers.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Litts.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Mr. Chairman, you need a second to postpone before you have the discussion.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Is there a second to postpone? Okay, I don't see a secondly. So you're Legislator Litts, go ahead.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, I mean, I, the resolution does, you know, put percentages in there four, eight. That's, that's the amendment. And when we send this request up, the home rule might come back with percentages in it, which now we're we're gonna live with those percentages. Without any future discussion. I think it's being kind of, you know, premature. I think we need to flesh this out a little more...

**Legislator Maloney**

If I could just real quick it's "not to exceed"

**Chair Cahill**

Right. So that's what I was

**Legislator Maloney**

It's giving us, it's giving us that room to go and then decide specifically.

**Legislator Litts**

What happens if the legislature, when they enacted in Albany, which is not in our legislature says four and eight or six and 10?

**Chair Cahill**

Well we asked the when when we present a home request to Albany, we present it we we asked them to do what we need them to do, what we want them to do, we're not going to ask them to alter it, or do anything to it. That would prevent us from enacting the law that we want to do locally here. And if they do that, then guess what we have the option of not not doing anything, right. This just enables us to have a discussion about increasing those taxes. It's all it does. Right? And we can we may or may not act on it. It's that simple, right?

**Legislator Litts**

Do we have to put numbers in I mean, we're asking...

**Chair Cahill**

You do have to... you do, do we have to put numbers in Legislator Malone?

**Legislator Maloney**

I'm under the impression that they're, they're going to want to see something they could potentially send it back and say because this is open ended. Talking to Chris Ragucci. He doesn't believe that there's a time limit on this, that this gives us the right you know, it could be next term that they finally decide what it is they want to do. But the first thing we have to do is, is get the right If the state legislature just said saw something and said, "Hey, we're going to rate we may raise the bed tax, give us permission". That they would probably send back if we didn't put some parameters on there and say, "Wait a minute, what are you going to 25? We're not going to say okay to that." So, this is, this is the way it's done.

**Chair Cahill**

You know, and the other part of this, that we have to consider, too, is that we're asking a legislature on March 1, to introduce something that they haven't considered yet it's not on their docket right now. And raising taxes is not something the state legislature is going to want to do in an election year, I'm just going to throw that out there. You know. So this probably may not even be acted on in this legislative session. You know, there's that likelihood, you know, we've had experiences with taxes, tax home rule tax request being delayed in Albany before some of you might recall. And, you know, I think that, you know, it's always that possibility. Right.

**Chair Cahill**

But for me, I think it's important that we have the ability to start the conversation. And, you know, I think that we should, you know, go ahead and give this the rest of the legislature an opportunity to speak on this, and, you know, put in their two cents on whether or not they think it should go to the state for a home rule request. That's my opinion. Okay. Legislator Nolan, you've had your hand up for a while, go ahead.

**Legislator Nolan**

Thank you, Chair Cahill. I've talked to some of the property owners in the county and in my district. And this just seems like the wrong time to be doing this, especially to motel Hotels. They were able to stay close to where they have been in the past with a lot of increased tourism, from outdoor recreation during 20 and 2021. But it was a hard time, They've lost staff, they've lost income. And during that time, because our outdoor recreation tourism stayed strong, and the hotels did stay open and managed to accommodate them. They saved us the income tax revenue that we are using to fund other things, aside from the ARP monies is a large percentage, more than half is coming from the tourism industry. So, we've got a goose laying the golden egg situation here. And the things that we've heard from the film commission, and that we're hearing from the outdoor recreation community. These are economic drivers that have proven successful, and they've done it with what we've done with our bed tax. It is absolutely true that nobody says, is my bed tax going to be \$2? Or is it going to be \$3.50. But they do ask what the price of the room is. And that bed tax is included in that. So if it's \$89, or it's \$91.50, that may make a difference.

**Legislator Nolan**

We, Ulster County are competing with and successfully competing with Dutchess County. Many, many more times the people and the staff for tourism and the investments in tourism. But we've kept even with them and then went ahead of them with a strategy of portraying the Catskills as the family centered, a little more affordable. And the bed tax is part of that. So I'm I'm very concerned with people who have not done economic development work coming in and saying, Well, this is how we would do it better. And I also don't understand the argument about that we need this, you know, the state to tell us we can talk about this. We can talk about it. We did talk about it three to four years ago, and decided not to ask for this. So I think rather than put in a lot of effort and tell state representatives that we want something when we haven't sorted it out, I think we really need to sort out short term rentals with homeowner occupied versus a non homeowner occupied short term rentals and deal with that separately, deal with the all inclusive and maybe make some improvements there. And we probably need the state to allow us to do that, that there might be some consensus building initiatives here. Why not pull those out, and then go after it. And then we can make our case to the state.

**Legislator Nolan**

Right now. I wouldn't even know what we're asking for. I mean, not to exceed numbers allow us to do great harm to the motel and hotel industry that is already struggling. And I think that, you know, there is a way to have these conversations that is collaborative. I do not believe that's been done yet. So I would I think the motion to postpone was a generous one. And I would encourage people who do vote on it if you're going to vote tonight to vote against this, and then go, let's all together go do the work of what do we want to do in terms of economic development in this realm?

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you., Legislator Nolan. Are there any other comments?

**Legislator Maloney**

I'll call the vote, Chair.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. And so vote on 108 as amended by legislator Maloney. All those in favor of Legislative resolution number 108.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Resolution 11.

**Chair Cahill**

11. Sorry, we did 108 already, sorry. Number resolution number 11, all those in favor,

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Fawn Tantillo**

So, I've got Cahill, Maloney. Speery, Hewlett.

**Chair Cahill**

Criswell,

**Fawn Tantillo**

Criswell,

**Chair Cahill**

And all those opposed.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Opposed were?

**Chair Cahill**

We have Herb and Tom did you guys oh, sorry. I missed it.

**Legislator Litts**

I think I'm going to abstain I don't have enough information you want to you know, throw this and throw that and throw something else.

**Chair Cahill**

I don't think you can abstain.

**Chair Cahill**

You can't abstain. You can vote no, because you don't have enough information.

**Legislator Litts**

Well, then I guess you're forcing me to vote no.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Corcoran?

**Legislator Corcoran**

I'm a no.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. So the resolution passes. We're gonna move on to resolution number 29. Another fun topic of the evening. Funding capital project number 601, ARP Small Business and Economic Development Recovery for the Department of Finance. I'll accept the motion for discussion.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll move it for discussion

**Chair Cahill**

And a second.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. So any discussion on resolution number 29.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'd like to, Chairman Cahill, if I may, I just wanted to mention that I hope everybody got the ARPA resolution scorecard that the ARPA committee created. So every every committee member scored this, this project, and that score was compiled. And that was sent to everybody on this committee with notes. And I just want to say it was a bit of a complicated conversation. It did pass the committee, but I just hope that everybody took the time to read all the comments and read the eventual scores. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you Legislator Criswell, are there any other comments or discussion on this? Legislator Maloney,

**Legislator Maloney**

Is this, does this have the \$50,000 going to the EDA, and then there was another \$100,000 in advertising and other costs?

**Chair Cahill**

I see. Director Weidemann? Yes. If you guys want to direct questions to Tim, for specifics, I'll allow that.

**Legislator Maloney**

Yes, that's a yes or no,

**Director Weidemann**

I think so.

**Legislator Maloney**

You know, I really have issues. We had issues in this county years ago with the EDA to the point where when we had the executive staff, you know, supplying all the staff at the IDA they were constantly funneling money over to the EDA, you know, most of the time our IDA can do what we have the EDA doing. And I really think we. we have to have some open honest conversation sometimes about how much we want this EDA doing when it's one person controlling it. There's a reason... and I'll circle back around to what I'm going to propose in a second. There's a reason that the IDA is chosen by a body and not one person. There's it's dangerous not to have it set up that way. So. the EDA to me, a lot of times ends up being a go around. I personally think that the that we should probably create an EDA that's appointed by the legislature since we can't just dissolve it, but we could put it dormant. I've talked to some people it makes sense. But it got to a point where the executives people that were working at the IDA, were constantly funneling money over to the EDA, and it was kind of exposed and stopped. I don't like this 50,000. We just hired three people to do ARPA funds. Even though most of the time when we're talking about these projects coming from the executive we're talking to Tim Weidemann, Chris Kelly and Marc Rider, even though we have these three staff, that job is ARPA, we spent a million dollars, the ARPA money is going to be out in a couple of months. I don't know what these individuals are going to be doing. And I mean, I know there's some Treasury reports and things but that's nothing to justify three positions. I think we made a mistake. I'm just going to be honest, and I don't think we should be sending the \$50,000 over to the EDA. That's it's way to get tax dollars over to the EDA to me, and to a lot of other people, and I'd like to amend that out of it, put it back into the project, I don't think we need to give the EDA any money here. Our county appointees, they're well paid, they seem to be doing all the work. You can't justify to me that the EDA should be getting it. I'll make a motion to take that 50,000 and put it into the program itself. If I could get a second and a vote, I'd love it.

**Chair Cahill**

So, I'm just trying to get to the resolution so I can see where it specifically states the quantity of money going into it.

**Legislator Maloney**

Am I right with 50,000?

**Chair Cahill**

I'm going to check right now. Tim, is that correct?

**Legislator Corcoran**

If I might it that's that's in the contract. That's actually subject to a separate resolution, I believe. I bring the agenda up just to make sure I'm clear on this. But a 29 is actually the the funding of the capital project. And so the amounts of that million dollars being broken down into 850,000 for direct assistance to businesses, 100,000 For program related expenses, and 50,000 for admin is actually in the contract. That's the subject of resolution 32.

**Legislator Maloney**

So, you're, you're certain that it would be the vote would be there. Can we get some I don't mind making the motion in a moment on 32. Can we make certain that that's correct. I'm not saying it's not corrected probably is.



**Chair Cahill**

That's what's in the backup.

**Chair Cahill**

It's in the resolution.

**Legislator Maloney**

Okay, so I'll hold that back. Remember that spiel, and then I'll make a motion, see if I can get a second there. But I really hope everyone considers it I don't think we need to send \$50,000 over to the EDA give it to some businesses.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, is there any other discussion on resolution number 29? Legislator Hewitt?

**Director Weidemann**

You're on mute. Let's do it.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Oh, thank you. Yes, Tim, I just want to make a recommendation or suggestion. I know some of the money was also meant to be spent on promotion and marketing. And we've already identified a lot of like you said, a lot of businesses that could use this funding. So I would recommend that our local publishers have been hit very hard in the last few years. And they don't talk about it because they're proud. But I'll just name a few publications in the area that have suffered. I know as a publisher of livelihood, I lost 95% of my advertisers in March 2020. And Kingston Times no longer is in print after 50 years of publishing. Chronogram still in print, HV Parent went out of print recently, Organic Hudson Valley went out of business recently, Bluestone Press is still printing Shawangunk Journal still printing, Visit Vortex still printing, but all of these are friends of mine, and they're all struggling financially. And the Kingston Wire is a wonderful publication that keeps us informed. I wouldn't mention the Freeman because they're not local. They're owned by a Canadian company. But these people have struggled through COVID as well. And maybe you can use some of this money to support local publishers.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Okay any other comments on resolution number 29? If not, I will call the vote. Okay, all those in favor of resolution 29.

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed?

**Fawn Tantillo**

That was just one opposed?

**Chair Cahill**

As far as I can tell, Yes. Legislator Maloney. Okay, so then we'll move on to resolution number 32, which is approving the execution of a contract for \$1 million entered into by the county, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance for the Department of Finance. And I'll accept the motion for discussion.

**Committee Members**

Motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Second.

**Fawn Tantillo**

Sorry, who was a second? Chriswell?

**Legislator Maloney**

Maloney.

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah. Any discussion? Legislator Maloney, want to make your amendment?

**Legislator Maloney**

Yeah, I'll make the amendment to take the 50,000 and give it to the businesses and, and let Mr. Wiedemann and the rest of the county, people that are working on this continue to do the administrative work that they are already doing and will be doing.

**Chair Cahill**

So I just want to make sure that we have this correct. So, you're suggesting to take the \$50,000 and schedule his schedule A for administrative costs and put it directly into the program.

**Legislator Maloney**

Right.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, Tim, you got that?

**Chair Cahill**

And to make the 850,000 for direct assistance to businesses 900,000?

**Chair Cahill**

900,000. Right. Okay, so that's the amendment. Okay, we have a second on that amendment.

**Legislator Criswell**

May I ask this massive question directly to Mr. Wiedemann at this point? Well, I

**Chair Cahill**

think we're in. Yeah. Is this on the amendment, Peter?

**Legislator Criswell**

Yes, it is. Okay, good. So we grilled you hard in ARPA. And one of the things we grilled you on was this exact \$150,000. And you repeatedly said that the previous grants that you've made not granted, payments that you made, were increased, because you found that you actually didn't need the excess money for the advertising and for the overhead. Could you just speak to that a little bit,

**Director Weidemann**

Sure. So, appreciate the question, Legislator Criswell, and the point that I was making is that in the first round, which was a million dollars of funding from the state, broken out in equal buckets to this app, proposal, 850,000 for direct financial assistance, 100,000 for program delivery, and 50,000. For administrative, we determined and consulted with the state and received state approval to move the 100,000 that was earmarked for promotion and marketing, to the direct financial assistance, because we already had applications almost immediately in excess of the funding that was allowed. So there was no additional effort to do marketing and promotion after that first push. The administrative was still retained as administrative overhead costs. And so as opposed to the proposed amendment here, the amendment here would move the administrative into the direct assistance to financial, financial assistance to businesses.

**Legislator Criswell**

Thank you.

**Director Weidemann**

And I would maybe just add to that, that, you know, there is an administrative cost to delivering this program. And you know, while I understand and appreciate Legislator Maloney's point, I would also, you know, remind you all that this would be an additional administrative burden to someone if it's not to, UCEDA it would be to our department in administering this on behalf of UCEDA. And so there is a cost there. I just want that to be clear.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Maloney.

**Legislator Maloney**

Something like a time cost to somebody that's in the county? Can you can you tell me, can you just give me some logistics? What this what the person's name is at the EDA and what they're going to be doing for \$50,000? Are you, are you saying that the administrative cost per time if we kept it in the county, which I suspect most of it's being done anyways, that is going to add up to \$50,000 in time.

**Director Weidemann**

So, we we requested and this legislature approved in our budget request for this year additional staff to administer the funding that we we already have. And so there's a staff position that we're adding in order to administer this program to date. And so you know, I think that's supports the argument that there is an additional administrative overhead in delivering what amounts to probably 30 grants, collecting the receipts, the administration of all of that process for disbursement of the funds for tracking the required metrics for the awardees, there is a there is an

administrative overhead to that work. And what I would anticipate would happen if that is, you know, money that is allocated to UCEDA, is that UCEDA would use that for contracts with professionals in order to complete that work, namely either financial professionals to help with the administration of the reimbursement process, with legal professionals in order to help with contracts, and perhaps with contracted staff to help with the actual delivery of the program.

**Legislator Maloney**

You foresee them spending \$50,000 to go contract out, so we're paying them to be the middle, the middleman. And then they'll go and why don't we save a little bit of money and just contract out ourselves? I actually think we should just do it ourselves. And like I said, we have three staff, and we're running out of money that with three staff that we just created. Do you yes or no? Do you think it's going to cost \$50,000 to provide that service?

**Director Weidemann**

I do. I believe that 5% overhead rate is a minimal amount for the kinds of services that need to be provided to support...

**Legislator Maloney**

With us already doing so much though. You think there's \$50,000 worth of work you're not doing you really believe that? I don't believe that. That's why I put the amendment up.

**Legislator Corcoran**

No, I understand that, but I do believe that.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you, Chairman. I apologize. I heard Mr. Maloney's amendment. I didn't hear Who seconded. So you muted

**Chair Cahill**

I don't think it has been seconded yet.

**Chair Cahill**

I apologize.

**Chair Cahill**

So, is there a second on Legislators Maloney's request to move that \$50,000 into a program? Okay, so Legislator Maloney, seeing no second we're going to go on to resolution 32 as is and if there's any further discussion on that. Okay, so I'll call the vote. All those in favor of resolution, not 32, which is a proven execution of a contract for million dollars. Enter into the county for UCEDA, Department of Finance signify by saying aye.

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed?

**Legislator Maloney**

Opposed.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Thank you very much. We're going to move on to resolution number 107, which is appointing a legislative representative to Ulster County Cooperative Extension Board. Sorry, I was supposed to do that earlier. I apologize. We just have a lot of heavy stuff here tonight. Thank you for waiting. I'll accept the motion for 107.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Second.

**Legislator Maloney**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Any discussion on 107? Okay, all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Hewitt, you have to be on screen to vote.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Sorry, Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you.

**Legislator Sperry**

Oh, wait, am I allowed to vote because I'm the one that's on it, right? For myself?

**Chair Cahill**

Yes, you can.

**Legislator Sperry**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

There's no financial reward for you. So you're able to vote for yourself here. Right. So Well, congratulations. Well, those opposed.

**Chair Cahill**

All right. Thank you. And congratulations, Legislator Sperry. Resolution 108, we already voted on. Resolution 131, which is establishing a capital project number 624. at SUNY Ulster Children's Center renovations and amending the 2022 to 2027 Capital Fund budget for SUNY Ulster. Is there a representative from the college here tonight?

**Chair Cahill**

I believe Jamie is with us.

**Chair Cahill**

Would you mind giving us a little background on this project?

**Jamie Capuano**

Yes, sure. This is our Children's Center. It's located on our campus here it serves children ages infant all the way up to pre-K. It's operated right on campus and a separate building next to our Senate Gym. The building is you know, was built in the 80s. It is in need of repair and updating. This work will be for the design components to do an exterior envelope for the Children's Center that will include new decking, specs for that and also looking at new insulation to really improve the energy systems efficiencies of the building. Again, this at this point is going for design. When we come back for construction. We'll have obviously much more detail on the construction components.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Is there any question on 131? Okay, I'll accept the motion.

**Legislator Litts**

Motion.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

You have that, Herb and Tom? All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Thank you.

**Jamie Capuano**

Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, you're welcome. Resolution number 133 authorizing execution of a lease agreement with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance incorporated for space at the Enterprise West facility located in the Town of Ulster, Department of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds. I'll accept the motion for discussion.

**Legislator Criswell**

Moved.

**Chair Cahill**

Mr. Criswell, Second. I'll second it myself.

**Legislator Criswell**

I had a quick question. If I may. I really look through the documents. I just wanna make sure this is clear. This is a \$1. lease, correct?

**Chair Cahill**

Yes.

**Legislator Criswell**

No hidden cost anywhere. \$1. Okay. I just wanted to make sure. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Tim, if you want to just give a little background on what this is, and explain to legislators, so they have a better understanding, this is not a permanent solution.

**Director Weidemann**

Yep. And, you know, we've for a while had DPW, using some of the space in Enterprise West for overflow storage. And this basically just codifies that we are working diligently towards redevelopment of the site in partnership with National Resources, Hyde Park 87 expect to be discussing with the UCEDA board possible lease or sale options for the property. And so we're just making sure that the use that DPW needs for a short term here is properly handled on a legal basis so that when we make any future transaction, there is this lease in place. Thank you,

**Legislator Criswell**

May I ask one more question? Absolutely. Again, just with the history of money asked for this property, I just want to make sure that in this lease, if there's any issues with the property, are we then held accountable for that, that we would have to then cough up the money for any repairs or damages or anything like that?

**Director Weidemann**

Only, only to the extent that they're tenant improvements. And so if DPW decided they needed, you know, ventilation or something, there may be some obligation there, but that's not contemplated right now. And, you know, I don't expect that there's anything there. There is responsibility for their proportion of the utility bills, and common area maintenance, that kind of stuff that will, you know, ultimately be determined by, you know, final

landlord and building manager as that gets settled. But, but, you know, for overall building improvements, or, you know, routine maintenance of the building as a whole, those will not be solely on DPW shoulders.

**Legislator Criswell**

Okay, thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, any other questions or comments? Okay, all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed?

**Legislator Maloney**

Opposed.

**Chair Cahill**

We have Legislator Maloney opposed and that's it? Just Legislator Maloney. Okay. Okay, we're going on to resolution number 133- authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with the Ulster County economic divide. I'm sorry, I just read that one. Thank you. 134. 134, reappointing members of Ulster County Planning Board village of Ellenville. Do you want to make a motion?

**Legislator Hewitt**

I'll make the motion.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Second.

**Legislator Litts**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

Legislator Litts. Okay. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed? Great. Thank you. Resolution 135 - appointing a member and alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board for the town of Shawangunk. All those in favor?



**Legislator Litts**

Moved.

**Chair Cahill**

Sorry. Thank you. And seconded by Legislator Corcoran. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed. Great, thank you. 136 is reappointing a member and ultimate the Ulster County Planning Board for the town of Ulster.

**Legislator Hewitt**

Motion.

**Legislator Litts**

Second.

**Chair Cahill**

All those in favor?

**Chair Cahill**

Aye. Aye, aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Thank you. 137 is setting a public hearing on the sale and or transfer of three easements across county owned property being a portion of the former Ulster and Delaware railroad bed property located in the City of Kingston to the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, Local Development Corporation for the purpose of affordable housing and development. So for those new people who are new on the committee, I'm going to ask Planner Doyle, to give a brief background on this after I'm done, but this is basically to give an easement across the county on railroad tracks for a proposed senior housing complex that's going to go behind whatever is now behind the former Holiday Inn, whatever it's called. On Washington Avenue, they're off the Hurley

**Legislator Litts**

I'll moving for discussion.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, any seconds?

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll second that.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. And

**Legislator Criswell**

I think it's the Best Western,

**Legislator Brian Cahill**

Best Western. Thank you very much. Legislator Criswell. Abe would kill me if I didn't get that. So I don't know. Does anyone have any questions? Do we even need leg...Planner Doyle to give us background on this? Or would you like to hear it? For the newer legislators especially what this is about, because this has been in front of us for quite some time. It's this has been a very long term project. It's had quite a few delays on the city side. And they finally have come to some resolution have a Neg Dec SEQRA Review. So I think it's time that they want to move forward to. Legislator Sperry, would you like to hear Planner Doyle. Yeah. Okay. Dennis, Would you mind giving us a few minutes on it?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just very quickly, I think that the Chairman explained it very succinctly. And I don't know what I want to add too much to it. It's the O and W railroad. It does sit behind the Best Western. It will have access across our property, and then it will run out to to Hurley Avenue. The reason there's three easements is one is for construction purposes, it's a temporary easement. The other one is for access. And the third one is for utilities. It's a 50-foot easement. The reason we have to go through this process is the surplus in process. And once it surplus then we would go through an appraisal process in order to move that to the development to the Housing Development Corporation. Chairman did mention the fact that the City of Kingston has now issued a revised, slightly revised defining under SEQRA so that the county, if the county decides to go ahead and transfer the property, we can rely on the findings of the Street and Broadway quality direct from the City of Kingston. And that's where we you know, we had a we had a public hearing, I think in 2017. There's been some time that's passed the thought from the attorneys were we should, we should go back and have another public hearing. We've had numerous requests to get this done from the Housing Development Corporation in order to I'm sorry, the Hudson Valley, Hudson Valley Housing Development Fund corporation to do that. So here's where we are tonight. After that you would be coming back, you would see a resolution for us after the public hearing, should you decide to move ahead, you'd see a resolution to surplus the property to a development to the Development Corporation, and then from there, effectively move it into move it into a sale with a with a payment back to the county.

**Legislator Brian Cahill**

The only, the only question that comes to my mind is that we have a lease agreement on that piece of property with the Catskill Mountain Railroad at this point, don't we? And does that impact that in any way? Do they also have to agree as the people that are have a lease against that property?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

No, no, they don't. And we'll they've reached out we've reached out to CMRR. And they've looked at this from a safety standpoint to get across the the operating railroad tracks, there may be a question, and that's one of the things we're exploring is allowing another crossing across the railroad tracks may require an administrative hearing from New York State Department transportation.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay, thank you. And does that mean then if that doesn't pass, then is our easement null and void? If the state grants...

**Chair Cahill**

An administrative hearing is generally pro forma, they look at the safety considerations with respect to that. So that was one of the things that we have to look at. But I we're not expecting difficulties on that administrative hearing.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Thank you. Are there any... Legislator Litts?

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah, Dennis, I mean, we are selling an easement and transferring an easement. We're not selling the property. Is that correct?

**Chair Cahill**

Actually, we have an easement over that the short answer is yes. That That is correct.

**Legislator Litts**

Because we own the railroad?

**Director Dennis Doyle**

That's correct.

**Legislator Litts**

Okay.

**Director Dennis Doyle**

And we have also taken an easement over another, the O and W, or I'm sorry, the O and W arrow that we own that they own, we have an easement for trial purposes. Over, over that we've just we've just taken that easement for the construction of the Kingston railtrail. But this is an easement across the Ulster and Delaware corridor. I may have misspoke earlier. I apologize for that. Thank you.

**Chair Cahill**

Any other questions or comments? Legislator Sperry.

**Legislator Sperry**

I just wanted to ask, Is there gonna? Is it gonna affect or impacts the access to the bike trail from that area?

**Legislator Maloney**

The engineers for the trail have looked at the proposed easement across our trail. And we've already granted that easement across the trail as part of the project work. So this easement does not. And the easement that we granted

them in order to make sure that we got on the on the O and W was looked at in terms of in terms of the safety of that crossing.

**Chair Cahill**

Anything else? All right, all those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

Opposed? Okay, thank you. And then I believe this is the last one, resolution number 138, authorizing chair to enter mutual municipal agreement with various municipalities for the operation of the Summer Youth Employment Program, gun violence prevention initiative, and the young enjoying a young adult employment program. I'll accept a motion.

**Legislator Criswell**

I'll move that for discussion.

**Chair Cahill**

I will second it. Any discussion? I like the I like the addition of the gun violence program. I think that's new this year. Right? And I'm really looking forward to seeing that fruition. Miss Williams do you? Do you have anything you'd like to add to this or?

**OET Director Williams**

No? Well, thank you, Chairman Cahill. This is our really annual work agreement for our summer youth employment program for young people between the ages of 16 and 24. The addition is for the Gun Violence Prevention Initiative, which was additional funding that was given to our department to focus on the Ellenville and Kingston area for the young adult employment. And then of course, the young adult employment program is for those young people who are out of school and in need of work experiences. This is a very typical work agreement that we do with most of our sites. This is just sort of an extended version for those intermunicipal entities like county parks, like the library And so it was the necessary to have a separate agreement for them that went a little above and beyond our normal worksite agreements.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you. Any other comments, discussion on the resolution? Legislator Litts?

**Legislator Litts**

Yes. Through the Chair will be the hourly wage typical for that summer program?

**OET Director Williams**

This year, the Summer Youth Employment an hourly rate will be \$14 an hour.

**Legislator Litts**

I hope you realize that in in Ulster County, it has to be \$15 an hour.

**OET Director Williams**

I will have to get back to you there is an exception for the Summer Youth Employment Program. That they are they're not required to be at the level of the adults. But I will get back to the legislature to confirm that.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. Anyone else have any comment or question? Okay, I'll call the vote then. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Chair Cahill**

All those opposed? Okay, so resolution passes. Thank you very much. So, we have old business, a new business. And so for the Old Business we have the IDA, IDA interviews for the applicants for the IDA. And I think we're still accepting questions, compiling the questions that we got back from the legislature, from various legislators to send out to the candidates to answer prior to scheduling the interviews. And then what we what we really need to do in this meeting, I think tonight is come to an agreement on what's the best solution for scheduling those interviews. We have what 23? 24? Clerk Tantillo?

**Chair Cahill**

24, I believe right now,

**Chair Cahill**

Before. So, if we say give a minimum of 20 minutes to each one, that is a very long day, if we give ourselves some breaks in there. So, when I'm going to...

**Legislator Maloney**

Chair, do you think 20 minutes, I mean, to go over something like the IDA... I know we'll do a second round of interviews. I'm feeling the 20 minutes, just seems... And I know there's a lot of people, but I just feel like maybe the process should go on longer. And the initial 20 minutes, I'm just telling you to go over the IDA. I mean, the it's, that could be two questions.

**Chair Cahill**

No, I understand.

**Legislator Maloney**

One, one question for some of the sitting board members.

**Chair Cahill**

So just let me let me finish my point, Legislator Maloney, that might help you a little bit. So, what I was going to suggest is that we expand the interview over more than one day, two days, three days, whatever it takes, because I don't believe that we're going to get through these in 20 minutes each. That's what we did last time. But with 24 people, that's 12 hours of interview if we only get 30 minutes, right, so we're going to be there for a while interviewing these candidates, some of them, we may get through quicker, some of them, we may not interview

at all, they may not agree to be interviewed. So what I'm going to suggest is that we do it, you know, in afternoons, and at least one weekend day, maybe two weekend days. And so that's going to take a little bit of scheduling from the folks on this committee, and also from the legislature as a whole, who we will invite to participate in these interviews and, you know, ask the questions that are on their minds at the time, this is going to be a very open thing, just like it was two years ago where every legislator was invited, and an opportunity to ask questions and participate. And we're gonna do the same thing this time.

**Chair Cahill**

We have a lot more candidates. And I think we're going to have a lot more questions this time than we had the last time. So, I want to just take some suggestions from you guys, as I said, from the beginning, this, this process could use a lot of hands, helping it out. So wherever you guys want to contribute here would be very helpful to us trying to schedule these interviews. Because right now, what I'm looking at are minimally, you know, three afternoons and probably two weekend days right now. And so, we're going to do that, that means some people are going to make it some people aren't going to make it. So, we're just gonna have to figure it out. And of course, that also means that you know, with a number of candidates, we're probably delaying when we will actually appoint these new members by at least a month, probably looking at a May vote for these right now. By the time we get done with everything, so we have time to spread out the interviews. So what do you think?

**Chair Cahill**

Okay then,

**Legislator Litts**

It's an on going process?

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, okay, Legislator Hewitt

**Legislator Hewitt**

I was just wondering if there's a process for paring it down? Or do we have to interview everyone who apply?

**Chair Cahill**

Well, so right now what, what we requested in the original ask was that the applicant supply, a resume or some sort of documentation, you know, to explain their background, but some of them didn't. And the ones that didn't, we will not be asking to interview, we requested it on the initial one, then we sent a follow up request for a resume. And they again, didn't supply that correct, Clerk Tantillo. We had a few that didn't.

**Chair Cahill**

I think we have one right now. I think we got from most almost everybody has some kind of information.

**Chair Cahill**

Okay. So, we have one person who we will introduce was 20,

**Legislator Maloney**

You know, Chair, I had a little bit of an issue with that. I talked to some very successful people that don't have resumes, or they're retired people that haven't updated the resume in 30 years. You know, and a lot of people I had called Fawn, and was a little upset seeing that email. And it sounded like some people gave some pretty good descriptions of their work history, but it wasn't in quote, resume form. And they received that email, I thought that was a mistake. Our own clerk who's very talented and has a wonderful resume, I believe, doesn't have a theoretical resume doesn't have a physical resume. So, I don't know if we want to, I don't know, I wouldn't have I wouldn't have wouldn't have been something I would have asked somebody out for not sending a resume. I think every person in this county should deserve to be interviewed. But I'm a legislator, I don't have a resume. I mean, I guess if I wanted to be on the IDA, I'd have to make one up, but that's what you're asking for,

**Chair Cahill**

Exactly. So there's a reason for that. And I think that, you know, there's we're trying to get a diverse background of people on that, from different areas of the community, different occupations, different geographic areas, and, you know, seeing what their backgrounds are, what their education levels are very important. They are to me anyway. And I just think that in this day and age, if you're applying for a job or an interview, a position anywhere, and you know, you're not supplying a resume,

**Legislator Maloney**

then for elected officials, the people that are playing, but But just to clarify, you did accept you did end up accepting something that wasn't necessarily in resume form, but a history. Okay.

**Chair Cahill**

Yes, yeah, we didn't reject them out of hand, because we don't have a quote unquote, resume. We just have people that said, sent, I think it basically said, I want to be on the IDA or something like that, you know, I mean, and that's just not enough. Right, we need to have some background, you know, and that's that. And so 23 of the 24 applicants found that it wasn't too much of a burden. So I think we're okay with that decision. So back to the scheduling.

**Legislator Criswell**

Can I follow up on something that Legislator Hewitt was saying? I don't know, if you were alluding to this, but is there a way we could have a smaller committee just sort of a first round cut, and bring it down so that it becomes a more reasonable amount of people to actually interview? I mean, that happens in job searches, all of that.

**Chair Cahill**

You know? So? I mean, I'm not gonna rule with an iron fist here, because I don't I personally believe that, you know, there are very legitimate reasons for legislators who are not on this committee, so to speak, as Peter what I would think would be that, yeah, our committee could pare it down, and then present a larger group, the entire legislature short, right. But I know for a fact that there are several legislators on this on the legislature right now, who would very much like to have the conversations with the candidates. For the IDA, especially the folks that were on their last term who are looking to be put back on again, they have very specific questions that they want to ask, that are not members of this committee. And I for one feel like it's very important that, you know, since the legislature will be voting on them as a whole, right, that we give the legislature an opportunity to ask questions

at that point, because guess what, they may not make it out of that round, right of the initial group of interviews based on what, you know, the legislators feel at that point, right. Legislator Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yeah, no, Peters. Question. We are that committee. There'll be other legislators that participate. But the seven of us will be the only ones that will be ranking them. So we are that committee that pairs it down that goes forward. Right,

**Chair Cahill**

Just to give any indication. The last time we did this, we had the same scenario where Herb was vice chair of the committee at the time, and we opened it up to everybody again, and we got maybe two or three legislators occasionally on our interviews we interviewed We spent a full Saturday in a couple other times on that group. And I don't think, you know, people were in and out, some members of the committee were in and out of the interviews. Some legislators popped in and left, you know, but it was not a groundswell of, you know, 20 legislator sitting there asking questions. It was really just this committee and a couple of other legislators. But I do expect that we will have a little bit more participation this time, quite honestly. Right.

**Legislator Litts**

Times have changed, Brian.

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, and rightfully so I think. Right. You know, there's some questions that have to be answered, I believe, right. So I think what I'll do then is go ahead, and I'll get with Fawn. And we'll try and propose a schedule, and then we'll send it back to the committee. And then the committee can then, you know, let us know your availability for that. The dates we propose, and hopefully we can get a majority of people to agree to the dates that we have. Because the longer this drags out, the longer it'll be, you know, So Legislator Erner.

**Legislator Erner**

Thank you, Chair Cahill, May I, may I ask the committee to consider if you do need to conduct interviews on the weekend to have some on each of Saturday and Sunday for folks who observe religious holidays on those days, so that they can make one or the other?

**Chair Cahill**

Yeah, so we will Well, first, I can promise you that we won't be scheduling them on any religious holidays. Okay. And typically, that would be during the day. And we would make sure that we didn't interfere with any kind of religious activity. As far as I can tell. We'll make sure that thank you. So was there there was something I wanted to bring up under new business that I can't think of right now? I didn't write it down. It wasn't that big of a deal. But we'll get to it next month, I guess. Anything else anyone wants to talk about tonight before we accept a motion for adjournment? All right.

**Legislator Litts**

Then I will make that motion, Mr. Chairman.



**Chair Cahill**

And seconded by Legislator Sperry. All those in favor?

**Committee Members**

Aye. Aye.

**Legislator Litts**

Be safe. Take care.

**Chair Cahill**

Thank you all again for a very good meeting. I appreciate the feedback and the participation. Very good. Thank you. Thank you.