

**Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee
Meeting Minutes & Transcript**

DATE & TIME: June 1, 2021 – 6:00 PM or (or immediately following Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee)
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 999 0622 5058
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Brian Cahill
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Archer, James Delaune, Herbert Litts, III, Abe Uchitelle and Legislative Chairman David Donaldson
ABSENT: Legislators Thomas Corcoran and Mary Beth Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executives Evelyn Wright, Marc Rider and John Milgram; Alan Macaluso, Director of Information Services; Timothy Weidemann, Director of Office of Economic Development; Sajaa Ahmad, Director of UCAT; Dennis Doyle, Director of Planning

Chairman Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes of May 4, 2021

Motion Made By: Legislator Delaune
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle and Donaldson
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Presentation – Department of Planning – Director Dennis Doyle
Director Doyle gave an overview of the services and programs the Department of Planning oversees. (see transcript)

Resolution No. 258 - Supporting The Findings And Recommendations Of The 2020 Final Report And Plan Completed By The Ulster 2040 Working Group

Resolution Summary: This resolution give legislative support to the recommendations of the Ulster 2040 Working Group and directs the Director of the UC Department of Economic Development to provide various updates.

Motion No. 2 **Motion to approve Resolution No. 258**
Motion By: Legislator Uchitelle
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle **and Donaldson**
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution 259 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. for \$75,000 using 100% County funds

Motion No. 3: **Motion to approve Resolution No. 259**

Motion By: Chairman Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle and Donaldson
Voting Against: Legislator Archer
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 260 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Extend An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of New Paltz To Provide Public Transit Service To The New Paltz Area (New Paltz LOOP) – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This resolution will authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Town of New Paltz for the LOOP public transit service from July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.

Motion No. 4: Motion to approve Resolution No. 260

Motion By: Chairman Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle **and Donaldson**
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Approved

Resolution No. 261 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$48,600.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Bishop Peak Technology, Inc. – Ulster County Area Transportation (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the amendment of a contract with Bishop Peak technology, Inc bus tracking system and add a mobile trip planning app.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to approve Resolution 261**
Motion By: Chairman Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle and Donaldson
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 262 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$246,414.00 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment, LLC – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the 9th amendment of a contract with National Business Equipment, LLC extending the agreement for lease and maintenance of copiers and printers.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to approve Resolution 262**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Chairman Donaldson

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle and Donaldson
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Resolution No. 263 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$287,002.44 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc.– Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the 5th amendment of a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., to extend a contract for the public safety software system.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to approve Resolution 263**
Motion By: Chairman Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle and Donaldson
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Approved**

Old Business:

New Business:

American Rescue Plan Funding: The committee discussed penitential uses of the American Rescue Plan Funding (see transcript)

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 7:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo

Minutes Approved: July __, 2021

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Legislator Brian Cahill

All right, we're all set. Okay, thank you. So, we'll please stand for the pledge to the flag.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

Okay, what do, we do the flag?

Committee Members

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

Fawn Tantillo

Mr. Chairman, we can't hear you.

Legislator Brian Cahill

It would be good if I unmuted myself. [laughter] I'm sorry. Okay, so, we have before us the minutes of the May 4 2021. Meeting. Hopefully you all had an opportunity to take a look at them. And if you have any suggestions for changes or amendments, please do so at this point. Otherwise, I'll accept a motion to approve my submitted.

Legislator James Delaune

I'll make the motion.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III.

I'll second.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Okay. All those in favor?

Committee Members
Aye.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Opposed? Okay. Thank you. So, as I stated, when we first started this committee last year, that once a quarter, we'll try to try and get each department into give us an update on how things are going their what their major projects are at this time. And, you know, we like to give them like 15 minutes at the beginning of our meeting, just to give us a high-level overview of what they're doing. And so, in this month's meeting, we're requested Dennis Doyle to come in and give us an update on the planning department. So, Dennis, if you wouldn't mind giving us a little bit of a brief overview.

Director Dennis Doyle
Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, legislators. I have a I have a brief slideshow, hopefully, for you let me share the screen or not.

Legislator Brian Cahill
I think she's trying to say she's doing it. There she goes.

Director Dennis Doyle
Can you see that now?

Fawn Tantillo
Yes, sir.

Director Dennis Doyle
You're seeing the slideshow?

Fawn Tantillo
Yes, sir. Yes, we are.

Director Dennis Doyle
Okay. Thank you. All right. So, my thanks to Tim Weidemann. I stole the design for the slideshow. So I'll just, just walk you through it real quick, if I can. Hopefully, let me page through them. Okay.

So, just a quick thing, I'm in terms of what we do. The Planning Department is involved in a lot of different things. Or sometimes we're actually known as the "Office of Miscellaneous Affairs". But we do have certain things that we do both under Charter and also by assignment from the County Executive's office. In some instances, on assignment from the legislature itself. The main things that we are involved in is transportation. And I'll discuss each of these in detail. We also are involved in housing.

And you've seen some work, our work on open space in agriculture, I think there's resolutions in front of you on agricultural, agricultural districts and additions.

We also have a responsibility under state law to review land use proposals. So, it's called the referral processes under general municipal law, and that's enshrined in the counties in the County's Charter as well. And we were assigned some instances we were assigned a specific duties relative to the County Executive or the Legislature and that includes project development, and some project management opportunities that both best example of that I think most of the legislature is familiar with is that we essentially took the Ashokan Rail Trail from an original plan all the way through to final construction and, and reimbursements.

And then under the Charter, we also have a responsibility to review and, and comment on the capital program. The Charter also provides that the County Legislature or the County Executive can ask the, the Director of Planning for specific requests, for specific things or opinions, And it also allows the Director to form his own opinions and comments to the Legislature and the Executive on things that he believes or she believes that are important to comment on.

Just on the transportation side, the County Planning Department is a host agency for something called a Metropolitan Planning Organization or an MPO. We are formed under we act under that jurisdiction due to the fact that the City of Kingston and surrounding areas have a urban urbanized population greater than 50,000 people. The transportation it's called a Transportation Council and it consists of the members of the municipalities, the chief elected officials of all the municipalities, the County Executive is the chairman of the Transportation Council. We get about about \$450,000 in federal money on an annual basis as a host agency and use that money to essentially support two full time staff positions in the office, as well as conduct the necessary studies that are required from a from a bio metropolitan planning agency and working with communities to conduct specific studies relative to things that are of interest to those communities are of concern relative to the overall transportation system in the county.

Studies that we have done are in light green here. These are studies that have completed we have completed in the last in the last year and a half to two years, including the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Opportunity study, a Village of Ellenville Wayfinding project the UCAN Fleet Storage Facility analysis, a long range transportation plan update and the U&D Corridor trails facility study analysis in the Shandaken area. That's not quite done. We should finish that up by the end of that by the end of the month.

The Wallkill Valley Rail Trail opportunity study looked at a section of the rail trail in the New Paltz area. And looked at safety and other types of improvements that should be done to urbanize that trail. As part of that, as part of that study in completion. We also have now reached out to the Empire State trail folks they have money left over in their budget from the construction of the Empire State trail and they will be implementing that implementing that project.

We are currently undergoing a Road Safety Analysis countywide. We anticipate that that study will also be finished up by the end of by the end of June. And we have an RFP out for the Resiliency of the

Transportation system. We have interviewed consultants and we're in the process of making a consultant choice for that. We will be back to the legislature for funding for that, for that study when, when it we make the choice.

And we also are looking at working with the City of Kingston on a Rail Safety Analysis within the city we've had a number of fatalities within the city. That is both a land use analysis as well as a transportation system analysis in terms of trying to figure out where trespass is occurring in on the railroad as well as looking at the interval individual intersections.

In the unified planning work program for the Transportation Council. There are a number of projects that are still we're still looking to try to perhaps start by the end of the year. This includes a Route 9W Town of Ulster congestion management study that would be in and around the mall area of the of the Town of Ulster. And also, what they call it what we're calling a New Paltz connector study, and that looks at they're trying to figure out a way that we can move traffic in and around New Paltz into the thruway without having them go through the intersection at 299. And north and south Putt Corners Road.

One of the things that we just talked about was a long-range transportation plan, we were required to update this plan every five years. We've just completed this update in September. And we're currently finishing up I believe we just finished up all of the graphic work necessary for the plan. The plan goes out to 2045. And again, it's updated every five years. It's the document is out on our website, if you if you would like to look at it. But the key some key findings here is, is that we program about \$64 million in FHWA [Federal Highway Administration] Capital Projects on a five year basis in the tip and about \$23 million in FTA [Federal Transit Administration] related projects on the TIP [Transportation Improvement Program].

We're currently working with the two other counties in in all in the region that are also MPOs [Metropolitan Planning Areas] that have a unified area. It's called a Transportation Management Area. We're currently working with them on programming about \$15 million of FTA funds that we have carried over so that we can look at additional, additional funding for our transit system. We will be making some recommendations, the three councils have to operate together in this, we'll be making some recommendations on that funding within the next within I think the next six weeks.

The idea of looking at where we are right now...the state, the state roads are in pretty decent condition for Ulster County. And the key, the key, one of the key takeaways with respect to this is about 56% of Ulster County workforce actually works out of the county. And out of that 56% of that workforce that works out of the county, about 24% of it actually travels to the New York metropolitan area.

One of the things that we look for when we, when we program studies is to make sure that they're relevant and can be turned into projects. Over the years, we have done numbers of studies that essentially have turned into projects in a relatively short period of times. And by short, when we say "short" in the transportation business, it's usually within 10 to 15 years.

We've just completed the City of Kingston traffic signal warning evaluation. And if you look around the City of Kingston, particularly in the Uptown area, you'll see that a lot of the traffic signals have been removed or covered up. We studied 10 of the intersections in the city with respect to traffic signals. None of those. none of those intersections met the warrants for signals and the city within the city moved to implement essentially removing those signals in a very in a very expedited fashion. We've also done a study on a Boyce's Lane rail crossing. It's a county road out there, there are some real hazards associated with that rail crossing out there because of cars backing up on the tracks. We're currently working with the Town of Ulster to program funding for that, the funding program to hire a consultant to implement that, that project. The state is implementing the project inside the right of way the railroad right away, the town will be implementing the project outside the railroad right of way.

The City of Kingston I-587 plan we did in 2011. That study resulted in essentially supporting resolution from the City of Kingston. And that is now the modern roundabout that is currently being constructed at that intersection. We also did a build a Building a Better Broadway program, conceptual study for that in 2015, that has resulted in city essentially moving to construct a two-way cycle track and Broadway. And that's the current construction that you see on Broadway. That study also resulted in the city getting a NYSERDA grant to essentially upgrade all the signals along Broadway on the basis that they would save, they would save energy. The, the success of that grant was tied to the, the study that was that was done by the transportation Council.

Everyone knows that we did a non-motorized transportation plan in 2008. That kicked off, I think, a substantial amount of interest in trails and non-motorized transportation, which resulted in a lot of funding that that has gone through the Council on the council's tip and improvement programs to essentially build rail trails. And then we've done transportation integration transit integration plans in 2006, 2012 and 2018. The last one in 2018 was successful in in in the sense that the county has now taken over and implemented a transit integration project with the City of Kingston by basically taking over and running the city's bus system for them.

The other thing that we do is we do project development and management. A couple of the projects that we're currently working on or have worked on is the Midtown Linear Park. I'll say a little bit more about that later. The Kingston Rail Trail where we're currently going through right away acquisition work with respect to that Rail Trail.

We're also doing some project management for the Ulster County Veterans Cemetery on Plains Road, proposed for Plains Road, we're now in recovery of working on essentially making sure that we can recover some Indian artifacts that are down there before we can move forward.

We're assisting the emergency management folks in their public safety radio tower. They have three towers that they have to build. We're currently working with them on a proposed tower in the in the Saugerties area. We've been asked to assist with respect to the relocation of the emergency management and the EOC and the 911 Center.

And then we've been helping with respect to Tech City for quite a period of time and continue to assist with respect to the Tech City efforts.

Midtown Linear Park is under construction, as I said. Really quickly, give you a sense of what's out there. This is an important component not only with respect to continuity of a rail trail system, but also with respect to that the, the area that it serves. We are, we have about the bids came in under, under budget. So, we have about \$450,000 in the capital program that is not assigned at this particular point in time. And we would use that, those funds to essentially as we as we get become more certain with respect to what our final costs would be. During the construction project, we would go back to the community and begin to develop the park along, along the Cornell Street, in the former in the former yard, for from the from the railroad. We have about a third of an acre in there. We're doing a complete restoration of that area. We're pulling out a lot of the, a lot of the contaminated material in there and replacing it. So, we'll be able to move back into that yard and do and do a, an active look at what park components should be. In this area. I would point out that the center of the city and Kingston the Midtown area is one of the few areas in the city that doesn't have a park in close proximity to the neighbor to its to its neighborhoods.

Housing. The legislature is probably very familiar with our work on housing, as it relates to the most recent efforts, as it as in terms of the development of the housing action plan. We are now working on some of the implementation efforts associated with that, particularly on the housing Smart Communities Initiative. We are also working on this with respect to some of our land use responsibilities in terms of reviewing local land use proposals as well as local, local zoning statutes and comprehensive plans. We were instrumental in beginning that effort first of identifying Golden Hill as a as an appropriate site for housing. And then working through the, the necessary materials that we needed developed in terms of hiring the necessary consultants and the necessary developers for that site. So, we wrote the RFP and, and work with the County Attorney's office in terms of the creation of the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation.

We also do a lot of work with Community Development Block Grant programs. We have been engaged in housing, either in housing rehabilitation, or in homeownership programs. With that program since the early 2000s and have been successful in obtaining a substantial amount of money for housing programs within the county.

We've just applied with using RUPCO as a as a designated recipient, the designated sub recipient. We've just applied for a million dollars of housing funds on the basis of the latest round of funding that became available. Those funds would be used... about 600,000 would be used for housing. homeownership programs and about 400,000 would be used for housing or rehabilitation programs.

We also work in open space and agriculture. We support the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board in terms of its recommendations that need to be made to the legislature for ag district expansions or ag additions as well as a review of an eight-year review of the districts in Ulster County. There are four agricultural districts and Ulster County, lands in in in Ulster County, about 77,000 acres of land in Ulster County are in an ag district. We also work with the Farmland Protection Board on some of the policies that they are considering. The Farmland Protection Board just wrote a letter to Ag and Markets

concerning the use of Ag farmland in Ulster County and statewide for solar development. Raising some concerns that a substantial amount of the solar projects that we're seeing in Ulster County, as well as what we're seeing in in at a statewide level, are actually developing solar, solar facilities on prime farmland and asking the state to reexamine their, their policies with respect to this type of development.

We also work in open space and acquisition. And just recently, we've identified a land, a piece of land, that is on the county's tax rolls. For, for, a, for foreclosure. And an auction as being adjacent to Minnewaska State Park and the Mohonk Preserve is reached out to the Finance Department and those individuals, to pull that property from the auction and to enter in an agreement to pay the back taxes through the Open Space Institute

Land Use and Demographics. We have a statutory responsibility to support the Ulster County Planning Board. That is a 33-member board. I'm sorry a 25-member board, that that is responsible to review land use activities within the county that are, that meets certain criteria. The board essentially meets once a month. And we have as many as last, I think last month, we had 32 reviews on our agenda. Staff has a responsibility to move those reviews to the board. We have completely digitized all that, our analysis, we accept our referrals by in a digital format rather than paper format and have moved to essentially streamline that process to the to the extent that we can.

The picture in your paper, the picture that you see here is an affordable housing project proposed in the Town of Lloyd. We reviewed this last month. It's called Silver Gardens. It exists right off the right off the bridge approach to a to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. And we gave this project a "thumbs up" and made a recommendation that the board at the local level have approved.

In addition to the demographics piece of this, we've also assisted with respect to this the County's Complete Count program for the census and we are a census data affiliate and are entitled to census data on a regular basis. Even certain data that is, that is blocked from, from certain other individuals, we can we can obtain that data, we just have to sign non-disclosure agreements. And we're engaged right now with, with the legislature, I'm sorry with the with the Reapportionment Committee to essentially help them move through the process of reapportionment using that census data when, when we receive it.

And then I stole this slide from, from Timmy, not to take full credit for it. But we do have a role in the in the Green New Deal. A lot of that... some of these entities, these initiatives... are moving through the planning process or the Planning Board. And we do have that role, particularly on the resiliency side of some of the transportation programs are out there.

That's a really quick review that takes you through or takes you through the main things that we do. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Legislator Brian Cahill

I have a lot of questions, Dennis. So, I'm gonna have to get a hold of you and then have a cup of coffee someday. You know, there was a couple of things in there. So, you mentioned the metropolitan areas. So, would that be the Newburgh - Poughkeepsie or what's the third one? Middletown? Is that what it is? Which one is Yeah,

Director Dennis Doyle

We have? Well, it's Poughkeepsie is Poughkeepsie and Poughkeepsie and Newburgh is a single metropolitan area represented by two MPO's. [Metropolitan Planning Organization} Orange County Transportation Council and the Dutchess Transportation Council. Those urbanized areas extend into extending the Lloyd from the Poughkeepsie side and extend up through Plattekill and in, into a Marlboro from the Orange County side. And, and Kingston stands alone as a as a standalone metropolitan area right now. And that that greater area extends all the way up into the Greene County and down through Rosendale.

Together because the because of the overlapping jurisdictions of the MPO's together, where some are something called a TMA, which was a Transportation Management Area. So, we represent an urbanized area over 200,000 people. And because of that we have some special requirements that exists between both the FHWA and the FTA. So, we have a Triennial Review that we have to, we have to participate in. And because we're part of a larger trip planning region, we end up being... we end up being a lot, a lot more difficult in terms of what would normally be a small MPO.

I would say that there is some concern... and we have provided comments to the to the Census Bureau with respect to how they are currently thinking about reclassifying or understanding new definitions for what constitutes an urbanized area. There's a lot of detail in here. But the main thing is, is that Kingston risks under the new definition, it risks no longer being considered an urbanized area under the new census definitions that may or may not be adopted. What that means is essentially is that our current transferred transit system gets about \$1.2 million as an urbanized area. If, If the city is no longer an urbanized area, it would significantly impact that funding.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay. We'll have to keep an eye on that one, then. I mean, do we have? Do we have any input?

Director Dennis Doyle

Well, it won't be implemented till 2023. Probably the implementations would be in 2023 but now is the time to make the comments and we provided those comments, the Transportation Council provided those comments to the Census Bureau.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Good. Thank you. Anyone else have any questions or want to ask Planner Doyle while he's here?

Fawn Tantillo

And very quickly, what does an MPO stand for? Exactly?

Director Dennis Doyle
Metropolitan Planning Organization. And that's a federal, it's a federal creation.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Well, Dennis, obviously, your office is very busy, and you fulfill a great role in the county government and support a lot of different places, a lot of different municipalities and a lot of different projects. I always thought the Planning Department was one of the busiest departments in the county, and, you know, seeing what you guys actually do day-to-day there, what you presented to us today, you know, proves that to me. So, again, I want to say thank you very much for taking some time out of your day, and just giving us a high level of what you guys do there. And I know that it's in competent and confident hands with you. You've been there a long time. And I appreciate it. Thank you.

Director Dennis Doyle

Thank you for that. And I would say that we don't do this without motivated staff and highly professional staff. And they are really the key to this. The amount of work we get done is really the key to the fact that that staff really knows what they're doing and, and really is motivated, do it.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Thank you again. If there's no questions for Dennis, I'm going to move on to resolutions now. And let's see here. We'll start with resolution 258, which is Supporting the Findings and Recommendations of the 2020 Final Report and Planning to be Completed by the Ulster 2040 Working Group. I'll accept a motion.

Legislator Abe Uchitelle

Moved.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Second?

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

Second.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay. Conversation? Discussion? About... Lynn, go ahead. Yes, Legislator Archer.

Legislator Lynn Archer

Thanks, you'll have to forgive me. I have very bad allergies right now.

Legislator Brian Cahill

You're having a hard time.

Yeah. I guess last week, we met we were talking about potentially having a special meeting to focus on this and be able to prepare and ask questions. Is this intended to be that meeting?

Legislator Brian Cahill

No.

Legislator Lynn Archer

I guess I was kind of surprised to see the resolution. I knew it was coming. But I thought we were trying to set up a special meeting for this body to kind of air out any concerns questions we had before it went to the bigger body, you know, as a recommendation coming out of economic?

Legislator Brian Cahill

I don't... I'm sorry. I just don't recall that. I'm sorry. I know that we talked, talked about, you know, getting some more answers for it prior to going to the legislature. But a special meeting? I'm sorry, I don't recall that. But if, if the committee would like to have a special meeting, I'm all for it. We can do that. I mean, this is this doesn't do anything, you know, it's not going to hold anything up. If we decide to do that or image. As far as I know, Tim, do you see any reason why we couldn't postpone this a month and take some time and review it with other people in the legislature were interested in discussing it?

Director Tim Wiedemann

I guess I would just say that our work to implement the recommendations and findings of the ultra 2040 plan will continue at a pace because that's kind of, I think, priority work for us. But I'm, I'm always eager to talk more about it. And I see it. I think the group saw it as a living document that would continue to be updated with additional feedback and input.

Legislator Lynn Archer

Yeah, I think let me just be clear, because I think that it's, it's, it's an admirable aspiration to have a people centered centric economic development plan and, and I get what this group was trying to do. But we really have not gone through this. Kind of really absorbed in a conversation a way to really have the conversation of "how does it get validated?" "What work have you done?" Because it came out of a workgroup? You know, that use some studies that had been out there? And, you know, it's it's an admirable effort. I think it would just be helpful. How... you know, was there any economic impact evaluation done on some of the things that were being proposed? You know, did we, you know, is there, was there any analysis on viability of some of these goals? I mean, I get that it's going to shift and change, but we really even haven't even really had a conversation. We were given a document last month. We had an overview presentation from you. But I think it would be helpful. I know from my perspective, to really kind of dive into it a little bit more and have a little more dialogue around it.

Am I the only one?

Legislator Brian Cahill

I was just gonna say... Is there anyone else on the committee that would like to discuss this prior to Abe? Good? Legislator Uchitelle.

Legislator Abe Uchitelle

Thank you. Yeah, I just I, you know, we, I think it this, this report kind of was, was either perfectly timed, or the most imperfectly timed, because it happened just as COVID was starting to descend upon us. And, and I admire the group for reacting to that as it was happening and adjusting, and actually, including COVID in some of the conversation, I think that, you know, I've already cited this, you know, during, during roll call votes to explain my vote and, and how you know, how things fit into the people centric economy or specific aspects of here. You know, we've the county has moved forward with some, or has supported at least one fairly significant project that I don't believe is consistent with this at all. And I was very happy to have this report to cite in my vote, when I voted against that project. So, I think it's, it's something that we should continue using in that way. And I think that that its utility is enhanced by having a deep conversation about it.

So, I'm prepared to move forward with it tonight. But I'm also if folks want to talk about it more. It's not necessarily a conversation about a report. It's a conversation about our economic future, as a county. And I think we should have that conversation as often as we can. So, if my colleagues are supportive of deeper conversation, I would absolutely support that as well. But I would also support moving forward with it tonight.

Legislator Brian Cahill

And I'll add that, you know, there has been no shortage of communication from the Economic Development Team. The Economic Development Team from the Executive's office, I've never had an issue with having, you know, any kind of conversation about anything. And they've always been willing to come to this committee and explain and discuss issues. And I firmly believe that that will continue in the future.

However, if, if, you know, I mean, look, I'm for going forward with it this month, but not excluding it from conversation. I agree with what Abe said. You know, it's it. It's something that we should always be talking about. And, you know, quite frankly, I think we always are talking about it. Right? Every subject that we talk about, is typically related to this document in one way or another, right? It's a... to me, you know, these are recommendations. Right? And are things that the county should aspire to, right? They're not hard and fast. There's no rules or laws associated with them. So, with that, you know, any other questions? Legislative Chairman, Donaldson, and then Tim ...I will let the legislators speak first. And then Okay, if you don't mind. Thank you. Go ahead, Dave.

Chairman David Donaldson

Thank you. Yeah. I mean, this is a document that is changeable anyway. I mean, right now, it's something that we're putting forth a plan. And it was a plan that, you know, it's a broad sort of plan, and I'm ready to move forward with it. I mean, I think if we needed to change it, we can. I mean, it's nothing that you can't, it's not anything that's in here that is like written in stone that you can't move. You can make a change to it when we can adapt if we need to adapt to something else that comes up. So, I mean, if people want to, you know, talk about it, or you know, why shouldn't how it came about, I think there's a massive amount of information on this as they went forward. As we have always been kept up to date on. So, I'm, I mean, I, I think if we can move forward, and we can still continue to talk about and you still continue to question and now you know, this is a living document.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, so any other legislators? Herb anything? No. Okay. Tim, go ahead. Oh, Jim, did you have something?

Legislator James Delaune

Yeah. That I agree with, with both you Herb, that and Brian. And, you know, this is... I've taken a look at it. It is a very good document. And as you say, it is a living document. So, it's something that is malleable. And so, you know, I'm ready to support this, but I'd love to support Legislator Archer and her request to have a special meeting just to kind of dive deep into this. And if there's something that comes out of that meeting, I'm sure it could be incorporated into the plan.

You must be on mute.

Legislator Brian Cahill

I am not, I am not now. Thank you. Yeah, I'm not adverse to that. I'm fine with that. You know, we'll let Dr. Wright you are actually before Tim. So, I'll let you go first. And then Tim can go,

Deputy Executive Wright

I just want to add something. And this may offer a both an approach. Dennis can, can correct me or supplement what I say. But the, the language in this resolution, we selected from a couple different options here. So "support the recommendations of the plan" It was chosen deliberately, as opposed to "adopt the plan".

Dennis has suggested that we come back to the legislature later this year, with a resolution to adopt both the Housing Action Plan and the 2040 Plan into the county's Comprehensive Plan. That's a more formal process, as I understand it. And that would give an opportunity to do some, some deeper discussions on both of them and to make whatever changes need to be made for that process of adopting it into the Comprehensive Plan so that that's something we could plan on doing.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, thank you. Tim.

Director Tim Wiedemann

I was gonna say much the same thing. So, I'll, I'll just add to that, that that was kind of always the intent in submitting this resolution. I think there's an honest and eager desire to enter into more discussion with you guys about this. Like, I feel like we've had a few of them. And they've been really productive and helpful. I think the one thing I just make a kind of technical distinction about this. This Ulster 2040 Report, as it's represented now, is the product of a working group that formed and worked over the course of a year to produce it. And I think what we need to do next, in my opinion, is to support those recommendations, and then move forward to another version and next iteration of the document that incorporates more input from you all. So for what it's worth,

Legislator Brian Cahill

Thank you. Legislator Archer,

Legislator Lynn Archer

Thank you, um, I can move forward with this. Just as you are going out and taking kind of "going on the road" with this and talking to towns, etc. I hope that that conversation can be had with this group, because I think there's a lot of good input from everyone here that can be a "value add". So, with that intent, I can support moving forward, because I know it is a living document as a strategy plan. And a lot of details are going to shift and change as information becomes available. As long as we talk about it,

Legislator Brian Cahill

No, and I agree with you. And I think that you know, Tim, if there's one thing that we know about Tim - Tim will talk about it. He will. I promise you that.

Legislator Lynn Archer

Or at least take a call and we could talk his ear off.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Right, Exactly.

Timothy Weidemann

But I listen.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Yeah, he listens. Well. Alright. So, then I'm going to call a vote on this. All those in favor of Resolution 258.

Committee Members

Aye.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Opposed?

Okay. Great. Thank you.

Moving on to Resolution 259, which is Approving the execution of a contract for \$75,000 entered into by the county, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Incorporated, and the Department of Economic Development. A motion for discussion?

Chairman David Donaldson

I'll move it.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Second.

Legislator Abe Uchitelle
I'll second.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Okay, Legislator Uchitelle. Anyone have any questions about this? Legislator Archer, Legislator Litts.
First Archer, then Litts. Thanks.

Legislator Lynn Archer
As I'm looking at the scope of services, every one of these items as it relates to the 2040 plan, in my mind, is the responsibility of the Economic Development Department. And using the various tools available to make things happen. I'm a little...and this has been an ongoing concern of economic development for as many years as I've been in the legislature, around funding UCEDA [Ulster County Economic Development Alliance]. And so it's a little...I need to understand better why you don't see this as your role, Tim, as, as the head of Economic Development and why UCEDA should be doing these things in my mind that it there. It just it's a big question mark in my mind is to then what is the role of Economic Development at the county level?

Legislator Brian Cahill
Legislator Litts.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III
Yeah, um, well, we just turned

Enterprise West over to the EDA. So, that is a function that the county is not doing. But my question, Mr. Chairman, is because you and I sit on the committee, is it appropriate for us to vote to fund our own committee?

Legislator Brian Cahill
Yeah. Yeah, I probably should ask the attorney that, and I didn't. I know we don't have an attorney in this meeting tonight. Legislator Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson
Are either of you making any personal money on that committee?

Legislator Brian Cahill
I'm not, not yet anyway. (laughter) No, just kidding.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III
Not that I know of.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Dave.

Chairman Donaldson

Well, then I don't see it as, I don't see it as a conflict unless you are personally gaining from it. Or a family member, or personally,

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

If you or a family member personally gaining from it.

Chairman Brian Cahill

Legislator Archer, go ahead.

Legislator Archer

Yes. Mr. Chairman. If, if, if it would be possible to, to get Mr. Weideman to respond to the question. I had some responsibility, because that could help part of this discussion

Legislator Brian Cahill

I think that's appropriate. Thank you. Go ahead. So, Tim, if you wouldn't mind, then, John, we'll come back to you. Okay. Thanks.

Director Tim Wiedemann

So, I will I think there's a bunch of ways to approach that question, Legislator Archer. But I think the most salient one is that UCEDA has the ability to bring other partners and resources to bear to help us to achieve our economic development goals. And I recognize that there's a history here of it, that not being the approach., And that the approach was really to kind of, you know, just almost randomly choose the functions that would get outsourced UCEDA. And then that was problematic and didn't work that well.

But I think what I would represent to you is that this is a county contribution, considered in the in the resolution here, towards the work that's outlined in that scope of work plus the rest of this Ulster 2040 plan, which we know can't be accomplished solely with taxpayer funds. So, UCEDA provides us with an organization. An organizational entity to gather their partnerships, gather other funding to accomplish those goals.

There's a lot more I could say, and I think there's a part of this that overlaps with the last discussion, which is about what is really the economic development? What are the goals that we're trying to achieve? What's the right toolbox in order to accomplish these goals? I think Evelyn has said it really well before that there's different powers and authorities of an LDC that are a part of why we want to make this organization a part of our toolbox. This, again, could be argued as a funding mechanism to provide it with some resources to do those things that it has special powers and authorities to do. We could we could have a long discussion about this. But I think the simplest one that comes to mind for me is just that, that this organization can gather grants, contributions, earned revenue, as well as county taxpayer money in order to pursue our economic development goals.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Legislator Archer go ahead.

Legislator Archer
Then can you break down for me what that \$75,000 is for and how it will be used?

Director Tim Wiedemann
So, that's the intent in the Schedule A is to describe in very specific detail, Schedule A or B, I can't remember which it is in the contract the scope of services.

Legislator Archer
Yeah, Schedule A. But, but it's, but again, it goes back to a lot of these things I look at as your role and the role of your department. Initiating analysis research to substantiate some of the goals and aspirations of your strategic plan. If it's being relegated to UCEDA then I'm a little confused, then again, it goes back to my bigger question is what is the role of economic development? at the county level?

Director Tim Wiedemann
Don't... My only response... Because I get, I think I understand your question. And I think the best I can do explaining is that these are functions that short of the ability to use UCEDA to perform these things and to gather resources from other sources to support these efforts, I don't feel confident that they would be within the scope that our four person staff in Economic Development could do. So, we need this vehicle in order to marshal those other resources to accomplish these tasks.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Legislator Uchitelle, go ahead. Sorry.

Legislator Abe Uchitelle
Thanks. So, so, what other resources do you plan on marshaling with these funds?

Director Tim Wiedemann
Partly it's the partnerships that we can have with the organizations that are mentioned in the Schedule A that will help us to accomplish these things. We also, I think we ,you guys last month, I think, authorized a public hearing, held a public hearing for our CDBG Cares Grant application. And there are other grant applications that we are considering and working on.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Legislator Archer, sure. Go ahead.

Legislator Lynn Archer
Ok. So, can you break down for us? What you, you... \$75,000. Where did you come up with the number? And what is it? What is it supposed to support? A lot of the resources that UCEDA has, is county and economic development resources. So, what is this? What was this money targeted for? What it...what it, what is it? You're gonna, I mean, we've had this conversation, every single year, money came from Economic Development to UCEDA around defining what the money is being used

for. And we, you know, well, I have a broad scope of responsibilities. Again, I go back to the fact that we could debate what's the role of your office versus UCEDA. And it's commingled because you guys are still in there supporting some of the but you're giving them \$75,000? Do you have a plan for what that \$75,000 is going to be used for?

Director Tim Wiedemann

I think the Schedule A describes that plan. It describes the projects and initiatives that we would undertake with funding, I feel like I understand...but I don't know how to answer you more fully.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

Maybe you should read Schedule A.

Legislator Lynn Archer

So, how did you come up with 75? Was that a number you pulled... you pulled out of the air? Or did you have a very specific set of, of research, etcetra, that you are looking to do...that's going to cost you X number to get to 75? Or is that just the number you pulled out?

Director Tim Wiedemann

It's a reasonable estimate of the cost of contracts and services that would accomplish these goals that are outlined in the Schedule A, I don't have dollar for dollar breakout of every contract that we would have that would be the next step to pursue if there's funding in place to do that.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

May I answer that question really quickly, too, Chairman? I believe it was also the number that we put in the 2021 budget. Correct, Tim? For this purpose?

Director Tim Weideman

That's correct.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Yes, go ahead, Dr. Wright.

Deputy Executive Dr. Evelyn Wright

I just want to, um, maybe restating something that Tim said, but I want to I want to emphasize that a piece of what we really looked at, not so much with the 2040 working group, but internally in our team, as we worked with the working group on the 2040 clusters was to realize that we have some work to do around clarifying and, and integrating all of our economic development tools. Tim does a lot of meetings with, with the Executive Director of the IDA and with the folks at SBDC. And with the folks at the Chamber and has really done a lot of work to at least make sure everybody knows what everybody else is doing.

But in a in a really well functioning economic development infrastructure, we would all be even more integrated and would be developing strategy together and developing work plans together and having a really good understanding of the way each tool serves to implement the shared goals.

I think Tim is really getting there with SBDC, especially with the coordination that he's doing. But but that's, that's work that we realize is gonna, is going to need a couple of years to unfold. I think some of the conversations that we've been having about the role of UCEDA in the last couple months have been really helpful. I want to recognize as Tim did that, the history of you, Sita has not been that it hasn't been coherent and strategic and transparent. And, and we understand that. But the Local Development Corporation is a really unique and important tool in our toolbox for the reasons that Tim said. That's also the reason that that we've surplus, the Enterprise West property to UCEDA and entrusted UCEDA because it's the property redevelopment tool in the toolbox, if you will. It's the appropriate tool for something like that. Tim talking about making partnerships with other organizations, accepting philanthropic funds, seeking grants, it's important in that role. It's also one of our tools that can do direct aid to businesses and organizations which the County Economic Development Department can't do.

So, we're really recognizing that UCEDA needs its own strategy, its own mission and and understanding that we're building that clarity over time. But the vision that we have is that UCEDA is really the implementer of the long-term strategy. Because it's well suited to attract and deploy resources in a more flexible and powerful way then the Office of Economic Development can.

The Office of Economic Development is really charged with developing those strategies; monitoring those strategies; connecting with all the other tools to make sure we're all pulling in the same direction. It also is doing a lot of the, the assistance to businesses in negotiating some of the state grants and some of those other processes that it will continue doing. But I think we really have to look at "how can we move UCEDA towards that vision of really being effective at implementing those development strategies. And Tim's really committed to raising the resources, you know, making the processes transparent. That's what we're trying to start with this contract.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

In answer to Legislator Litts' question about the voting.

Chairman Brian Cahill

But let me go to Legislator Delaune first, and then we'll go back to Legislator Archer.

Legislator James Delaune

Thank you. So, here's how I see it. And that is that... I was always concerned about the County, as an entity, undertaking the development of Enterprise West. And so, it's logical that a standalone organization, which is the LDC, means so much so that we asked that employees of the county be removed from the board. Right? And I think we're going to vote on, on putting some new folks on. So, we've really made that separation. And so now, UCEDA is kind of flying on its own to undertake this project. And as I understand it, Tim, this is going, you know, the \$75,000 that's been requested will, will help them continue in their operation to undertake Enterprise West. I mean...a, is that correct?

Director Tim Wiedemann

No, it's, it's not the intent for this \$75,000 requested in this contract to be used for Enterprise West. It's really for the other functions that get it, as Evelyn was saying, the implementation of Ulster 2040 more broadly than just Enterprise West. I think the idea with Enterprise West is for it to generate its own revenue through rents, to seek grants and other support to carry that, that operation.

Legislator James Delaune

Okay.

Deputy Executive John Milgrim

Well, if I may, just to add one thing to that, just to kind of resolve that.

Legislator Brian Cahill

I'm going to let the legislators go first. John, I'm sorry. Let us go to Chairman Donaldson, and then we'll go to you Lynn. Chairman Donaldson hasn't spoken yet.

Chairman David Donaldson

Thank You, Yeah this is basically a working budget for UCEDA, is that correct? It's the problem is they have no working budget. They have to have something as the working budget from...a... to work on. So, I mean, and I think that's one of the problems that we've had when UCEDA because they did not have that type of a budget. And so they need to have some separation. And in order to have that separation, they basically have to have money to spend.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Legislator Archer, and then, John, we'll go to you and Mark if you want to answer the question. Okay. Thanks.

Legislator Lynn Archer

So, so, I, so, I understand that they're looking to do projects, but what I think and what I hope that we can get to, based on what Dr. Wright has said and what, what Tim has said, is the reality is, UCEDA needs infrastructure right now the infrastructure is still county resources. We're moving county taxpayer dollars into... and yet it has the biggest asset that we had, that we just signed over, which is Tech City. So, to say they have no working capital... they have the largest piece of property that this county had. They can, they can have, if they're serious about the kind of structure you're all talking about [inaudible] be setting up infrastructure. They're using the capital, the property, to, to establish the kind of funds we're talking about.

I mean, we're handing over taxpayer money. We've already handed over the taxpayer's biggest asset, and potentially liability as well. I'm just saying, you know, again, I go back. And I know you keep saying that this is what UCEDA can do. And I recognize there's certain things UCEDA can do that, as a government office or government department, you're not able to do. But again, we've not fully defined all those things. If I go through scope, the scope of services, I could point to a lot of them that I would say, are the responsibility of Economic Development, not UCEDA. You know. Where does, where does setting strategy at the county level and execution occur? Whether it's UCEDA, the IDA, or what have

you. I mean, again, we're being asked to kind of flesh all this out or make decisions of moving taxpayer money. And I know, it's 75. But it's the principle This is the last time we tried to, to get to this issue. Um, you know, if they were just zeroed out the the amount. I don't want to do that. I want a meaningful conversation to understand roles and responsibility, and why we feel the need to move \$75,000 of taxpayer money there. And again, it's to define. You had to have a sense of what type of research or analysis that you were looking to contract out or services to contract out to support the \$75,000 ticket. If not, then again, we're at the stage of just moving money. And again, they've got the biggest asset the county has. They can draw money down off of that. If they're going to be a working body, a working UCEDA, where people, then they may be need an executive director, they need infrastructure, and they need support resources. And right now, it's all county employees. So I you know, it's just, it just begs the question in my mind.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Go ahead, John. Sorry.

Deputy Executive John Milgrim
Okay. Just, just quickly, I want to briefly address Legislator Delaune's point on UCEDA. It's just to clarify. The intent isn't to completely sever UCEDA, UCEDA's operations from Tech City. I mean, if they're required, if they are required to seek or solicit philanthropic funds for Tech City, or to create a partnership between themselves and some other entity on Tech City, that would be part of yUCEDA's operations. So, it's not completely separate. But the funding, as Tim said, is not *for* Tech City.

Legislator James Delaune
Now, I guess my point was to separate it from the county as a standalone organization that would go out and seek funding, seek partnerships, if necessary, or, if available. But make that separation between county government and this nonprofit, standalone, healthy state, who's going to undertake their redevelopment of this project.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Legislator Litts, go ahead.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III
Thank you. We didn't just create the EDA. It's been around for years. And Tech City is just the latest project. The Ellenville Million, the Revolving Loan Fund, all of those things get administered through EDA. So, I don't understand why we're having this conversation. It's a budgeted item. It was in the budget. It was voted on by the Legislature. Um, I mean, if we wanted to worry about the \$75,000, we should have done it before we passed the budget. And Mr. Chairman, I request we call the question.

Legislator Brian Cahill
I'll honor that request. All those in favor?

Committee Members
Aye. Aye.

Legislator Brian Cahill
All those opposed.

Okay, so we have one opposed - Legislator Archer.

We will move on to Resolution Number 260, which is Authorizing the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to extend the inter municipal agreement with the Town of New Paltz to provide public transit service to the New Paltz area, the Newport.. New Paltz Loop, Department of Public Transportation, Ulster County Area Transit

Chairman David Donaldson
I'll move it.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Is there a second?

Legislator Herbert Litts, III.
I'll second it.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Herb. Okay. Jim? Well, because he's from New Paltz. Sorry, Herb. We're gonna let Jim second this one.

Legislator James Delaune
Thank you.

Any discussion on this one? I this, this is a vital tool out there. I understand that. And it's pretty well, well use, isn't it, Director Ahmed?

Director Sajaa Ahmed
Ym, we, I checked the numbers before this meeting. And we're slowly but surely coming back to our numbers pre pandemic, system wide. Obviously, health loop is used by the student population. And this year, they were at a reduced number because of the pandemic. And they also made an exception that the first-year students were allowed to bring cars on campus. But our expectation and the numbers that we're seeing system wide is that we're going to hopefully return to close to normal, or at least 75%, of where we were, hopefully by the end of the year. So, it is used a lot.

Legislator Brian Cahill
Thank you. Any other discussion? Legislator Uchitelle, go ahead.

Legislator Uchitelle
Yeah, I just want to say that I wholeheartedly supported this agreement when I was Executive Vice President of the Student Association in 2009. And I still support it today.

Legislator Brian Cahill

I was on the Legislature back then I remember when we did this, it was great. Legislator Zimet brought it up and it was a little bit of a struggle, but we did get it going. Alright,

Legislator Abe Uchitelle

We were very grateful. I can tell you the students, we were very, very grateful. Yeah.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, Any further discussion? If not, I'll call the vote. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Anyone opposed? No. Thank you very much.

261, which is Approving the Execution of a contract amendment for \$48,600 causing the aggregate contract plus the amendment amount to be in excess of \$50,000 entered into the county by Bishop Peak Technology Incorporated for UCAT

Chairman David Donaldson

I'll move it.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III.

Second.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, any discussion or questions? Okay, I'll call a vote. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Opposed? Okay, great. Thank you.

262 is Approving the Execution of a Contract Amendment for \$246,414. entered into by the county for National Business Equipment, LLC for Information Services.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III.

I'm moving.

Chairman David Donaldson

Second.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, any discussion? I have a quick question. Alan, can you explain what this is a pretty big contract there. For National Business Equipment

IS Director Alan Macaluso

Sure. Can you hear me? Okay, so this is are extending. Well, if you guys rewind about six or eight months. We renegotiated an extension to the contract at a lower rate due to some of our usage. Due to folks being working remotely. We ended up revising the contract, extending it to 2022. At this a final extension. Again, at a lower rate. That will be the end of this contract. And we're expecting to put an RFP out as soon as we can, for multifunction printing throughout Ulster county based on some of these new performance metrics. And we'll have to get that out the door as quickly as possible. We're working with purchasing for the new for this new RFP, so

Legislator Brian Cahill

Great. Go ahead, Marc.

Deputy Executive Marc Rider

Thru COVID, the ability... The goal was to have an RFP out this time, we're COVID having bankers walk through all their departments and see where all the printers are and everything just didn't make sense. So we're, again, we wanted to RFP this year, but this is one last year

IS Director Alan Macaluso

Yes, there's a lot of moving parts that made it really challenging to pull it off of all the other things that we were we're doing at the time. So...

Chairman Brian Cahill

Any other discussion? Okay, then I'll call a vote. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye. Aye.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III.

Opposed. Okay. So we'll move on to the final resolution, which is Resolution Number 263, Approving the Execution of a contract amendment for \$287,002.44 entered into the county by Tyler Technologies, and that's for IS as well.

Chairman David Donaldson

Move for discussion.

Chairman Brian Cahill

Legislator Donaldson.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III.

Second.

Chairman Brian Cahill

Legislator Litts. Okay, Allen, give us a real high-level overview of this guy. I know we've seen it before.

IS Director Alan Macaluso

So this is a contract extension for the New World Public Safety System. We're expecting a slight decrease even... although it's an increase, we're still looking at a slight decrease due to some unused modules that we've had unused in the past. But again, basically, this is a contract extension with a slight increase just a year over or whatever, at the end of the, for each period. So that's what that is.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Okay, anyone have any other questions or discussion on this one? Okay, all those in favor?

Aye.

Opposed? Okay, thank you. That's the end of our resolutions. Is there any old business that anyone would like to discuss before we wrap up here? Legislator Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson

Yes. I was wondering if people had any plans or plan to put in something for the American Rescue Plan. I'm hoping that...you know, I know, I met with the last committee, Legislative Programs. And there are a couple proposals that's going to be brought forth by them. And I'm not sure if the Economic Development...if anybody here is also looking at that. Because we want to have that in by June 18. So we can, you know, start, you know, analyzing all the gap.

Legislator Brian Cahill

So, I know that we brought it up in our last meeting. And I think we all...I don't want to speak for anyone else but myself. But, you know, some of the discussions that I know that I had, I had brought up in our in our caucus meeting Dave. And I think they were incorporated in that. They didn't really have much to do with economic development. But I think Legislator Litts talked a little bit about, you know, concentrating on doing some of the things with infrastructure that we couldn't do. You know, normally, and I think that if we look at it, I think, you know, certainly Wi Fi is considered an infrastructure these days, right? And that may be an area where we may want to see if we can put some investment and I'm sure that has come up from other people, including the Executive's office, right? Okay. Legislator Delaune

Legislator James Delaune

Yeah, I remember having that conversation. And I too, would be very supportive of getting some... you know, going along with Legislator Litts. And I believe I also brought up funding having to do with the trail system, and seeing if we could, you know, make some connections there. But I don't have numbers at this point. And I'll continue to work on that. Thank you.

Legislator Brian Cahill

So, anyone else have anything else you want to bring up? Okay, so then I guess at this point, any new business or that was that was old business. So, any new business? Sorry,

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

I didn't hear any old business and I didn't know we were gonna have new business.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Alright, So. then I will accept a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

So moved.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Alright.

Legislator Abe Uchitelle

Second.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Thank you, Legislator Uchitelle and I appreciate everyone taking their time out of their busy schedule to come to these meetings and have these lively discussions. I appreciate it. Thank you very much. Be safe, stay

Legislator Herbert Litts, III

Be safe, stay healthy. Take care.

Legislator Brian Cahill

Alright. Bye, everyone. Good night.