

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 9, 2017 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator James Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Berky, Delune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
ABSENT: Legislator Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Joe DeLeon, Jr., Director Information Services, Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, Steve Rice, Trails Advisory, Denis Doyle, Director of the Planning Department, Chris White Deputy Director of Planning, Vince Guido, CMRR, Lee Kausn, Rick Remsynder, Director of Tourism, Maxine Resnick, Woodstock Land Conservancy, Legislator Kathy Nolan, Nick Mercurio, Meg Carey

Legislator Maloney called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of October 10, 2017

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the November 14, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Legislator Rodriguez asked Chairman Maloney if Resolutions 421, 422, 423 and 424 could be moved out of order.

Motion No. 2: **Motion To Move Resolutions 421, 422, 423 and 424 Out Of Order**
Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Motion Approved

Resolution No. 421: Adopting and Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Construction Of The Ashokan Rail Trail– Capital Project No. 459- Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a Negative Declaration that shall Support the SEQRA decision approval for the construction of the Ashokan Rail Trail Project .

Motion No. 3: **Resolution No. 421 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Chris White mentioned the SEQRA declaration states there would not be an adverse impact of the 11.5 mile rail trail along the Ashokan Reservoir. The backup is on the County website and it includes threatened endangered species, traffic impact study, wet land delineation, soil sampling and other reports.

Legislator Maloney stated for the record that the perception that he as the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee is against the Catskill MTN Railroad is completely false. Currently the Catskill MTN Railroad has been doing well the past two years with the County. The railroad operations stop at mile marker 5 or 6. The lease area is up to mile marker 8.33. In reviewing the diagrams the Legislature did a segmented breakup of the corridor in 2015. Chairman also stated he encouraged the railroad to complete up until mile marker 8.33 and then look into mile marker 10 which would be a win/win for all involved.

Legislator Greene mentioned these resolutions focus on mile post 10 to 11.1. Legislator Greene's concerns are to make sure there is an adequate terminus point between mile marker 8.33 and mile marker 10. Legislator Greene also stated that bringing the railroad to the reservoir will enhance the

potential for the railroad. Leaving the tracks in place for that 1.1 mile stretch is crucial.

Legislator Maloney mentioned the amendments can only be made on the floor on the night of Session.

Chris White stated he had documents from the County Attorney and DEP. Ernie Hunt approached the Planning Department with a proposal to extend to mile marker 11.3 and it was sent to the County Attorney. The County Attorney responded to the letter with an opinion that stated if there is railroad on the Ashokan Trail Easement the easement will have to be surrendered. If the track went to mile marker 11.1 it would preclude the use of a public trail.

Currently CMMR has done construction from mile post 3.8 to mile post 6.55 and must do another 1.8 miles to complete service. Although the track has been upgraded no additional work has been done on the tracks.

Legislator Maloney mentioned an insurance letter has not been received from Catskill MTN Railroad regarding disability insurance to which Chris White confirmed. Legislator Maloney also mentioned that there is railroad equipment that is being stored outside the permitted area and Chris White confirmed.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 421**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislator Lapp & Litts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 422: Amending Capital Project No. 459 – Ashokan Rail Trail Project - To Include Costs for Construction and Construction Inspection– Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the Capital Project No. 459 – Ashokan Rail Trail to include costs for construction and construction inspection.

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 422 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
Legislator Rodriguez asked Chris White if mile post 10.1 was the actual dividing line between county land and DEP land. Chris White stated yes.

Legislator Rodriguez expressed that part of the concern is where the rail ends and he asked Chris White if there was a more appropriate/substantial terminated destination. Chris White stated to travel only a few thousand feet would not capture the views.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 422
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Lapp & Litts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 423: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, DPC– Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$118,500.0 to expand the scope of services to include oversight and support during the removal of rail, hardware and ties along the Ashokan Rail Trail.

Motion No. 7: Resolution No. 423 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Chris White stated this contract is phase one for the removal of track and ties and removal of 2300 Ash trees. The contractors will abide by the strict requirements of the storm water pollution prevention plan.

Legislator Greene expressed concerns on how the elderly and handicapped would access the trail head at mile post 10.4 if the trail head ended at mile post 10.

Chris White stated they have spoken to the DEP about future trail heads and moving that particular trail head to the eastside of Basin Road in 6-8 years in prep for construction of the two dykes. The trail is designed to be ADA compliant.

Motion No. 8: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 423
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Lapp & Litts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 424: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Taylor-Montgomery, LLC– Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contact with Taylor-Montgomery, LLC in the amount of \$943,000.00 for the removal of rails, hardware and ties along the Ashokan Rail Trail.

Motion No. 9: **Resolution No. 424 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Chris White stated this contract is for the removal of 11.5 miles of track, ties and hardware and removal of 2300 dead trees. There is a kick off meeting tentatively planned with local laborers for the end of November to start the work.

Legislator Litts asked what was the exact mile marker. Chris White stated that per legislative policy the location is Basin Road which is only a few hundred yards from mile post 10 but the mile post wording could be added to the contract.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 424**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Lapp & Litts
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 425: Reappointing Member And Alternate To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Saugerties

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints a member and an alternate to the Town of Saugerties.

Motion No. 11: **Resolution No. 425 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney confirmed that all the supportive paperwork had been submitted.

Motion No. 12 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 425

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 426: Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Lloyd

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints a member and an alternate to the Town of Lloyd.

Motion No. 13: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 426

Motion By: Legislator Lapp

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney confirmed all supportive paperwork had been received.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 427: Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Rochester

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints a member to the Town of Rochester.

Motion No. 14: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 427

Motion By: Legislator Lapp

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney confirmed all paperwork has been received.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 375: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2017, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 of 2008), To Establish The Department of Economic Development, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 12, 2017 At 6:05 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing to establish the Department of Economic Development.

Motion No. 15: **Resolution No. 375 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez stated for the record that he had requested at the last meeting that late amendments or suggestions of specific language for this resolution could be sent to him. He has not received any updates currently.

Legislator Maloney stated he does not agree with expanding government at the moment but will set the public hearing and will probably not support this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez stated this resolution does not intend to create a new department it would take an existing department and formalize it. Currently, it is a sub-division of the planning department. Instead of having a deputy from the planning department in charge of Economic Development it would be creating a separate department. It is a matter of moving line items and not adding onto government.

Motion No. 16: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 375**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 402: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Trapeze Software Group Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Trapeze Software Group Inc. in the amount of \$39,662.86 to extend the term of the agreement (auto renewal) for fleet routing software and update software and license quantities.

Motion No. 17: **Resolution No. 402 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Joe Deleon stated Trapeze Software supports the UCAT fleet for their route driving and scheduling.

Motion No. 18: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 402**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 403: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies Inc. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Tyler Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$59,862.69 to extend terms of the agreement for software maintenance and support for the payroll and human resources.

Motion No. 19: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 403**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion:

Joe Deleon stated Tyler Technologies supports the payroll system for the county. The reason for the continuous extension is due to some items were grandfathered into the original contract and if a new contract is created those items would be lost and it would cost more money to implement into a new contract.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Mr. Deleon how was it determined it would cost more money. Mr. Deleon stated the cost is not known but currently the county is not ready to move systems and what is being used is proprietary to this system. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Rodriguez suggested reviewing enhanced or cheaper programs that can do the same functions should be considered. Mr. Deleon stated he agreed with Mr. Rodriguez and there is long term strategy to replace this system.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 404: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – IBM – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with IBM in the amount of \$41,910.03 to extend the term of the agreement for hardware maintenance on various equipment installed at the County.

Motion No. 20: **Resolution No. 404 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

Joe Deleon stated this program supports the County's taxes and public safety. Public Safety will eventually be moved off this system in September/October 2018. Most likely in two/three years this system will no longer be in use.

Legislator Rodriguez confirmed with Mr. Deleon that there is a two year timeline for this program and wishes it to be reflected in the minutes.

Motion No. 21: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 404**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 405: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Today Media Custom Communications – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Today Media Custom Communications in the amount of \$80,000.00 to design and production of travel guide.

Motion No. 22: **Resolution No. 405 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

Rick Remynder stated every two years a bid goes out for a travel guide. Committee of four people unanimously chose Today Media. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if this split was more advantageous then the last vendors contract. Mr. Remynder confirmed the last vendor received 40% of the adds revenues and this current contract receives is 33.5%.

Motion No. 23: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 405**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 407: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – WestCOP Inc. – Department Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with WestCOP Inc. in the amount of \$65,000.00 for Career Pathways II Partnership program.

Motion No. 24: **Resolution No. 407 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Ken Crannel stated this is a continuation of a multi-year regional partnership to provide job readiness preparation for low income individuals between the ages 18-24. Under this contract \$65,000 would be received to train up to 12 people in job readiness. These people are 200% over the poverty threshold.

Motion No. 25: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 407**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, Legislator Litts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Lapp.

Time: 6:17 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved: December 5, 2017