

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 8, 2017 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator James Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio & Rodriguez
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Director of Information Services Sylvia Wohlfahrt, Director of Planning Dennis Doyle, Office of Business Services Director Suzanne Holt, Ilona Ross, Ulster County Resident, Steve Rice, Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee.

Legislator Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of February 7, 2017 As Amended

Motion Made By: Legislator Lapp
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Legislator Litts mentioned on Resolution #47 Legislator Delaune voted twice which was an error. Legislator Litts proposed a motion to amend.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Steve Rice – Presentation of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Annual Report. Hand out attached.

Mr. Rice stated the first three pages summarized what had transpired over the past year. The O&W rail trail from Ellenville towards Kingston grew 1.25 miles and moved towards the department of corrections property. There is still another 14.5 miles in the pipeline. Once completed it will be 60 miles of Rail Trail.

There are two new organizations that will continue stewardship of the trails. The first is the O&W Rail Trail coalition of municipalities. This is a signed agreement which will coordinate marketing and continuity of the trail. The second is the Village of Ellenville and Town of Wawarsing. They

completed an inter-municipal agreement for parks and trails commission. The Commission was a direct result of the County Executive's Ellenville Million program.

Mr. Rice also stated the resolution for the Colony Farm Feasibility Study resulted in a \$20,000 grant. Legislator Lapp assisted with that legislation.

The Kingston Land Trust is moving forward. In addition, the Open Space has officially begun construction on the new River to Ridge trail in New Paltz. This will connect the Village and the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail to Mohonk's preserve. They are also developing the carriage trail from Minnewaska to Sam's point.

In 2016 there were two guest speakers Ernie Hunt, President of the Catskill MTN Railroad and Mike Hein.

Attached are separate reports which contain more detail.

Legislator Delaune stated Mr. Rice has done a great job.

Mr. Rice asked if they would consider a budget item in the budget for the future.

Chairman Maloney asked Legislator Berky how much money has been received in grants thus far. Legislator Berky stated the grants start out small such as \$5, \$10, \$15 thousand dollar grants and then like the Kingston Land Trust and Hudson Valley Rail start a process of study which then will lead to larger grants from CFA and Department of Transportation.

Legislator Rodriguez mentioned to Mr. Rice that attention needs to be brought to Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, specifically the bridge in Springtown. Legislator Delaune and Legislator Rodriguez met with Senator Bonacic and are working with municipal partners regarding this issue. Mr. Rice agreed but stated he does not have the ability to fundraise but is open for suggestions on how to do things differently or different resources he should be pursuing.

Suzanne Holt – Presentation of the Office of Economic Development's activities and accomplishments

Suzanne Holt stated The Office of Economic Development is available to help businesses already located here or looking to move here. In addition, any non-profit organizations are assisted by the IDA. They are working with tourism properties in Town of Ulster, Shandakan and Saugerties.

The Economic Development Alliance is working with Luminary who is doing marketing and advertising for Economic Development for the County. They met last week and aiming at four target areas. The first is film. Now there is a tax credit and there is also no MTA tax.

The second cluster is Hi-Tech Entrepreneurs. The EDA will continue to sponsor the Hudson Valley Tech-meet ups. This group meets every other month in Kingston. SUNY New Paltz has also created Tech-Student meet-ups.

The third area is value added food manufactures. The target is NYC and surrounding areas. Luminary has a contact at the Pfizer building in NYC and Suzanne will be going with Luminary to make connections. At the end of March there will be a networking event for craft, food and beverage producers.

Lastly, the smallest area but has a lot of potential are the families that vacation in Ulster County or have a second home here.

A special project that is being marketed by the EDA is the sale of various owned county property.

The other piece of the EDA is the Ellenville Million. The Ellenville Million recommended putting funds into nine different program areas. As a reminder every three months a report is done and presented to this committee.

Lastly is the Revolving Loan fund and there are two very serious applicants that are being finalized.

Suzanne and Legislator Rodriguez discussed how each town has their own needs and the money set aside for the Wawarsing consultant should be evenly distributed. Suzanne stated Ellenville has the money set aside but not sure if the other townships have the same.

Conversation ensued regarding the film industry and the farmlands.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Suzanne to touch base on expansion retentions or what she can share with the committee as of now. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Suzanne what type of businesses are expanding currently. Suzanne stated that it is happening with all the industries.

Resolutions for the March 22, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 90: Appointing Member To Fill Vacancy On The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints James E. Quigley, III to the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 90 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 99: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Inc. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Inc. in the amount of \$170,000.00 for continued development and implementation of a comprehensive Economic Development Marketing Plan for Ulster County. The plan includes but is not limited to advertising buys, education, support services, program administration, seminars, events and public relations.

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 99 moved for discussion

Motion By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez mentioned having a baseline for measuring effectiveness of the EDA. Suzanne handed out the Economic Development Report which included OED, EDA and IDA. Discussion ensued regarding EDA reporting.

Suzanne Holt stated that the indicators on the report are important but they are indicators for all areas of Economic Development.

Discussion ensued regarding EDA and Economic Indicators.

Legislator Maloney asked Legislator Rodriguez what exactly he would like to see in future reports. Suzanne Holt said this report is a draft and she can create a report by the end of the month. Suggestions can be made but Suzanne feels the details in this report do not belong in this contract. Discussion ensued with Legislator Rodriguez.

Legislator Maloney stated he and Legislator Rodriguez will sit down to create a resolution.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 108: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment LLC– Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with National Business Equipment LLC in the amount of \$24,659.91 for Amendment #4 to provide seven additional devices.

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 108 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Sylvia Wohlfahrt stated that this is the company that the County leases our multiple function devices from. The request is for seven additional devices to replace all the old ones throughout the whole county.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Sylvia if we needed that many multi-function devices to which Sylvia responded yes.

Discussion ensued with Legislator Rodriguez and Sylvia Wohlfahrt.

Legislator Rodriguez and Sylvia spoke about item 4 on page 3 of the contract which involved the services performed by seven machines. Sylvia stated next time she will add back-up to the contract to be clearer.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 109: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – IBM– Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with IBM in the amount of \$43,899.00 for Amendment #8 to extend terms of the agreement for hardware maintenance.

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 109 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Carl Belifiglio’s attached email.

Sylvia stated this contract is for the four main frame servers. Two run the public safety system and the other two run Domino, Lotus Notes and applications for the County Clerk, Health Department and Sheriff’s office.

Legislator Maloney asked what exactly falls under public safety to which Sylvia stated police records, corrections management, emergency communications, dispatch, access, ACE management, mug shots and the District Attorney.

Discussion ensued between Sylvia Wohlfahrt and Legislator Rodriguez.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 110: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing The Aggregate Contract Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.– Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc. for Amendment #8 in the amount of \$21,300.00 to extend term of agreement for maintenance of the ARC GIS software.

Motion No. 6:	Resolution No. 110 moved for discussion
Motion By:	Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney stated this is GIS software. All maps used for the county and the centerfold in National Geographic Magazine were used with this program.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	7
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 111: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – West Publishing Corp. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with West Publishing Corp. in the amount of \$213,154.20 for the agreement of the online and print legal research materials for various County Departments.

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 111 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Sylvia Wohlfahrt stated this is an online legal research service tool used by DA, county attorney and the comptroller.

Legislator Rodriguez would like to verify with the county attorney that all individuals are currently enrolled with the County.

Legislator Rodriguez supports this resolution pending that all people are verified with county attorney.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 119: – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A State Assistance Contract With The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation For Grant Funding For The Butternut Cove Culvert Rehabilitation and Slope Stabilization Project along the Ulster & Delaware Railroad Corridor

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a State Assistance Contract for grant funding for the Butternut Creek Culvert Replacement and Slope Stabilization project.

Motion No. 8: **Resolution No. 119 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion:

Dennis Doyle stated there is a \$329,000 grant and the estimated engineering costs are \$750,000 with Barton Lougudice and it is part of the whole U&D Corridor design.

Dennis stated there are is about 70 feet and it is replacing a culvert that is undersized. The culvert is passed the ability to be rehabbed. It is being designed to handle rail traffic for the future if

necessary.

Legislator Litts asked additional questions on the size of the culvert. Discussion ensued.

Dennis stated they will be back in the future for contracts.

Discussion ensued regarding a future resolution that Mr. Doyle will be drafting for UCAT and their capital needs.

Discussion ensued with Legislator Berky asked Mr. Doyle regarding the recession and if he would have done things differently.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

New Business:

Legislator Rodriguez would like to discuss a future resolution to establish a requirement for further examination of tax sale properties. Legislator Maloney stated Legislator Loughran put in a resolution regarding tax sale parcels.

Legislator Rodriguez stated this resolution was done for discussion purposes which builds off of work that was done in 2007. A policy was passed regarding parcels going to a tax sale.

Legislator Maloney will discuss next month.

Old Business:

Motion No. 9: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 170 for 1 month
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Discussion of Resolution No. 170 of 2016 - Re-Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow; Trying to schedule a meeting.

Legislator Rodriguez and Legislator Berky discussion ensued regarding strategy for Ulster County businesses.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 326 for 1 month**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Discussion of Resolution No. 326 of 2016 - Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising. Legislator Maloney stated we spoke about this last August with Mr. Dibella.

Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

There being no further business, Legislator Rodriguez motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Maio.

Time: 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved: April 4, 2017