

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

## Committee Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** June 6, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** K. L. Binder Library  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Legislator James Maloney  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Delaune (arrived at 6:02 pm), Lapp, Litts, Maio & Rodriguez  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Berky  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Director of Planning Dennis Doyle, Chris White, Deputy Director of Planning, Donald Quesnell, Deputy Director of Public Transportation, Lisa Berger, Office of Employment & Training, Legislator Dave Donaldson, Ken Crannel Deputy Director, Suzann Holt, Director of Business Services, Kathy Nolan, Ulster County Advisory Committee and Ilona Ross

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

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

Suzanne Holt handed out the Ulster County Guide.

Suzanne stated they are working with Luminary on a new website for the EDA. There will be an event to kick this off once everything is up and running.

The Ulster County Guide focuses primarily on the great reasons to live in Ulster County. The booklet speaks about the food and beverage industry, tech entrepreneurs, great quality of life and commitment to the environment. Legislator Maloney reinforced that the goal of the booklet is for outsiders to find information about the County and to see the difference between Ulster County and other counties.

Legislator Rodriguez inquired about manufacturing and if there was information in the booklet. Suzanne stated the food and beverage section is considered to be manufacturing. Discussion ensued.

Suzanne handed out the Ellenville Million quarterly report. The EDA is working on amending the current plan and will provide the information for legislative approval shortly.

Suzanne stated that working with employment and training was going very well. Currently they are working on Montreign Casino in Sullivan County and Lisa Berger has been preparing Ulster County residents for these jobs.

Suzanne Holt confirmed with Legislator Rodriguez that \$465,000 has been spent for Ellenville Million in the areas of broad band, high speed internet, ED soft landing, water and sewer. The goal

with the Ellenville Million committee was to have an inter-municipal agreement with the town and village. EDA spent \$15,000 on a joint study for village/town engineers to give recommendations on how to enter into an inter-municipal agreement.

The goal of the water and sewer component with \$40-\$50 thousand dollars should be attainable.

An IDA retreat will be held next week.

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**Motion No. 1:**                    **Moved to Approve the Minutes of May 2, 2017**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Maio

**Discussion:**

None

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

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            5

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**              Minutes Approved

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Resolutions for the June 22, 2017 Session of the Legislature

**Resolution No. 188:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Westchester County Association Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of a contract with the Westchester County Association in the amount of \$113,787.50 to participate in the Hudson Valley Healthcare Workforce Connection/Jobs Waiting Program.

**Motion No. 2:**                    **Motion To Adopt Resolution No. 188**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:**      Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**

Lisa Berger stated this contract is a revenue contract for \$100,000.00 with Westchester County. Westchester County received a \$10 million grant to assist long term unemployed people. The goal is for individuals who have been out of work 26 weeks or more to get back into work and receive on the job training. The training can include completing an advanced degree but the candidate must enter into a broad range healthcare career. The distribution for this grant is based on the same percentage as Valley Wide state funding.

Ms. Berger stated she would keep the committee updated. Currently, employment and training has  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the enrollment that is needed for the grant.

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

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**Resolution No. 252:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the execution of the contract with United Way of Ulster County Inc. for payroll services for the summer youth employment program.

**Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 252**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Lisa Berger stated this contract is used to pay the wages for the summer youth employment program. The County receives \$282,000 and the money pays employees \$10.00 an hour between the age ranges of 14 and 20. It is a 40 hour work week and 59 work-sites throughout the county.

Legislator Maloney asked what the 14 year olds were doing. Lisa mentioned there are only a few small businesses and the YMCA in Kingston that work with this age group.

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

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**Resolution No. 269:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Lease Agreement With 935 Associates, LLC For Office Space For The Ulster County Office Of Employment And Training – Ulster County Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a lease agreement for additional office space for the Office of Employment and Training and Department of Public Works.

**Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 269**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Maio  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Ken Crannel stated there a few things going on at one time and the building is located on Boices Lane. The Office of Employment and Training and the Department of Labor will be moving out of the Family Court building during renovations. DOL is looking for additional space and there is an

idea of potentially pairing the office of the aging with the veteran's agency. This would be a contract with the County and the State Department of Labor would be a sub-leasee to the County and they would reimburse 70% with no impact to the county tax payers. The DOL will cover build out costs and the higher lease payments that will be based on sq. footage.

Legislator Rodriguez asked how long the space would be occupied and Ken Crannel stated it is a five year lease and the space that is currently being used is non-compliant by the state for safety and space requirements.

Office Employment & Training, SPDC, Veterans Agency and Department of Labor and RSVP programs will all operate out of the current space.

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

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**Resolution No. 273:** Approving And Re-Adopting The Department of Public Transportation Substance Abuse Policy To Comply With Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Regulations - Department of Public Transportation (UCAT)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves and re-adopts an updated and amended policy for UCAT to include the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 to meet FTA regulations.

**Motion No. 5:** **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 273**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**  
None

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

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**Resolution No. 274:** Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Accept and Administer 5339(B) and 5307 Funding For Bus Replacements And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding- Department of Public Transportation (UCAT)

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution supports a grant application to the FTA to accept and administer funding for bus replacements and authorizes the County Executive to execute any required applications of agreements to accept funding.

**Motion No. 6:**                   **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 274**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Rodriguez  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**

Legislator Rodriguez asked how many cutaway buses would be included in this resolution. Don Quesnell stated three. Discussion ensued between Legislator Rodriguez and Ken Crannel.

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

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**Resolution No. 275:** Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Town Of Lloyd For Real Property For The Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 (PIN 8761.21) In The Town of Lloyd– Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with the Town of Lloyd for real property for the Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4.

**Motion No. 7:**                   **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 275**  
**Motion By:**                   Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

Chris White explained that this resolution is phase four of the Rail Trail from New Paltz Road to South Street. Four private properties and 300 linear feet are being acquired from the town to continue the trail to where phase three ends. Phase three will be going out to bid this month. The town will buy the easement for \$1.00 and once this is done the town will take over the long term maintenance. The trail will be on the Empire State Trail and the state will continue the trail into New Paltz with the trail picking up where the county has left off.

Discussion ensued between Legislator Rodriguez and Chris White.

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

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**Resolution No. 276:** Authorizing The Continuation Of Agricultural District No. 3 – Rondout Creek – Towns Of Hardenburgh, Marletown, Olive, Rochester, Rosendale and Wawarsing – Department of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution approves the continuation, with modifications of Agricultural District No. 3.

**Motion No. 8:**                    **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 275**  
**Motion By:**                     Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Lapp

**Discussion:**

Dennis Doyle stated this resolution provides the continuation of the district. On the second resolve there is a recommendation to remove a parcel that was added to the Agricultural District. The parcel had issues with adjoining members and there was a deed issue which was not on the paperwork filed with the County. Currently the six acre parcel contains 600 ducks and both parties participated in a recent public hearing. The idea is to remove the parcel from the Agricultural parcel.

Legislator Maloney stated there should be a local public hearing notifying all adjoining property owners. Legislator Maloney is unsure if the public or town boards realize how powerful an inclusion is to the Agricultural District and people should be aware.

Discussion ensued with Dennis and Legislator Maloney.

Anything under seven acres is not eligible for tax exemptions under Agricultural District. Farmland Protection board will state that small plot farming is very successful on lots less than two acres in size.

The staff on the Farmland Protection Board has started a process and will continue this process of notifying local elected officials and informing them of the lands in their community and will inform them if there is an issue. The Agricultural District designation overrides local zoning.

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

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**New Business:**

- **Resolution No. 282-** Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising  
Legislator Donaldson spoke about Resolution No. 282- Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising. Legislator Donaldson thanked the committee and apologized for the previous bus advertising resolution remaining on the agenda for some time. Legislator Donaldson, Legislator Bartels and Legislator Heppner are aware of the concerns regarding the old resolution and reviewed other policies for compliance purposes and the boiler plate for FTA regulations. This new resolution would not affect the current contract and would be a policy for prioritizing public announcements and non for profits. Possibly even taking current billboards and adding to the buses and public announcements and non-profits could solicit underwriters. Legislator Donaldson would like to see items such as Ellenville’s drug prevention ads advertised. This resolution is for discussion only this month and the vote for this resolution would be next

month. Questions are to be sent to Legislator Donaldson, Legislator Bartels or Legislator Heppner.

Legislator Maloney stated he will have some questions and percentages will need to be reviewed.

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**Old Business:**

**Resolution No. 146 -** Establishing A Baseline For Reporting And Future Funding For Economic Development In Ulster County

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution establishes that reporting criteria would be valuable in determining future Economic Development funding levels.

**Motion No. 9:                    Motion to Move For Discussion Resolution No. 146**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Maloney

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Discussion:**

None

**Motion No. 10:                Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 146 for 1 Month**

**Motion By:**                    Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Maio

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

**Voting Against:**            None

**Votes in Favor:**            6

**Votes Against:**            0

**Disposition:**              Resolution Postponed

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**Public Comment:**

Ilona Ross suggested for Resolution No. 146 tracking should include short term, long term and part time discouraged and unemployed workers vs the people who are currently employed.

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

**Time:**            6:52 PM

**Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee**

**Minutes Approved: July 12, 2017**