

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: March 12, 2018 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Howard C. St. John Business Room, Clinton Hall, SUNY Ulster
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman David Donaldson
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster
PRESENT: Legislators Haynes, Delaune, Eckert (arrived at 6:32), Wawro, and Woltman
ABSENT: Legislator Julius Collins
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dr. Alan Roberts, President-SUNY Ulster, Greg Howard, Director-Community Action, Christian Malsatzki- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Melinda Herzog- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Linda Marston- Reid, Executive Director- Arts Mid-Hudson, Jared Buono, Executive Director- Cornell Cooperative of Ulster County, Brooke Nelson, Executive Director- CASA, Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive

Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2018, meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heidi Haynes

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: 0

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes approved

Resolutions for the March 20, 2018, Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 111 – Amending Resolution No. 547- That Established Capital Project No. 489 SUNY Ulster- DeWitt Library Roof Replacement- To Change The Scope Of Such Capital Project To Include Roof Assessments And Design Services For Various Buildings- SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Resolution No. 547 (the establishment of Capital Project No. 489) to change the scope of the capital project to include roof assessment and design services for various buildings (SUNY Ulster).

Motion No. 2 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 111**
Motion By: Legislator Heidi Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Eckert

Discussion:

President Alan Roberts, SUNY Ulster, explained that this resolution would allow the College to address the needs of the Hardenbergh Hall roof as well.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 112 –Establishing Capital Project No. 524 SUNY Ulster- Burroughs Renovation- Amending The 2018 Capital Fund Budget- SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 524 SUNY Ulster- Burroughs Renovation, and amends the 2018 Capital Fund Budget.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 112**
Motion By: Legislator Brian Woltman
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Eckert

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Chairman Donaldson asked President Roberts to address the committee. President Roberts reported that SUNY Ulster enrollment for Fall 2017 exceeded projections and Spring 2018 enrollment is strong. President Roberts was proud to report that SUNY Ulster is the only community college in the region that will is not anticipating increasing its tuition for Fall 2018. President Roberts stated that the SUNY Ulster Men’s Basketball Team will be competing in the National Championship in Illinois. President Roberts stated how proud he was of the team, adding that most of the players are local; many of the colleges recruit talent from New York City or out of state.

Chairman Donaldson briefly discussed the opioid crisis and the possibility of the College and area high schools creating “posters” that would be displayed on the area busses. President Roberts stated that the College would assist once the details were confirmed. Chairman

Donaldson added that it would be good for the College to “be at the hub of it all”. Deputy County Executive added that this might not be the most effective way to spend advertising dollars.

Chairman Donaldson asked Linda Marston-Reid, Executive Director- Arts Mid-Hudson to address the committee. Executive Director Marston-Reid distributed a narrative overview of 2017 accomplishments and the 2018 budget request. Executive Director Marston-Reid shared that 2018 is the 10th anniversary of Arts Mid-Hudson. Executive Director Marston-Reid shared how grateful Arts Mid-Hudson is for the support. Executive Director Marston-Reid briefly explained what the appropriation funds, and how the appropriation dollars are distributed.

Chairman Donaldson explained that in 2008 there was a budget crisis, and everything had to be cut. Chairman Donaldson added that each year the Legislature tries to increase the amount, noting that it has not yet been restored to the 2008 level.

Legislator Brian Woltman asked Executive Director Marston-Reid to describe the application process. Executive Director Marston-Reid stated that Art Mid-Hudson holds multiple workshops in addition to one on one appointment. The application must be submitted online and can be found on the Arts Mid-Hudson portal. Executive Director Marston-Reid added that the application deadline is mid-March. Executive Director Marston-Reid stated that the applications are then read one by one by a panel (made up of artists in the community). The panel is then asked to rank the proposals and assign them a dollar amount. The suggestions are then forwarded to The Arts Mid-Hudson Allocation Committee who will review them and send their recommendation on to the Board. Once the Board makes their decisions the applicants will be notified.

Resolution No. 18 – Authorizing the Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Arts Mid-Hudson For The 2018 Appropriation- Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with Arts Mid-Hudson for the 2018 appropriation

Motion No. 4 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 18**

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Chairman Donaldson asked Greg Howard, Director- Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. to address the committee. Director Howard gave a brief overview of the services that Community Action offers. Director Howard shared that Community Action has performed outreach services for about 8,200 individuals and 6,500 families. Director Howard shared that for the past six months Community Action has been serving Sullivan County residents. Director Howard shared that Community Action is in the process of completing an RFA to apply and be assigned dual counties. Chairman Donaldson stated that Community Action does a great job.

Resolution No. 19 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. For The 2018 Appropriation- Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into an agreement with Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. for the 2018 Appropriation.

Motion No. 6 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 19**

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Brian Woltman

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell expressed concern over Resolution No. 74. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell pointed out that two members of this committee (Chairman Donaldson and Legislator Lynn Eckert) will be appointed to the Board for Community Action, and also provide direct oversight for Community Action as members of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell added that this committee just approved the 2018 appropriation for Community Action. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell added that Legislator Joseph Maloney's address is incorrect; he must list his home address, not a business address.

Resolution No. 74 – Appointing And Reappointing Members To The Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board of Directors

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment and reappointment of members to the Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc., Board of Directors.

Motion No. 7 **Moved to amend Resolution No. 74- Strike David Donaldson & Lynn Eckert, and correct Joseph Maloney’s address**

Motion By: Legislator Lynn Eckert

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Discussion:

It was discussed that Community Action needs legislators on their Board to be able to apply for certain grants (state and federal). Director Howard added that in the past legislators have had representatives acting on their behalf, or they have recused themselves from the vote. Legislator Mary Wawro shared that she serves on the Board for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County. Discussion ensued. It was discussed that it might be best to postpone the vote. Legislator Wawro asked if the resolution could be passed and then get a ruling from Ethics. Legislator Heidi Haynes stated that she was not ready to move this resolution and would like to send it for review first, adding that she understands where approval of funding would be a conflict. Legislator Lynn Eckert asked if other legislative appointees need to be reviewed as well, as these potential conflicts could implicate many.

Legislator Brian Woltman asked if the resolution could be modified to correct Legislator Joseph Maloney’s address and approved pending the Ethic’s opinion.

Motion No. 8 **Moved to withdraw the motion to amend Resolution No. 74- Strike David Donaldson & Lynn Eckert, and correct Joseph Maloney’s address**

Motion By: Legislator Lynn Eckert

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Discussion:

None

Motion No. 9 **Moved to Postpone Resolution No. 74**

Motion By: Legislator Lynn Eckert

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Discussion:

It was discussed that the resolution should be postponed until it could be reviewed by Ethics. Director Howard acknowledged the legislators’ position, and asked for a statement that he could present to his Board, showing that Community Action is working towards having a complete board. Chairman Donaldson asked Danielle Wayman to email Greg Howard a copy of the minutes from this meeting.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution postponed until an ethics review is performed.

Chairman Donaldson asked Jared Buono, Executive Director- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County to address the committee. Executive Director Buono began by introducing himself to the committee and sharing his background. Executive Director Buono gave a brief overview of the many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Executive Director Buono stated that for every appropriation dollar Cornell receives they bring in eleven more. Melinda Herzog briefly discussed the Sober Parenting Journey Program. To be eligible parents must be sober for at least thirty days. The program helps maintain sobriety and also teaches parenting skills. Legislator Heidi Haynes asked if the program was recognized by OASAS. Ms. Herzog responded and stated that the instructors go through extensive training. Chairman Donaldson asked if Executive Director Buono has a brochure outlining all these programs. Executive Director Buono stated that he did not have one, but could bring them next time. Chairman Donaldson asked how many employees were employed by Cornell Cooperative. Executive Director Buono stated that there are currently 29 staff members.

Christian Malsatzki briefly discussed the urban plot on the YMCA property in Kingston. Mr. Malsatzki stated that Kingston is still trying to work out the zoning. Mr. Malsatzki stated that he was recently in Albany, and there was not much going on there either. Mr. Malsatzki stated that urban agriculture is making a slow migration. Legislator Brian Woltman asked how to differentiate a garden from urban agriculture. Mr. Malsatzki explained it's the sourcing; urban agriculture is in production for business, where gardens are grown for consumption.

It was discussed that once a year Cornell Cooperative hosts a legislative meeting. Executive Director Buono confirmed with Chairman Donaldson that the next meeting (April 9th) will be held at Cornell Cooperative at 6:30 PM.

Executive Director Buono thanked the committee for their support.

Resolution No. 20 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Association Of Ulster County For 2018 Appropriations - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Ulster County for 2018 appropriations.

Motion No. 10 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 20**
Motion By: Legislator Lynn Eckert
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Brian Woltman

Discussion:

None

It should be noted that Legislator Mary Wawro recused herself from the vote.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, and Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 110 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) With The New York State Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a grant application with required assurances for the Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) with the New York State Office For The Aging.

Motion No. 11 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 110**

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Brian Woltman

Discussion:

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

New Business

Chairman Donaldson asked Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell to discuss the Meals on Wheels Program. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell stated that he is very proud of this program. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell shared that Meals on Wheels offers a hot option as well as a weekly pre-packaged (frozen) option. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell shared that about 8,000 meals are delivered every month. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell shared that at risk clients who are all alone are not given the option of weekly delivery, and the most at risk clients are also provided with meals before a snow day or over the weekend. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell added that the County backs its dollars with caseworkers who spend time with the most vulnerable seniors. In other counties if a client enters the hospital they must close their case, in Ulster County the case is left open and Meals on Wheels becomes part of the discharge plan. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell gave a

brief history of the program and how it evolved into what it is today. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell shared that he taste tests the meals that are provided to the clients. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell added that it's not the food the means something to the clients it's the personal contact.

Chairman Donaldson and Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell discussed the idea of having one of the committee's meetings at Gateway. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell said that he would try and coordinate this.

Lynn Eckert shared that she would be missing the April meeting. Chairman Donaldson reminded the committee that the April meeting will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heidi Haynes

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster

Minutes Approved: April 9, 2018