

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** May 6, 2014, 6:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Karen L. Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, Kingston, NY

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Thomas J. Briggs

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

**PRESENT:** Legislators Chris Allen, Lynn Archer, Herbert Litts, III (arrived 6:40 PM), Mary Beth Maio, and Hector Rodriguez (arrived 6:53 PM)

**EXCUSED:** Legislator James F. Maloney

**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** League of Women Voters Representative Vic Melville, Ulster County Planning Department Director Dennis Doyle, League of Women Voters Representative Tom Kadgen, and Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Representative Kathy Nolan

Chair Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

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**MOTION NO. 1                      RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of April 1, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Archer

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, and Maio

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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Chairman Briggs called upon Legislator Archer for the purposes of amending Resolution No. 153. Legislator Archer suggested removing the following WHEREAS statements

WHEREAS, the 2008-2013 Capital Projects Plan describes \$13.1 Million of Federally Funded Projects in Ulster County for Phase I and Phase II of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad Corridor for Rail + Trail development; and

WHEREAS, a Railroad Advisory Committee (RAC) has existed since 1983 to guide operations and funding initiatives for the functions of a railroad in the Corridor; and

and amending the final RESOLVE to include March 1st of the proceeding year as the due date for the annual report to the Legislature.

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**Motion No. 2                      Resolution No. 153 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:              Legislator Allen (as amended)**

**Motion Seconded By:      Legislator Archer (as amended)**

**Text of Motion:              Resolved to approve amended Resolution No. 153 - Re-Establishing The Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature**

**Resolution No. 153 Summary:** This Resolution establishes a Trails Advisory Committee consisting of not more than Eleven (11) Voting Members to be appointed by the Members of the Ulster County Legislature and is hereby created and re-established for the purposes of i) advising the Ulster County Legislature on trail-related issues, and ii) advising the Legislature on the adoption, repeal or amendments to Laws and Regulations as they relate to Ulster County Trails; the members of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee appointed by the Members of the Ulster County Legislature for a term expiring December 31, 2015 shall be 1) Ulster County Legislature (3 members): Legislators Lynn Archer, Craig Lopez and Mary Beth Maio; 2) Trails Community (2 members): Kathy Nolan and George Dagis; 3) Historical Community (1 member): Steve Rice; 4) Hiking & Biking Communities (2 members): John Adams and Irene Berner; 5) Other Non-Motorized Transportation Communities (1 member): Abigail Osgood; 6) Local Government Officials (2 members): Carl Chipman (Supervisor, Town of Rochester) and Terry Houck (Assistant Supervisor, Town of Wawarsing); 7) New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)\* (1 member): James Bogner; 8) New York State Department of Transportation (DOT)\* (1 member): Lisa Mondello (\*denotes non-voting members). The Resolution states the representatives from the Ulster County government are invited to attend all meetings of the TAC, and may be asked from time to time to participate and advise the Trails Advisory Committee at the request of the Trails Advisory Committee and that the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee will update and report to the Ulster County Legislature's Public Health and Social Services Committee and Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,

Planning and Transit Committee as to its findings, conclusions and recommendations on an annual basis.

**Discussion:** None  
**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, and Maio  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 4  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 3                      Resolution No. 162 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio (for discussion)

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 162** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gioia P. Ambrette Inc. d/b/a New Castle Communications – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution No. 162 Summary:** This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract, and hereby approves a contract, for \$752,329 with NewCastle Communications for the purchase, installation, maintenance and support for a voice-over-internet-protocol (VoIP) telephone system for all County buildings, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Maio noted the contract was for over \$750,000 and asked for more detail of what would be provided. Deputy Clerk Barringer stated the previous County contract with Verizon for county telephone service expired December 31, 2013.

Legislator Maio indicated she was not pleased that no one from the Executive’s Office or Information Services was in attendance to provide this detail. She stated she would not be voting on the Resolution without more information.

Chairman Briggs tabled the Resolution until the next meeting of the Committee and requested that information services be asked to attend a brief meeting of the Committee.

Department of Planning Director Doyle noted the County had been looked at VoIP for quite some time and indicated the service offered the County a considerable cost savings as well as increased options such as tele-conferencing.

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**Motion No. 4                      Resolution No. 163 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Archer

**Text of Motion:**            **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 163** - Appropriating Funds From An Insurance Recovery For The Repair Of An Ulster County Area Transit Bus - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Public Transportation (UCAT)

**Resolution No. 163 Summary:** This Resolution amends the 2014 Ulster County Budget by increasing the Auto Repair allocation (App. #AA.5630.5901-4690.4690) by \$2,373.00 and increasing the Compensation for Loss Insurance Recoveries (Rev. # AA.5630.5901-3270.2680) by \$2,373.00.

**Discussion:**                None

**Roll Call Vote:**              No

**Voting In Favor:**            Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, Maio and Litts

**Voting Against:**             None

**No. of Votes in Favor:**      5

**No. of Votes Against:**      0

**Disposition:**                Carried

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**Motion No. 5                      Resolution No. 164 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Rodriguez

**Text of Motion:**            **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 164** - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board - Town Of Denning

**Resolution No. 164 Summary:** This Resolution appoints Michael Vaia from Grahamsville, NY as the Town of Denning Representative to the Ulster County Planning Board for a term from present to December 31, 2017.

**Discussion:**                Legislators Maio and Rodriguez reviewed the communication from the Town of Denning and noted, while there was no resume included, the appointment was a recommendation from the Town of Denning.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, Maio, Litts, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**Motion No. 6                      Resolution No. 165 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Maio

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Allen

**Text of Motion:**                      **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 165** - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) – Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget - Department Of Planning

**Resolution No. 165 Summary:** This Resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute an agreement (NYS Contract #1160HO45-13) and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, in the amount of \$500,000.00, for the Ulster County Housing Rehabilitation Grant in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and the County Director of Planning to act as certifying officer including the filing of any certifications necessary for the purposes of implementing this award. In addition, the Resolution amends the 2014 Ulster County Budget by increasing the Misc. Contractual Expenses, Other account (Appr. # BB.8668.3751-4600.4660) by \$500,000.00 and increases the FA, Other Homes & Comm. Svces. account (Rev. #BB.8668.3751-3400.4989) by \$500,000.00.

**Discussion:**

Department of Planning Director Doyle discussed the resolution and highlighted the sub-recipient as stated in the application was RUPCO. He noted the grant would provide an estimated 17 homes with gap financing and some rehabilitation. He noted it was rare that communities received back-to-back awards but that Ulster County did.

Legislator Rodriguez asked if the County had explored other partners for this grant application. Department of Planning Director Doyle indicated they had for housing rehabilitation but not for home ownership. He noted RUPCO's great relationship with the Office of Community Renewal and noted the importance of program delivery. He

stated they had looked at SHARP from Shandaken and M-Ark Project of Delaware County.

Legislator Rodriguez noted in previous years there were different types of projects rotated but that the agencies would not rotated. Department of Planning Director Doyle discussed the past applications for economic development and the funding experience.

Legislator Rodriguez noted a public hearing was held but there was no discussion of the types of application to be submitted by the County at this Committee.

Department of Planning Director Doyle clarified the current application is for home ownership including gap financing and minor rehabilitation.

Legislator Archer asked who determines the participants to which Department of Planning Director Doyle replied the agency's process for calling for participants.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	No
<b>Voting In Favor:</b>	Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, Maio, Litts, and Rodriguez
<b>Voting Against:</b>	None
<b>No. of Votes in Favor:</b>	6
<b>No. of Votes Against:</b>	0
<b>Disposition:</b>	Carried

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**Motion No. 7                      Resolution No. 166 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:**            Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:**    Legislator Litts

**Text of Motion:**            **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 166** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of State For Funding To Conduct A Brownfield Opportunity Area Study, Step 1 – Amending The 2014 - 2019 Capital Program And Establishing Capital Project No. 409 - Brownfield Opportunity Area Study - Department Of Planning

**Resolution No. 166 Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 409 “Brownfield Area Opportunity Study” and amends the 2014-2019 Capital Program to add Capital Project No. 409, Ulster County Brownfield Opportunity Area Study for \$225,190.00. The Resolution amends the 2014 Capital Fund Budget by increasing Serial Bonds account (Rev. #HH-6997-0409-3500-5710) by \$202,671.00 and the Professional Services, Other account (Appr. #HH-6997-0409-4300-4505) Professional Services, Other account by \$202,671.00. In addition, the Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a contract (NYS Contract No. C1000188), and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of State, for the period June 1,

2014 through December 31, 2015, for funding to complete a countywide Revitalization Opportunities Report under the Brownfield Area Opportunities Program, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** No

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, Maio, Litts, and Rodriguez

**Voting Against:** None

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** Carried

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**Resolution No. 174 – May 20, 2014** - Establishing Capital Project No. 413 Voice Over IP Phone System Implementation – Department Of Information Services

**Resolution No. 174 Summary:** This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 413 Voice over IP Phone System Implementation and amends the 2014 Ulster County Capital Fund by increasing the Software account (App. #HH.1997.0413-2200.2220) by \$88,093.00, the Computer Equipment account (App. # HH.1997.0413-2200.2200) by \$598,481.00, the Other Fees, Professional Service account (App. # HH.1997.0413-4300.4505) by \$160,385.00, and the Revenue – Serial Bonds account (Rev. # HH.1997.0413-3500.5710) by \$671,959.00.

**Discussion:**

Chairman Briggs tabled this Resolution until the next Committee meeting.

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**Motion No. 8**

**Resolution No. 182 – May 20, 2014**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Litts

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Text of Motion:** **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 182** - Setting A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held On June 17, 2014 At 7:15 PM And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning

**Resolution No. 182 Summary:** This Resolution directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to act according to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law § 303-b to cause a legal notice of said Public Hearing to be published, to provide a copy of the hearing

notice in writing, to all municipalities that have lands proposed for inclusion in Agricultural Districts, and that said Public Hearing will be held on June 17, 2014 at 7:15 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

**Discussion:**

Legislator Archer asked if the municipalities were canvassed regarding their recommendations of parcels being included in the agricultural district. Legislator Rodriguez replied as a former member of the Farmland Prevention Board and described the annual application process. He noted Towns do make recommendations to not allow a given parcel into the district. Department of Planning Director Doyle stated the process required communication be sent to municipalities with parcels applying to be included and discussed the process for notice. He expected this notice to be online by the end of the week.

Legislator Maio and Chairman Briggs noted this resolution was just for publication.

Department of Planning Director Doyle further discussed the process to add parcels to the agricultural district and the county's role in allowing the opportunity to join the district.

**Roll Call Vote:** No  
**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Allen, Archer, Briggs, Maio, Litts, and Rodriguez  
**Voting Against:** None  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Carried

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**New Business:**

Legislator Archer noted the discussion at the last Committee meeting regarding the Rail Trail and the decision to have the Planning Board present the comprehensive plan for the trails at the Committee.

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**Old Business:**

Chairman Briggs discussed the status of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) appointments and noted some resumes had been received. He noted a conversation with Deputy Committee Chairman Maloney and their agreement to have letters of interests with resumes received and postmarked no later than May 21, 2014.

The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to review the resumes and set the questions to ask all interviewees. Chairman Briggs noted the interviews would be 15-20 minutes long and held at the June Committee meeting.



Legislator Maio suggested the interviewees be given advance notice of the dates and times for interviews. Legislator Archer asked that a list of the questions be printed for each candidate and copies provided to each committee member.

Legislators discussed this opportunity to vet the applicants, the dialogue for the Committee to move forward together with their appointment recommendations, the role and relationship of the IDA with the Legislature and the number and types of appointments.

The Committee decided to hold their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 6:00 and begin interviews at 6:30 going every 15 minutes with an expected conclusion of interviews by 9:00.

Legislators discussed the goal of seeking seven quality individuals to serve and be recommended for appointment to the IDA, statute language, and the one year terms specified in State law.

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**Old Business:**

Department of Planning Director Doyle announced the Department of Environmental Conservation's Public Scoping Session to be held May 14<sup>th</sup> at SUNY Ulster related to the releases into the Lower Esopus Creek. He stated the two sessions at 3 PM and 6 PM were required as part of the CAD Alum modification permitting process.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Rodriguez

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Litts

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 6

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 7:24 PM

**Dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014**

**Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk**

**Minutes Approved on:** June 3, 2014