

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Economic Development & Tourism Committee

DATE: September 1, 2011

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE: County Office Bldg., Library Conference Room, 6th Floor

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman James Maloney, Legislators Aiello, Frey, Hayes, Loughran, Sweeney

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Rodriguez, Terrizzi, Donaldson

OTHERS ATTENDING: Lance Matteson President UCDC, Vic Melville League of Women Voters, Nettie Tomshaw Legislative Employee

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maloney at 5:00 PM.

- Attendance
- A motion by Legislator Loughran was made to accept the August 9, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Legislator Frey, all were in favor, Carried.

Resolutions:

Resolution Draft No. 0906 - September 20, 2011: Resolution approving The Terms And Conditions Of Certain Pilot Agreement To Be Entered Into Between Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation With The Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation Project

Motion offered to move Resolution forward by Legislator Sweeney, Seconded by Legislator Frey, All in Favor, Unanimously Carried.

Lance Matteson provided the committee with a brief overview of the special pilot agreement to upgrade Central Hudson's substation, noting both the Saugerties School Board and the Town of Saugerties have already approved the agreement. This will support future development - a good piece of economic development infrastructure. Also Saugerties school district will receive a one time contribution from Central Hudson. The payment structure is different from other pilot agreements whereas there's not a 3 year waiting period before payments start, allowing the town more revenue on the front end.

Lance Matteson provided the committee with a status update of hurricane Irene - whereas UCDC is

having daily conference calls with the County Planning Dept., UCDC, Small Business Dev. Center., Cornell Co-op. Ag Ext., City of Kingston Environmental Office, Catskill Watershed Corp. and One Stop to gather information and put information out on websites, such as Jack Hayes form, FEMA info, SBA loans, - also waving fees on loans. Hopefully FEMA can do a better job with the aftermath of Irene vs. Katrina. A lot of farmers have been hit hard. UCDC is telling people to contact their insurance company first. FEMA will only provide loans. Lance went on to say if you know of businesses that have damage please let his office know so we can add them to our spread sheet, town by town. Possibly unemployment insurance may be available. Lance asked that the Legislature continue to network within their perspective community and alert his office of problems UCDC may not already be aware of.

Chairman Maloney made the request to have cell phone and home phone numbers of all Deputy County Executive Department Head Managers for future reference in the event of an emergency.

Also Chairman Maloney noted the New Paltz college solar car was being test driven on John Clark Drive in the Town of Ulster last week. The police and fire dept. were present; however they neglected to contact the town highway superintendent for a permit.

Chairman Maloney participated in a Central Hudson conference call for hurricane Irene updates. One thing that came out of the call was not all towns in Ulster County responded/complied to providing a hazard mitigation plan, required by FEMA to file claims. The first question on the FEMA form asks if you have a hazard mitigation plan. You can't continue to fill out the form unless you answered yes to this question. Chairman Maloney stated Art Snyder notified - begged all towns to comply, however not all towns did. This plan/form is renewed approx. every 5 years.

Legislator Sweeney asked if during a state of emergency can the general public drive on the road. Leg. Hayes said it depends on what the declared declaration stated. The county can regulate/dictate emergency terms according to conditions at hand.

Legislator Hayes would like to review all after action reports on both the earth quake and hurricane Irene to better understand what went well and what areas need improvement.

Legislator Hayes noted our committee should have been notified of the regional job growth panel held at Marist College on 8/18/11. Leg. Hayes read about the event in the paper, attended and wished this committee had advance notice so others could have attended. He will find out when the next regional meeting is and let the committee know.

- September Abstract was provided to committee members (contracts listed are for next year).

Adjournment:

The meeting was respectfully adjourned at 5:25 PM with a motion offered by Legislator Hayes and Seconded by Legislator Sweeney, with all in favor, carried.

**Respectfully Submitted,
James Maloney/nt
Chairman Economic Development & Tourism Committee**